



DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Jerry L. White Center High School

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Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter (2012-2013)

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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 2012-2013 educational progress for the Jerry L. White Center High School. 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 Tia'Von Moore-Pattton, Principal at (313) 416-4200 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/504/>. You may also view a printed copy in the main office at your child's school or at the Parent Resource Center located at the Detroit International Academy, Room 141, 9026 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

The State has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the State. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

The key challenges for our school are as follows:

We did not meet the 80% graduation rate goal.

- 4-Year Cohort Graduation rate 0.0%.
- 5-Year Cohort Graduation rate 0.0%
- 5-Year Cohort Graduation rate 0.0%

We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in reading.

- Only 35.144 of the All Students; 40.00% of the African American; 33.33% of the Economically Disadvantaged and 35.14% of the Students with Disabilities subgroups met the Differentiated target for reading.

We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in mathematics.

- Only 26.67% of the African American subgroup met the Differentiated target for mathematics.

We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in science.

- Only 32.43% of the All Students; 26.67% of the African American; 33.33% of the Economically Disadvantaged and 32.43% of the Students with Disabilities subgroups met the Differentiated target for science.

We are actively working to address our Michigan School Scorecard issues, accelerate student achievement and close persistent gaps in achievement.

Due to our unique circumstances (special education center based program), we will continue to plan and implement best practices that will support the individual learner. We will increase teacher's knowledge base and skill levels. Our focus will be to utilize technology that is research based and applicable to the population we service. The goal will be to get the optimal results, and appropriate responses from our students. Professional development opportunities will be increased to focus on student achievement and test taking strategies along with improving classroom interactions. Administration will increase its interventions in the classroom to help the teachers in their area of need. The Standards that were incorporated during the 2011- 2012 school year will continue to be utilized as a tool to improve educational planning and teacher/student performance (2012-2013). Staff will continue to implement action plans that were created to improve instruction, student performance and create an effective learning environment.

Parent Involvement

Parents will be involved in the process of improving our Michigan School Scorecard status by being an intricate part of our school improvement plan. We will continue monthly mini in-

services on related topics to our parents. Current pertinent and relevant information will be provided to our parents regarding their child’s academic performance and instructional strategies. Parents will be involved in professional development opportunities to stimulate learning across all environments. Parents will receive packets of enrichment activities that will give test-taking strategies and ideas that will allow them to reinforce learning. We will continue to embrace parental involvement in all of our school activities and in our educational process.

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
2012-2013	No Status
2011-2012	Focus ~ AYP Not Met

School Description:

Jerry L. White is a center-based special education school for Visually Impaired, Hearing Impaired, Moderately Cognitively Impaired, Severely Multiply Impaired and Severely Cognitively Impaired students ages 14-19.

Our purpose is to create a continuum of services for students with disabilities; to acquire an age-appropriate learning environment; and to provide a full-service program for students who are between the ages of 14-19. We prepare students to transition into the appropriate post

secondary educational program and to live as independently as possible. Please visit our website at <http://detroitk12.org/schools/school/504/> for more detailed information about our school.

Detroit Public Schools' Core Curriculum:

Consistent with the Detroit Public Schools 2013-2017 Strategic Plan, 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 strategic plan to:

- I. Broaden Services to Address Student Needs
- II. Support Parents and Families
- III. Offer Broad/High Quality Programs
- IV. Improve Customer Service
- V. Create Safe Learning Environments
- VI. Transform Central and School based services to serve customers better
- VII. Improve Technology
- VIII. Minimize the Impacts of Change
- IX. Foster School-Based Leadership
- X. Celebrate and Promote Success
- XI. Ensure Fiscal Stability
- XII. Improve Attendance and Discipline

The "Neighborhood-Centered, Quality Schools," Strategic Plan, is available online at http://detroitk12.org/content/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Strategic_Plan_DRAFT-FINAL.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.

Parents/Guardians are offered 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 achievement information to educators. Parents will have the opportunity to monitor students' progress, including attendance, through **Parent Connect** in the Fall.

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 NWEA~MAP Reading and Mathematics reports for Jerry L. White Center High 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
- Michigan Accountability Scorecard Report
- Annual Education Report

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions):

School Year	Total Parent Interactions	Percent
2012-2013	132	9.2%
2011-2012	23	1.7%

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.

Postsecondary Enrollments (Dual Enrollments): None

College Equivalency Courses: None

Percentage of Students Receiving a Score Leading to College Credit: None

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

Sincerely,

Tia'Von Moore-Pattton, Principal