

May 2025 General Education Report

Instructional Coaching Update:

Over the past month, efforts have focused on meeting year-end student and teacher goals through data-driven instructional conversations.

Collaboration continues with the Michigan Mentoring and Teacher Induction Network (MMTIN), which will host Berit Gordon for a two-part virtual professional development event in 2025–26, focused on classroom strategies.

Cross-district work has also begun, including planning a county-wide Spanish teacher network with goals around curriculum, student engagement, and assessment. Meetings with district leaders are scheduled for May to reflect and plan for next year.

Additionally, support was provided for differentiated instruction using classroom data and UFLI for small group interventions. Teachers received feedback on UFLI implementation, and professional development continued through LETRS and Literacy Coaches Network. Reading Month activities and teacher-selected focus areas for New Teacher Network sessions were also highlighted.

GSRP:

GSRP Recruitment/Enrollments: Recruitment efforts for the 2025-26 school year are continuing countywide. This includes flyers, postcards, billboards, social media, and school and community events.

- As of 4/30, we have received 225 applications for the 2025-26 school year. We are continuing to process applications, and completing paperwork on eligible applicants for each district.

Kaplan - Connect4Learning Site Visit: A consultant from Connect4Learning chose our county to come and see firsthand how the curriculum is being implemented in a classroom setting. Lori Doriot visited our Saranac GSRP site. Lori used this setting as evidence to bring back to the field and showcase the work that is being done and how to better support teachers and children.



GSC Report: (short and sweet this time.)

Our spring scavenger hunts with the libraries have started and go through the end of May. The libraries chose some great books, and we have seen lots of pictures posted with families enjoying the scavenger hunt together. The adventure walks started on Wednesday, April 30th and go through June 18 at the Roeser Trail at the hospital. The walking group is from 10:30-11:30. We are excited to be back at this trail.

Our final parent workshop for this school year was held on April 30th in Belding at the library.

We are finalizing our summer activities including Kid's Day at the fair and our park hopping events. Check out the Facebook page (Ionia County Great Start) for more information on all of our events and activities.