

Davis Middle School

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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 2010-2011 educational progress for Davis Middle 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 Mrs. Wickham for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site hillsdaleschools.org or you may review a copy from the Principal's office at your child's school.

For 2010-2011, Davis Middle School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. During the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 schools years all students, grades 6-8, in the Hillsdale Community Schools district can be assigned to Davis Middle School. Open enrollment is also possible through Schools of Choice, allowing any student in the county to attend Davis Middle School.
2. Davis Middle School is a North Central Association (NCA) accredited school. Davis MS is now in the third year of a five year cycle of school improvement.
3. Davis Middle school has consisted of students in the 6th - 8th grades during the 2009-2010 school year. Beginning in 2010-2011, 5th

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graders are also included in the building. Davis MS will continue in its mission to focus on the middle school child.

4. The curriculum of Davis MS is consistent and aligned with the Michigan Curriculum Framework, as developed by the Michigan Department of education. This curriculum framework can be found online at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753_33232---,00.html. The implementation of this curriculum is met through the instruction of Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE) as developed by the Department of Education. A copy of the Michigan Curriculum Framework may also be found in the Principal's office.
5. In Grades 5 – 8 an average of 92.3% of the student body met or exceeded expectations on the English Language Arts/Reading portion of the MEAP, compared with a state average of 93.7%. In Grades 5 – 8 an average of 95.7% of the student body met or exceeded expectations on the Math portion of the MEAP, compared with a state average of 94.4%. 8th grade students also took the Explore Test, which is a component of the ACT. Davis students averaged a composite score of 16 on the Explore, which was above the national average of 14.9.
6. 74% of parents attended the Fall 2010 Parent-Teacher conferences (392 parents/531 students). 61% of parents attended the Spring 2010 Parent-Teacher conferences (315 parents/518 students).

The students, parents, faculty and staff should take pride in the achievement of their local middle school. In the midst of a state-wide economic crisis that has especially affected Hillsdale County, Davis Middle School has proven to continue its tradition of excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics. This can not be done without the determination of the students and the continued support of the community.

Sincerely,

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