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Ann Arbor Trail Magnet School

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2014-2015 School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2014-2015 educational progress for the Ann Arbor Trail Magnet 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 Darron Jackson, Principal, at (313) 274-8560 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the District's website <http://detroitk12.org/aer>, the school's website at <http://detroitk12.org/schools/annarbortrail/> or the MiSchool Data website at <https://goo.gl/rG6ryv>. You may review a copy in the main office at your child's school or in the Office of Parent and Community Engagement, Fisher Building, 12th Floor, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48202

Due to the Michigan Department of Education's transition to the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), Accountability data for the 2014-2015 school year does not include school/district-level proficiency targets or final accountability outcomes. This information will resume being a part of the Annual Education Report starting with 2015-2016 data. Graduation, Attendance and Participation Rates are included as a part of the Annual Education Report for the 2014-2015 school year.

The key challenges for our school are as follows:

We did not meet the 90% attendance rate goal.

The attendance rate for the All Students subgroup is 86.64%.

We are actively working to address challenges, accelerate student achievement and close persistent gaps in achievement. All core academic deficiencies will be targeted with research proven interventions to increase student achievement. These deficiencies will be targeted through the continued implementation of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) system that will also improve the culture and climate of the building. This implementation will occur with renewed fidelity and consistency to ensure effectiveness. In addition, attendance will be monitored with rigor to ensure that chronic tardiness and absences are kept to a minimum. Furthermore, teachers will transition through a comprehensive research based instructional reform model by the Marzano Center. This model infuses instructional practices through four (4) domains. The domains include teacher reflection, planning and preparation, classroom strategies and behaviors and collegiality and professionalism. We will be assisted by professionals from the Local District Office of School Turnaround, the Regional Educational Service Agency and the Learning Sciences International in this endeavor.

Parent Involvement

Throughout the school year we hold monthly parent meetings called PACSA (Parent Advisory Council on Student Achievement) and parent interest polled workshops. These meetings will provide parents with the necessary training to support their child's academic achievement. Parents learn to read and understand all school related assessment data and what they need to support their child at home. We also provide training using computers for all of our online programs such as Khan Academy and Renaissance Learning. Parents receive Parent Connect Agreement Contracts so that they have complete access to their child's current record information. We also ask that parents plan to attend and volunteer for the numerous student/parent programs we hold throughout the year.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Process for Assigning Pupils to the School

Open Enrollment Initiative

Detroit Public Schools has an "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.

Open Enrollment Initiative (Continued)

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/

Application Schools

Detroit Public Schools has twenty-two (22) schools that require an application for enrollment. Families can apply during the application process window. Applications are open to families of current Detroit Public Schools students as well as those newly enrolling or attending school elsewhere. The District uses one application for its Application Schools. Please note requirements on the application for submission of report cards, test data, transcripts, essay and Grade Point Average information. Schools also may have other individual entry requirements. Be prepared to provide behavior reports.

Examination High Schools

During the Examination High Schools application window, all 8th grade students attending public and non-public schools are eligible to apply for admission to the 9th grade at Cass Technical High School, Renaissance High School and Martin Luther King, Jr. Senior High School's Mathematics, Science and Applied Technology (MSAT) and Center for International Studies and Commerce programs. Residency is not required. During the beginning of the school year, students must complete and submit an application to take the placement examination.

An application is available at:

- All Detroit Public Libraries
- All Detroit Public School's Middle Schools
- Detroit Public Schools Parent Resource Centers
- Detroit Public Schools Research and Assessment Office located in the Support Services Complex Building A - 1425 East Warren Avenue

Students must submit an application to be eligible to take the examination. Completed applications and all required documents must be submitted to the student's current school or the Detroit Public Schools' Office of Research and Assessment. Detroit Public Schools' students who submit an application will test at their middle school. Non-Detroit Public Schools' students who submit an application will be notified of their testing date and location by mail. Applications may be mailed.

School Improvement Status

Year	School Improvement Status
2014-2015	N/A
2013-2014	Priority

We will continue to work towards meeting our School Improvement Plan goals in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. Research-based strategies, comprehensive data analyses and data driven decision-making drives our school improvement efforts.

School Description

Ann Arbor Trail Magnet School is a college-preparatory application school. Its specialized curriculum focuses on individualized learning. Ann Arbor Trail offers DAPCEP, STEM Programs, Academic Games, School Garden, Business Apprenticeship Club, Chess, National Junior Honor Society, Beta Club, as well as, Sports. (From: Picking the Perfect School ~ Detroit Public Schools).

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 Michigan Department of Education standards (science and social studies) and Common Core State Standards (mathematics and English language arts). This represents the core curriculum for Detroit Public Schools 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 and/or standards. The implementation is a process delineated in the District Academic Plan:

(http://detroitk12.org/content/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/FINALAcademicPlanExecutive-Summary_2012.pdf). 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 public may access the core curriculum via our public website www.detroitk12.org and then click on the link to the individual academic offices.

Parents/Guardians are offered classes through Parent University to increase parenting skills, early childhood literacy, adult literacy and GED. During the school year, the Parent Resource Centers are a valuable resource that allow parents and other community members to participate in regular and on-going informational and participatory sessions focused on curriculum and instruction. The Detroit Public Schools Hub, Web up-dates and semi-annual progress reports are a means to disseminate achievement information to educators.

Student Achievement Results

Aggregate Student Achievement Results and Detroit Public Schools Quarterly NWEA~MAP Reading and Mathematics reports for our school can be found in the Resources section of our school's website at <http://detroitk12.org/schools/annarbortrail/>. The following reports are available on the Detroit Public Schools' web page at the Research, Evaluation and Assessment site at <http://detroitk12.org/data/rea/>:

- District Profile Report
- Combined School Profile Reports
- Individual School Profile Reports
- NWEA~MAP aggregate student achievement results
- [Michigan Accountability Scorecard Report at \(https://goo.gl/GmqXJ4\)](https://goo.gl/GmqXJ4)
- [Annual Education Report at \(detroitk12.org/aer\)](http://detroitk12.org/aer)

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions)

School Year	Total Parent Interactions	Percent
2014-2015	372	21.7%
2013-2014	373	19.1%

The Detroit Public Schools' Office of Research and Assessment 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 (PTC).

- 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 Some Detroit Public Schools had a very high percentage of reported parent interactions. This may be due to a number of reasons. In at least two (2) instances, the calculated percentages are in excess of 100%. In each instance, each of these two (2) schools may have experienced 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.

Our staff wishes to encourage our students, parents, community and stakeholders to continue to have faith in our commitment to meet the educational needs of our students. Our resolve is firm; we will meet the challenge of "creating a successful future" for our students.

Sincerely,

Darron Jackson, Principal