



DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

John R. King Academic and Performing Arts Academy

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Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter (2013-2014)

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

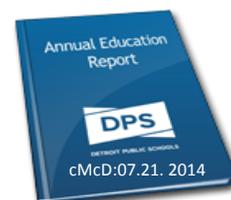
We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2013-2014 educational progress for the John R. King Academic and Performing Arts Academy. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by Federal and State laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact, Byron Tims, Acting Principal at (313) 866-9600 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/jrking/>. 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 48202.

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 90% attendance rate goal.**
 - The attendance rate for the All Students subgroup is 82%.
- **We did not test 95% of our students.**
 - Only 94.12% of the Students with Disabilities subgroup was assessed in mathematics.



- Only 84.44% of the Students with Disabilities subgroup was assessed in science.
- Only 91.47% of the All Students and 91.47% of the Black subgroups were assessed in social studies.
- **We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in reading.**
 - Only 13.51% of the Bottom 30% subgroup met the Differentiated target in reading.
- **We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in writing.**
 - Only 0.00% of the Bottom 30% subgroup met the Differentiated target in writing.
- **We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in mathematics.**
 - Only 5.44% of the Bottom 30% subgroup met the Differentiated target in mathematics.
- **We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in science.**
 - Only 7.69% of the All Students; 0.00% of the Bottom 30%; 7.69% of the Black and 6.02% of the Economically Disadvantaged subgroups met the Differentiated target in science.
- **We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in social studies.**
 - Only 9.20% of All Students; 0.00% of the Bottom 30%; 9.20% of the Black and 8.05% of the Economically Disadvantaged subgroups met the Differentiated target in social studies.

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

We determined that a more rigorous science program that encourages hands-on activities would improve student performance and knowledge of scientific concepts. In addition teacher's experience in implementing a skill-based approach to science instruction is minimal. We will support teachers' by providing them with professional development, instructional specialist support and research based materials and resources. We will host an annual science fair and parent workshops that provide hands-on activities and information regarding science content.

Teacher will be encouraged to use the gradual release model. Students will be given small group support and teachers will engage students in the writing process. Teachers in all subject areas will implement descriptive writing into their curriculum. In addition, we anticipate two (2) reading

readiness specialists to join our team. The goal is for them to plan and schedule time to support our target students who are having difficulty with reading comprehension and writing skills.

In order to increase student performance in social studies, we will implement hands-on, project-based and technology enhanced lessons that help students build a better understanding of social studies content.

Burst intervention programs, accelerating reading and multi-tiered system of support will be implemented. Teachers will implement academic vocabulary and discussion strategies to enhance classroom discussion of text. In addition small group instruction for homogenous groups with targets their deficit skill areas. These interventions may come from burst programs and suggestions from Accelerated Reader and MAP testing. We will also focus on teaching strategies to all students to help them comprehend complex texts.

Overall, we are in the process of starting our second Instructional Learning Cycle so that teachers can focus on using data and research-based strategies to inform instruction. In effort to improve student performance in all areas of discipline, our school has provided teachers and students with a math, science and ELA instructional specialist, 2 math intervention specialists and 2 reading intervention specialist. The instructional specialist will provide support through modeling, resources and sharing best practice strategies. Our Professional Learning Communities will provide opportunities for tiered collaboration between grades to determine and meet the needs for our students in order to increase student's math performance. Teachers will collaborate with specialist to plan and schedule intervention time for their target students. In addition, our school has been challenged with meeting the 90% daily attendance rate, especially on Mondays and Fridays. We are in the process of creating a disciplinary program that will improve student behavior. Ultimately our goal is to build student's interest in learning, create a safe school environment and school climate that is conducive to learning.

Parent Involvement

The school is implementing multiple strategies to integrate student families into reform efforts. These efforts will be on-going. Our school will begin the year with a push to increase parental/family and community volunteering. Our annual title one meeting in October provides a wealth of information to parents. In addition, we will have family math and science night activities and literacy night. These academic programs are designed to provide strategies, supportive material and hands-on activities to parents in order to give them a better understanding of content. Staff will present enrichment workshops and field trips will be to improve parent's ability to help their children grasp grade level content as well as providing parent support. Our goal is to use various technology and other forms of communication such as robo calls, traditional prints, email, weekly agendas, and/or homework packages in order to keep parent's informed of student assignments, progress and needs.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Process for Assigning Pupils to the School

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.

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

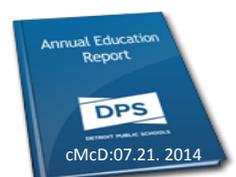
Year	School Improvement Status
2013-2014	No Status
2012-2013	Priority

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



Specific curriculum actions (Continued)

- 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.

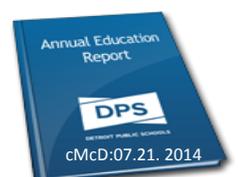
The implementation is a process delineated in the District Plan. This plan serves as the framework for each school’s academic achievement plan.

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 John R. King Academic and Performing Arts Academy 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:

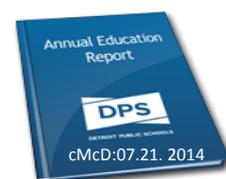
- District Profile Report
- Combined School Profile Reports
- Individual School Profile Reports
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Reports
- Michigan Accountability Scorecard Report
- Annual Education Report
- NWEA ~ MAP aggregate student achievement results

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions):

School Year	Total Parent Interactions	Percent
2013-2014	653	16.3%
2012-2013	957	24.7%

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 (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 Schools/Teachers are advised to have each parent participant provide a parent signature-a parent may



Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions) (Continued)

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 eight (8) instances, the calculated percentages are in excess of 100%. In each instance, each of these eight (8) 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.

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

Sincerely,

Byron Tims, Acting Principal