

Chrysler Elementary 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 Chrysler Elementary 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 Wendy Shirley, Principal at (313) 494-8440 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 at <http://detroitk12.org/schools/school/062/>. You may also review a printed copy in the main office at 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, Chrysler Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science). While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

All of Chrysler Elementary School staff has now been trained in the Lillie Thomas, Writing/Publishing program. Mrs. Thomas will return in the Fall 2012 to update current teachers and provide instruction to novice teachers to the school due to retirements. This year for Spring 2012, the book publication for Grade 3 focused on BULLYING utilizing information text and letter writing techniques.

The Art Initiative Writing program will continue with at least two (2) grade levels in the partnership with the Charles Wright Museum of African American History and noted artist. This program should focus on Grades 2 and 3 in preparation for enhanced writing support. Quicken Loans tutorial "Study Buddy" volunteer program will continue this Fall 2012. Students who participated in this program showed extreme growth in their reading levels as measured through the Success-For-All assessments.

The Success for All reform reading model will be continued at Chrysler Elementary School. This great program indicated to students, parents and staff the level of growth in students ELA (English Language Arts).

Chrysler Elementary School students will also embark upon a more aggressive math program utilizing more technology with students understanding basic skills in multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. Students will be responsible to master timed assessments to show proficiency based upon grade levels.

Parent Involvement

Parents will develop and implement After-school programs such as Chess Club, Math Club, Science Club etc., to assist students in the school environment.

Parents will be responsible for ensuring that students utilized the on-line district and Title 1 programs that will be offered in the Fall 2012.

Parents will make sure that they are utilizing Parent Connect programs offered by the district to monitor students' grades, assignments, and attendance.

Additionally, parents/guardians you can become involved in the successful education of your son/daughter by helping them get S.M.A.R.T. - establishing goals, which are:

Specific – What, Why and How

Masurable - “If you can’t measure it, you can’t manage it.” Help your son/daughter measure their progress, stay on track and reach their target dates.

Attainable - Help your son/daughter make the commitment to take the small steps to accomplish the goals they have set.

Realistic - Is it “do-able?” - Help your son/daughter understand that do-able does not mean easy. It means that they are able to push themselves to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to meet their goals.

Timely – Help your son/daughter set a time limit. “Fixing to “or “getting ready to” - are not viable points in time. Whatever the goal may be – Graduation?! - Help your son/daughter establish the urgency to begin now – Take action. (Available online at <http://www.goal-setting-guide.com/goal-setting-tutorials/smart-goal-setting>)

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 Met
2010-2011	N/A ~ AYP Met

School Description:

Chrysler Elementary School is an application school. We provide a academic, pupil-centered environment to motivate students to become productive citizens and life-long learners capable of contributing to the improvement of society. Our Fine Arts, Principal's Honor Award and after-school programs help students reach their goals. For more detailed information about our school, please visit our website at <http://detroitk12.org/schools/school/062/>.

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.

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 members 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 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 web-site 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 Chrysler Elementary School can be found on the Detroit Public Schools' web-page 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	493	139.3%
2010-2011 (Corrected)	389	111.1%

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.



Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions): (Continued)

- 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,

Wendy, Shirley, Principal

