

MICHIGAN SCHOOLS TO WATCH

MODEL SCHOOL—VISITOR'S GUIDE

Oakview Middle School



Designated in 2006

Oakview Middle School • District Lake Orion Community Schools • County Oakland • State Michigan • Principal Alice M. Seppanen • School Address 917 Lake George Rd. Oakland Twp., Michigan 48363 • Phone (248) 693-0321

2005-07 School Statistics

Community: Suburban community with 7 elementary schools, 3 middle schools and 1 high school
Enrollment: 604
Grade Levels: 6, 7, 8
School Schedule: 7:35 – 2:25

Student Demographics

1.6 %	Hispanic
94.3 %	White
1.3 %	African American
0 %	Filipino
0.8 %	Asian
0 %	Pacific Islander
16.3 %	Free/Reduced Lunch
1.1%	English Learners

2005 AYP: yes

2006 AYP: yes

2007 AYP: yes

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- LES (Lending Educational Support)
- Homework Club – community outreach
- Junior Custodians
- Differentiated Instruction and Assessment
- Curriculum Alignment
- DAI (Directed Academic Instruction)
- COW (Curriculum on the Wall)
- 6 + 1 Writing Program
- Writing and reading instruction across the curriculum
- Cross-grade projects such as Poetry Partners
- International Fair
- Science Fair
- Science Olympiad
- Lewis and Clark Day
- Water quality study
- Strong emphasis on professional development
- Comprehensive analysis and disaggregation of MEAP results
- Challenge and enrichment programs

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Developmental Responsiveness

- Interdisciplinary Teaming
- STAR (Advisory Program)
- Diverse exploratory and elective classes
- GAP (Guided Activities Program) – Clubs, activities and intramurals
- Adult mentors
- Move up meetings between grade levels
- Bridging the Gap transition program for incoming 6th graders
- The Oakview Way
- Cooperative learning practices
- Social worker and counselor sponsored groups

Social Equity

- Homework Club
- Challenge and enrichment programs open to all students
- Accommodations and modifications based on individual student needs
- IST (Instructional Support Team)
- Disaggregation of data and responsive actions/interventions for student sub-groups
- High school mentors
- Differentiated instruction and assessment practices
- Bullyproofing program and educational initiatives
- Educational and responsibility-based approach to discipline
- STEP program for classroom management

Organizational Support

- Teaming
- Comprehensive staff involvement in School Improvement process
- TLC (Teachers Learning Collaboratively)
- Monthly department meetings
- Daily team meetings
- OAC (Oakview Advisory Council)
- Monthly School Improvement meetings
- DSIC (District School Improvement Committee)
- Facility designed and built to support middle school concept (team areas, team planning rooms)
- Community involvement and partnerships – Court in the Schools, Oakland University, General Motors
- District mentoring program