

## Western International High School

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

August 13, 2012

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 Western International High 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 Rodolfo Diaz, Principal at (313) 849-4758 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/584/>. 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, Western International High School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) because:

**We did not meet the 80% graduation rate goal.**

- 4-Year Graduation Rate: Hispanic 69.32%.
- 5-Year Graduation Rate: Hispanic 76.37%.
- 6-Year Graduation Rate: Hispanic 75%.

**We did not test 95% of our students.**

- English Language Arts: Only 69.3% of All Students; 68.9% Black; 71% Hispanic; 72.2% Limited English Proficient 33.3% Students with Disabilities and 68.1% Economically Disadvantaged students were assessed.
- Mathematics: Only 67.4% of All Students; 66.7% Black; 69% Hispanic; 70.2% Limited English Proficient 26.7% Students with Disabilities and 66.3% Economically Disadvantaged students were assessed.

Western International High School is actively working to address the school's issues by implementing the goals and strategies of its SIG Turnaround Plan. We will begin by "targeting the development of a master education plan for 21st century teaching and learning where all students will have the support they need to engage in more rigorous academics and a wider variety of extracurricular offerings such as: Advanced Placement, honor programs and other college courses are available to every high school student. To that end, the staff will focus on defining grade-level expectations, making clear what students need to learn in English Language Arts, math, social studies and science, including second language students and students in special education. Plans will be developed for parental involvement and a safe and secure learning environment for Western students, parents, staff, and community. This is needed as a way to support systematic change with the model selected."

## **Parent Involvement**

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:

**S**pecific – What, Why and How

**M**easurable - "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.

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

**R**ealistic - 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.

**T**imely – 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/](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 ~ Restructuring

## *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](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 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 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 Western International 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
- Annual Education Report

### Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions):

School Year	Total Parent Interactions	Percent
2011-2012	753	9.1%
2010-2011 (Corrected)	2140	22.1%

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.

- 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



**Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions) (Continued):**

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):**

Year	Total # of 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Graders Enrolled	# of Dual Enrollment Students	% of Dual Enrollment Students
2011-2012	0	0	0%
2010-2011	0	0	0%

**College Equivalency Courses:** Number and percentage of students enrolled in college equivalent courses (AP/IB)

School Year	# of Courses Offered	# of Students Enrolled in Advance Courses	% of Students Enrolled in Advance Courses
2011-2012	8	208	17.61%
2010-2011	8	151	10.87%



**Percentage of students receiving a score leading to college credit  
(Scores from: ACT/SAT/AP)**

School Year	Number of AP Students	Number of AP Exams	Number of Students taking the AP Exam(s) with Scores of 3, 4 or 5	Percentage of Students taking the AP Exam(s) receiving a Score of 3, 4, or 5
2011-2012	92	150	30	32.6%
2010-2011 (Corrected)	77	122	30	39%
College Board				

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

Sincerely,

Rodolfo Diaz, Principal

