



## *Arts Academy in the Woods*

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Dear AAW 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 Arts Academy in the Woods. 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 Principal Maxwell Spayde for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.artsacad.net](http://www.artsacad.net), or you may review a copy from the AAW office.

For 2010-2011, AAW 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. Please join us at our parent orientation on either September 14 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm or September 16 from 8:30 to 10:00 am for more information on how to best support your student.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Arts Academy in the Woods accepts any student in grades 9-12 regardless of their experience in the arts. Please see Ms. Becky in the office for information on the application process.
2. AAW has completed the School Improvement Plan (SIP) for 2011-2012. The SIP can be found linked to the bottom of the general info page:  
<http://artsacademy-woods.org/info.htm>.
3. AAW is a fine and performing arts high school serving southeast Michigan. Our Mission is to graduate the next generation of Artistic, Academic, Creative and Civic leaders. We provide authentic performance and exhibition opportunities to our students and opportunities for our students to use their creative talents within the core academic areas.
4. AAW's core curriculum can be obtained from Mr. Spayde's office. We are proud that our curriculum adheres to Michigan's High School

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Content Expectations while also preserving the unique link between art and academics that embodies AAW.

5. For students in the class of 2010
  - a. 53% met ACT college readiness benchmarks in English. This compares to a state average of 56%.
  - b. 18% met ACT college readiness benchmarks in Math. This compares to a state average of 33%.
  - c. 36% met ACT college readiness benchmarks in Reading. This compares to a state average of 40%.
  - d. 14% met ACT college readiness benchmarks in Science. This compares to a state average of 25%.
  - e. 4% met ACT college readiness benchmarks in all subjects. This compares to a state average of 19%.
- 5.5 For students in the class of 2011
  - f. 48% met ACT college readiness benchmarks in English. This compares to a state average of 58%.
  - g. 22% met ACT college readiness benchmarks in Math. This compares to a state average of 35%.
  - h. 42% met ACT college readiness benchmarks in Reading. This compares to a state average of 44%.
  - i. 14% met ACT college readiness benchmarks in Science. This compares to a state average of 26%.
  - j. 10% met ACT college readiness benchmarks in all subjects. This compares to a state average of 20%.
6. 121, or 44% of our parents attend parent-teacher conferences.
7. FOR HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY ALSO REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:
  - a. The number and percent of postsecondary enrollments (dual enrollment): 5, or 1.7%
  - b. The number of college equivalent courses offered (ap/ib): 1, or .3%
  - c. The number and percentage of students enrolled in college equivalent courses (AP/IB): 12 or 4.1%
  - d. The number and percentage of students receiving a score leading to college credit: 0 for spring 2011

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As you may know, AAW was the top-ranked high school in Macomb County according to the Fall 2011 "top-to-bottom" listing released by the state of Michigan. We are proud of the results we have achieved with our students, and we look forward to even more success in the future. With your help, AAW can become the best school in the metro area.

Sincerely,

Maxwell Spayde  
Principal and CEO  
Arts Academy in the Woods

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