



The Mission of Northwest Academy:

To provide a personal education that allows students to realize their full potential.

August 14, 2014

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 Northwest 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 Phoebe Gohs for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: nwa.edu or you may review a copy in our main office at your child's school.

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 a label of reward, focus or priority status.

In 2013-2014, Northwest Academy made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in meeting the proficiency targets set forth by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Northwest Academy faces challenges in achieving full participation in mandatory state assessments and online graduation rate. Due to these challenges, we have put policies in place to communicate the need for participation in these assessments and to further encourage participation. To address the graduation rate of our online students, we have identified our four-year seniors and will work individually to address the needs of those students. Continuous improvement is our goal and it is through our partnership with the families in our building that we will meet the goals of each student enrolled!

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Enrollment information is available at our front desk. Please contact Cindy Themm at 231-547-9000 or cthemm@nwa.edu.

2. Our School Improvement plan includes goals for increasing the assessment scores of all students in Reading, Writing, Math and Science. Each goal is aligned to the strategy of Integrating Arts into core content and of providing individualized instruction in all core content areas. In 2014-2015, all staff will participate in professional development designed to promote Arts Integration and individualization of instruction based on the Montessori method.
3. To receive a copy of Northwest Academy's core curriculum, please contact the School Leader, Phoebe Gohs, at 231-547-9000 or pgohs@nwa.edu. A description of its implementation and its adherence to state expectations is available upon request.
4. Northwest Academy met and exceeded the state's proficiency requirements for MEAP and MME in reading and math for grades 3-11.
5. 75% of parents participate in our fall and spring parent teacher conferences.
6. For grades 9-12:
 - a. Three students participated in Dual Enrollment in 2013-2014.
 - b. All three students received college credit for these classes.
 - c. All core content areas offer AP classes on an individual basis as need is determined.
 - d. No students took an AP class during the 2013-2014 school year.

Thank you for your interest in Northwest Academy. We are excited to continue to offer our Arts Integrated K-12 program for your student - with our Montessori elementary and our innovative high school program! Together we will continue to build our school and meet the needs of each student in our school.

Sincerely,

Phoebe Gohs
School Leader
Northwest Academy