

Algonac Community Schools 2010-11 Annual Report — introduction

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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 2010–11 educational progress for the Algonac Community Schools District and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Michael Sharrow at (810) 794-9364.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting www.algonac.k12.mi.us or you may review a copy at your child's school office.

The report contains the following information:

Student Assessment Data — Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access)

- Presents achievement data for English Language Arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 (MEAP), for grade 11 (MME) and science for grades 5 and 8 compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students.
- Provides achievement data for English Language Arts, mathematics and science for students with significant disabilities (MI-Access) compared to targets for all students with disabilities as well as subgroups of students.
- Helps readers understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to district and state achievement.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) — Detail Data and Status

Provides information from assessments, graduation and attendance rates and AYP status in relation to four criteria:

- The district must test 95% of students in total and in each required subgroup.
- The district must attain achievement goals in English Language Arts and mathematics or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category of achievement significantly ("safe harbor") annually.
- The district must attain achievement goals for each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group.
- The district must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools.

Teacher Quality Data

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels.
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes.

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8.
- Cannot be compared with MEAP results for grades 4 and 8 because there are no national standards.

For 2010–11, Algonac Community Schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. All schools in the district also made AYP. None of our schools were identified for school improvement, corrective action or restructuring. See report for further details.

Superintendent's note:

The Algonac Community School District continues to provide an excellent education and a wide variety of learning opportunities for students, as evidenced by our recent MEAP scores. Algonac is traditionally a high scoring district. During 2010–11, our scores went up in several areas in the elementary and middle schools. Highlights included 3rd graders at all three elementary schools improving upon their scores last year and being 100% proficient in math, and the 6th-grade reading score going up 11 percentage points from last year to 95% proficient. We are very proud of our students and staff for achieving these results.

We continue to focus our energy and resources on student achievement. Following a long and rigorous application process, Algonac High School is now officially authorized to offer the highly prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. This will be the second school year the program is offered. This rigorous and highly prestigious program will better prepare our students for the 21st century global world and will allow them to enter college with college credits already completed.

As you can see, even during these tough economic times the Algonac Community School District continues to explore even greater opportunities for students to learn and grow as they prepare for the future. We remain excited and positive about student achievement and look forward to even greater success in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Michael Sharrow
Superintendent
Algonac Community Schools