



School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

ALLEGAN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL
(Allegan Public School District)

August, 2011

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 the ALLEGAN ALTERNATIVE HIGH 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 Nancy McKown, Director of Instructional Services, at (269) 673-5431 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting our school district web site www.alleganpublicschools.org (click on "information" then click on "annual report") or you may review a copy from the office at your child's school. The entire report, including information about all public schools in Michigan, is also available on the State of Michigan's website at www.mischooldata.org.

For 2010-2011, ALLEGAN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) because we did not attain target achievement goals in English language arts and in mathematics. We also did not meet the 80% graduation rate goal. Because our school has not made AYP for 8 years, we are identified for restructuring. The ALLEGAN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL is an alternative education program for students who were not successful in a traditional high school setting. Many of the students who enroll are behind in credits and are not on track for graduation. The additional instruction and assistance that students receive at Allegan Alternative High School helps many students get back on track for high school completion or GED attainment. The staff has been trained in various methods of Differentiated Instruction and the extensive use of technology has been implemented to assist in different learning styles, student engagement and student organization. We have also adjusted our schedule to provide time during the day for remediation and skill building. We have implemented new computer programs to improve student reading levels and assist in asset building.

Parent Involvement in School Improvement – Parents are encouraged to maintain communication with their child's teachers. Student grades and progress can be monitored by parents via the *Power School* online system. Parents are also welcome to become members of the School Improvement Team or to volunteer to assist staff in classroom tasks.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

The Process for Assigning Pupils to the School – Allegan Alternative High School houses 9th – 12th graders from our district who are deemed appropriate for this alternative program by both building principals. We also accept School of Choice applicants from other districts via the State of Michigan’s Section 105 and 105c programs.

The Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan – This can be viewed on our school district’s website at www.alleganpublicschools.org (click on “Academics”).

A Brief Description of each Specialized School at Allegan Public Schools – can be viewed on our district website. Click on “Information”; then click on “Annual Report”.

Core Curriculum – A description of the implementation of the basic core curriculum (including English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies) can be viewed on our website under “Academics”; then click on “Core Curriculum”.

National Testing (NEAP) Results – Can be viewed of the specific grade levels that participated in this type of testing, by viewing the State of Michigan Annual Education Report – Combined Report for Allegan Public Schools at www.mischooldata.org.

Parent Participation at ALLEGAN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL – Open House and Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled annually to include students and parents. Participation at Fall Open House and Parent-Teacher Conferences are reported below:

	Fall Conf.	Winter Conf.	Spring Conf.	Open House
Allegan Alternative High School (2010-11)	26%	25%	18%	32%
Allegan Alternative High School (2009-10)	20%	33%	13%	20%

Dual Enrollment - Postsecondary enrollment is available to students who qualify. No students qualified for this program in 2009-10 or in 2010-11.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses – Allegan Alternative High School does not offer AP courses.

We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community. Although our test scores did not reach target goals, we are pleased with the many accomplishments of our students, often in spite of obstacles in their lives. We will continue our efforts to improve and to connect with our unique student population.

Please check out our website:

<http://www.alleganpublicschools.org/alted/alhome.html>

Sincerely,

Brenda Nyhof, Principal