



A. L. Holmes Elementary-Middle School

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Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter (2011-2012)

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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 2011-2012 educational progress for the A. L. Holmes Elementary-Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Leenet Campbell-Williams, Principal at (313) 866-5644 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the District's website <http://detroitk12.org/aer> or the school's website <http://detroitk12.org/schools/school/165/>. You may also view a printed copy in the main office of your child's school or in the Parent Resource Center located at the Detroit International Academy, Room 141, 9026 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

For 2011-2012, A.L. Holmes Elementary-Middle School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) because:

We did not meet the 90% attendance rate goal.

- Attendance Rate for All Students 78.3%; Black 78.3%; Students with Disabilities 78.3% and Economically Disadvantaged 78.3%.

We did not test 95% of our students.

- Mathematics: Only 92.1% of our Students with Disabilities were assessed.

We are actively working to address our AYP issues. Attendance will be closely monitored and parental support will be given to ensure that all students attend school daily.

This school year A.L. Holmes has implemented a Blended Learning Model, which aligns curriculum, instruction and assessment on a continuous cycle combined with face-to-face

facilitation, computer-mediated instruction, and/or inquiry based opportunities. This initiative is supported by a School Improvement Grant we received from the State of Michigan. Students in grades 3-8 Netbooks to access an on-line curriculum aligned to state standards for ELA and math. Teachers are able to abstract data on a daily basis for small groups and each individual student and use that data to differentiate instruction. Students also access remediation tools on-line designed to address individual deficits and improve grade level performance. We have already seen gains in other assessment data used by the district like Star Math and Reading, DIBELS and TRC and Quarterly Benchmark.

The Blended Learning Model has helped us to align outcomes with specific instructional strategies, target instructional and learning deficits and access growth on a regular basis. Staff members are involved in individual coaching sessions with ELA/math coaches; external partners and regular grade level team meetings to review and interpret data, monitor the instructional cycle and develop and refine instruction based on student needs. This work has given us solid predictors about our student performance for the Fall 2012 MEAP assessment.

Parent Involvement

Through ParentConnect, parents are able to access their child's academic profile and monitor their child's grades and assignments. On the teacher's Classpages on-line, parents can view current assignments, homework and projects given by the teacher. Classroom newsletters and monthly calendars are also distributed to parents. Student data from assessment sources like MEAP, DIBELS and STAR are sent home to parents. School roll calls to student homes also keep parents informed about Parent meetings, teacher conference days, progress reports, report cards dates, etc. Parents have a myriad of ways to be involved in their child's learning in addition to general meetings like Open House, Title 1, parent workshops and school performances.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Process for Assigning Pupils to the School

During the 2011-2012 school year, Detroit Public Schools implemented the "Open Enrollment Initiative." This initiative allows students to elect to attend any Detroit Public School without being required to live within the boundary for that school. The "Open Enrollment Initiative" does not apply to the Examination High Schools, or Application Schools. Parents may enroll their child(ren) in the school of their interest as long as the school has not reached capacity for their particular grade. Enrollment preference is given to students who live within the boundary of a school. It should also be noted that transportation will not be provided for students who select a school outside of the boundary of their home school. "Open Enrollment Initiative" resources can be found on our website at: http://detroitk12.org/resources/prospective_students/.



School Improvement Status

Year	School Improvement Status
2011-2012	No AYP ~ AYP Not Met
2010-2011	AYP Not Met - School Improvement (SES)

Detroit Public Schools' Core Curriculum:

Consistent with the Detroit Public Schools Academic Plan for 2012-2013, there are aggressive plans to accelerate the rate of student achievement and to ensure that students graduate with the academic and social skills necessary for success in college and the workplace.

Specific curriculum actions are based on the District's five (5) pillars of student achievement:

- I. Talent management,
- II. High quality teaching and learning,
- III. Rigorous, transparent and continuous improvement cycle,
- IV. Customer service approach to community and each other, and
- V. A secure, inclusive and dynamic culture.

An Executive Summary of the 2012-2013 Academic Action Plan, is available online at http://detroitk12.org/content/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/FINALAcademicPlanExecutive-Summary_2012.pdf.

Access to the Core Curriculum

The instructional strategies and grade level expectations are aligned to the State standards and the NAEP. This represents the core curriculum, which is supported by the texts, materials, computer software and other school level resources used daily in the classrooms. All of the professional development activities are aligned to the core curriculum.

The implementation is a process delineated in the District Plan. This plan serves as the framework for each school's academic achievement plan.



Access to the Core Curriculum (Continued)

The frequent monitoring of the implementation of these plans are conducted by the school diagnostic visits, review of the benchmark assessments, use of the teacher evaluation tool and adherence to the pacing calendar.

The variances from the State plan can be found in the grade level expectations, which are also aligned to the higher standards of NAEP.

A Summer Parent University is offered with classes to increase parenting skills, early childhood literacy, adult literacy and GED. During the school year, the Regional Parent Resource Center is a vehicle for parents and other community member to participate in regular and on-going informational and participatory sessions focused on curriculum and instruction. Learning Village (an online instructional management system), Web updates and semi-annual progress reports are also a means to disseminate information to parents and community.

Detroit Public Schools Core Curriculum is currently under revision. Pacing Charts and Curriculum guides will be posted to the Division of Teaching and Learning under the Leadership page of our website in the near future.

Parent Engagement

- ❖ Use the technology portal for parents to view daily lessons and to communicate with teachers.
- ❖ Implement and follow through with the parent contracts.
- ❖ Use the Parent Resource Center to engage parents in innovative workshops and sessions that are practical and will result in parent support to students at home.

Student Achievement Results

Aggregate Student Achievement Results and Detroit Public Schools Quarterly Benchmark Assessment in Reading and Mathematics for A.L. Holmes Elementary-Middle School can be found on the Detroit Public Schools' webpage at the Research, Evaluation and Assessment site at <http://detroitk12.org/data/rea/>. The following reports are available:

- District Profile Report
- Combined School Profile Reports
- Individual School Profile Reports
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Reports
- Annual Education Report



Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions):

School Year	Total Parent Interactions	Percent
2011-2012	624	34.9%
2010-2011 (Corrected)	414	22.9%

The Detroit Public Schools' Office of Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Accountability has developed a data collection system which has enabled the District to comply with the Annual Education Report criteria of identifying the number and percent of students represented by parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

- 1.0 Data from the PTC Forms represent “parent interactions” with teachers, per school, per card marking.
- 2.0 Parent Interaction Definition: During Parent-Teacher Conferences (and in some instances school open houses) Schools/Teachers are advised to have each parent participant provide a parent signature—a parent may not sign for a student if they did not talk about that student.
- 3.0 Several DPS schools had a very high percentage of reported parent interactions. This may be due to a number of reasons. In at least seven (7) instances, the calculated percentages are in excess of 100%. In each instance, each of these seven (7) schools is an elementary school or a Foundation for Early Learners School with a large parent turnout at each of the required conferences. If during each conference, one (1) parent with two (2) students enrolled in the school visited three (3) teachers for each of their two (2) students, this would count as six (6) parent interactions, thus increasing the base number and resulting percentage.

We would like to wish our students, parents and community a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Leenet Campbell-Williams, Principal

