

## School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2024-25 educational progress for Krause Elementary. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Mr. Robert Girvin for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://www.armadaschools.org/krause-elementary/> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2024-25. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2024-25. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2024-25. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Each academic year presents our dedicated staff with new and exciting challenges. This year, our team is poised to continue the implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) across all classes, alongside continuing our comprehensive social/emotional program known as Purposeful People by Character Strong.

As part of our commitment to student success, our staff convenes regularly to meticulously review student data. These collaborative meetings play a crucial role in identifying students who consistently perform below grade level, ensuring they receive the additional support they need.

In the realm of literacy, our focus remains on enhancing reading skills through a multifaceted approach. We have successfully implemented our new CKLA curriculum. Our students also have access to support programs if necessary to equip them with the skills necessary for independent, silent, and fluent reading.

To further enrich the reading experience, we leverage resources such as RazKids, Reading A-Z, IXL, UFLI, DRI, and strategy groups. Our commitment extends to

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providing small group support across all grades, with instructional aides undergoing continuous professional development to deliver research-based lessons.

In the realm of mathematics, we employ Everyday Math as our chosen curriculum. Complementing this, students have access to Math IXL—a dynamic program designed to provide an engaging and accessible math learning experience for all. With frequent checks for understanding, interactive visuals, and precise feedback, Math IXL ensures that students receive support precisely when they need it, fostering a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. We have also begun implementing a program called Number Corner across three different grade levels.

### **Additional Information Regarding School Improvement**

**Process for Assigning Pupils to the School** - At Krause Elementary School, students are placed in groups according to ability level and grade. Students are targeted for interventions in areas such as math and reading and are placed in special classes based on test scores and a triangulation of data from M-STEP and NWEA assessments.

**Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan**- Krause Elementary School is accredited by Advanc-Ed, formerly NCA, and has developed an annual school improvement plan to close the achievement gap among our students in all of the core teaching areas. Our School Improvement Plan targets the areas of reading, writing, science, math, and social studies. A detailed copy of the Armada School Improvement Plan can be found on our website at: <https://www.armadaschools.org/krause-elementary/>

### **Identify How to Access a Copy of the Core Curriculum, a Description of its Implementation and an Explanation of the Variances from the State Model** -

Krause Elementary School is implementing Common Core State Standards in both mathematics and language arts. The Michigan Science Standards and the new state standards in social studies are being implemented in their respective courses as well. Copies of the core curriculum guides that have been developed are available in the office upon request.

**The Aggregate Student Achievement Results for any Local Competency Test or National Normed Achievement Tests** - Krause Elementary School uses the Northwest Evaluation Association assessment (NWEA), and the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) to measure student progress. In addition, the school also utilizes curriculum-based assessments. Reading ability is measured against national averages on the NWEA to determine the level of support for each student. Students who fall into categories for specific interventions are placed in enhanced intervention classes in both reading and mathematics.

The Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) is a student assessment developed by the Michigan Department of Education. The M-STEP replaced the MEAP test and was administered for the first time in the spring of 2015.

The charts below contain the elementary school's scores and the Macomb County ranking of where Armada placed among 21 total public school districts. The numbers contained in the charts reflect the percentage of students "proficient" in each area according to M-STEP standards.

3rd Grade M-STEP			
Subject	2025% Proficient	2025 County Rank	State Average
Math	48.1	5	42.7
Reading	45.9	6	38.9
4th Grade M-STEP			
Subject	2025% Proficient	2025 County Rank	State Average
Math	53.2	1	39.4
Reading	46.8	4	42.4
5th Grade M-STEP			
Subject	2025% Proficient	2025 County Rank	State Average
Math	42	3	32.9
Reading	55.7	2	44.4
Science	55	2	40.3
Social Studies	44.3	1	29.8

At Krause Elementary we have outstanding parent participation at our parent teacher conferences. This past year, we had 98% of our parents attend conferences to discuss student progress, strategies for continued growth, and more. Our total student population is 861 students.

Krause Elementary is committed to educating, empowering, embracing and engaging all students with quality academic experiences. Our staff strives to grow as educational leaders while providing a safe environment for students. We are excited for another successful year of growth and achievement. Thank you to our students, parents, staff and community for all of your continued support in our efforts!  
Sincerely,

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