



Arts and Technology Academy of Pontiac

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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 2010-2011 educational progress for Arts & Technology Academy of Pontiac. 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 Mrs. Williams, Chief Administrative Officer for assistance at 248-452-9309. The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting our school web site, www.pontiacpsa.org. You may review a printed copy at Arts & Technology Academy's main office.

For 2010-2011, Arts & Technology Academy of Pontiac made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). We are extremely pleased with the process we have made in one year. Our ranking has gone from 2% to 15% of the Top to Bottom ranking. The Academy provides regular professional development to staff members in effective teaching methods and strategies. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

Arts & Technology Academy enrolls students in grades Pre-K-8. All students are enrolled during an open enrollment period beginning in March. If the number of applications exceeds the number of seats available in a grade, the school will accept students by a random selection process. The school will grant enrollment preference to returning students, to siblings of students already enrolled in the school, and to students residing in the district. The school will maintain a waiting list of the remaining applicants. The school will notify applicant families by the end of April whether their children have been accepted. A neutral party will conduct the lottery on behalf of the school.

Arts & Technology Academy is currently entering the 3rd year of our 5 year school improvement plan (SIP). The SIP team meets once a month to review, modify and alter the SIP in order to maximize growth in students. This school improvement plan was created as a part of the process for becoming a school wide Title I school, and has been reviewed and approved by the Michigan Department of Education, Title I office. The strategies and action plans associated with the goals are developed as part of our Comprehensive Needs Assessment. This process is ongoing and addresses goals in all core content areas. Core content is taught in all grade levels, using a variety of resources, but based on the Grade Level Content Expectations as established by the Michigan Department of Education. Curriculum is reviewed, analyzed and modified on a three year continuous cycle. A copy of the curriculum used at Arts & Technology Academy of Pontiac is available for review in the school office.

In addition to the administration of Michigan's MEAP tests in grades 3-8 in the core subject areas, grades K-8 took the Iowa (ITBS) assessment, and grades 2-8 took Performance Series Testing (PST) three times annually. Below are the

READING....

	Testing Period(9/9/10 to 10/1/10)		Testing Period(3/1/11 to 6/28/11)		Gain	
Class	Mean SS	SE of Mean SS	Mean SS	SE of Mean SS	Mean SS Difference	SE of Difference
Grade 2, Sec. 203	1827	---	2057	---	230	---
Grade 3, Sec. 301	1949	91	2312	32	363	102
Grade 3, Sec. 302	1784	65	2119	79	335	66
Grade 4, Sec. 401	2127	50	2406	46	279	44
Grade 4, Sec. 402	2188	76	2423	63	235	34
Grade 5, Sec. 501	2273	53	2475	49	202	62
Grade 5, Sec. 502	2316	63	2544	53	228	39
Grade 6, Sec. 601	2465	70	2613	53	148	51
Grade 6, Sec. 602	2406	69	2586	64	180	39
Grade 7, Sec. 701	2705	77	2821	78	116	51
Grade 7, Sec. 702	2488	78	2646	66	158	77
Grade 8, Sec. 801	2624	52	2755	55	131	63
Grade 8, Sec. 802	2618	89	2791	55	173	79

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		Testing Period(9/9/10 to 10/1/10)		Testing Period(3/1/11 to 6/28/11)		Gain	
Class	Student	Mean SS	SE of	Mean SS	SE of	Mean SS	SE of

	Count		Mean SS		Mean SS	Difference	Difference
Grade 2, Sec. 203	1	1846	---	2105	---	259	**
Grade 3, Sec. 301	10	1951	39	2199	39	248	60
Grade 3, Sec. 302	6	1927	46	2149	48	222	79
Grade 4, Sec. 401	14	2128	29	2329	29	201	38
Grade 4, Sec. 402	13	2109	34	2335	34	226	19
Grade 5, Sec. 501	4	2064	91	2400	69	336	96
Grade 5, Sec. 502	8	2226	62	2454	56	228	55
Grade 6, Sec. 601	2	2421	84	2627	107	206	23
Grade 6, Sec. 602	5	2349	53	2553	60	204	101
Grade 7, Sec. 701	1	2318	---	2512	---	194	**
Grade 7, Sec. 702	2	2267	42	2355	12	88	31
Grade 8, Sec. 801	10	2365	47	2597	66	232	77
Grade 8, Sec. 802	6	2347	50	2407	57	60	28

Arts & Technology Academy of Pontiac has had a long history of excellent parent/teacher conference attendance. Our overall fall conference attendance for the 2010-2011 school year was 79% and in the spring it was 55%.

Thank you to the entire ATAP community for our improvement in academic achievement in all areas. As we move forward to 201-2012 we are excited about the continued collaboration of staff, parents, students, the Board of Directors and community stakeholders in achieving our educational goals.

Respectfully,

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Chief Administrative Officer



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