

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools



District Annual Report

2007/2008

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools services students grades Pre-K-12. The district is dedicated to teaching every student the knowledge and skills to become an ethical, effective member of society. This small community in a beautiful rural setting lends itself to a family environment.

Our 2007-2008 enrollment ended at 1200 students. Our Senior class graduated 89 students on June 1, 2008.

In 2007-08, Galesburg-Augusta School employed 114 professional staff members. We offer a complete education in the core areas and offer the following electives: Band, Jazz Tech, Wood Shop, Drafting, Art, Drawing and Painting, Sociology, American Foreign Policy; Education for Employment and Education for the Arts programs; Life Skills, Business Management and Accounting, Marketing, Team Fitness and a Weights class.

The Goal of every teacher at Galesburg-Augusta is to offer a quality education and deliverance of diversified instruction that allows maximum learning.

Galesburg-Augusta High School offers five computer labs for the student's use. We have a media center with thousands of selections that also incorporate into our Reading Counts program. The district secures its future with award-winning early childhood programs. The district believes education begins far before the traditional classroom setting and has programs available for children 0 to age 5.

Indicators Of Engagement

In 2007-08, the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools MEAP scores ranked at the top of Kalamazoo County.

The annual report card grade, given by the state of Michigan according to NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND grading standards, was an A for the Primary School and a B for all other buildings last year.

The 2007-2008 School Improvement Team (SIT), composed of teachers, professional support staff, paraprofessionals, parents, and each building principal met on the third Tuesday of each month. Our SIT continues to improve our School Improvement Plan to meet the new requirements of the federal legislation "*No Child Left Behind*" and Michigan's "*Education Yes*". During the 2007-2008 school year our SIT teams updated our three year plan. We checked alignment of our curriculum with the state's standards and benchmarks. Our SIT has aggressively prepared for the state's Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE's). Within that plan, the district has identified goals for all Core Curriculum classes. These goals are evaluated every year and published for public review. Adjustments to these goals are needed based on data and the ever changing demands of the State of Michigan.

TEACHER QUALITY: 100% of our teachers and Para-pros are highly qualified as measured by "No Child Left Behind."

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: The staff members of the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools are actively involved in professional development that is aligned with our SIT goals. Each teacher logs in excess of 30 hours annually.

ARTS EDUCATION & HUMANITIES: The district Band program has received 24 straight I ratings at the District Band Festival. We have also had numerous individuals receive ratings at state solo ensemble. At the education levels we offer Music, Physical Education, Theatre and Art from the Introductory Phase to a

Pottery class. Additional events include: Trips to Chenery Auditorium, a visit by the Kalamazoo Symphony and three Theater In The Schools program. Community Service Projects included: Food drive for the local Food Pantries, Leaf Raking for the Elderly, Red Cross Toy Drive, Jump Rope for Heart, 4th Grade Soup Kitchen, Katrina Relief (Pennies for People), Roof Sit 2006, Warm Kids and Kindergarten Bus Orientation.

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools are on the leading edge of measuring what is taught. Our School Improvement Team, SIT, has worked in conjunction with the district's Leadership Council to stay ahead of all state expectations, requirements, and methods of assessments. The teaching staff is engaged in professional development that allows the best possible instruction to be delivered to the various types of students we have.

THE FACTS: Galesburg-Augusta Community School MEAP scores continue to challenge the top in Kalamazoo County. Our students are learning to accept challenges and not only meet them, but exceed them without question.

LOCAL ASSESSMENTS: At Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools we believe in quality instruction rather than racing to deliver all information necessary to meet MEAP needs. By doing this, students have a solid understanding of instruction being taught before moving on with the next topic. The Primary and Intermediate buildings also participate in DIBELS Reading Assessment, a writing assessment and a local math assessment 3 times per year.

ATTENDANCE: Our attendance rate is over 97% and we continue to notify parents when absenteeism exceeds 10, 15 & 20 days. We continue to track students who exceed 20 days of absenteeism.

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS: Parental Advisory Committee; Sports Boosters; Band Boosters; and School Improvement Team. A K-5 parent/teacher organization, Adults for G-A Kids, AFGAK, serves our students. They sponsor and fund many additional activities. A Middle School parent group, P.A.S.S., sponsors several programs throughout the year including a very successful Career Day.

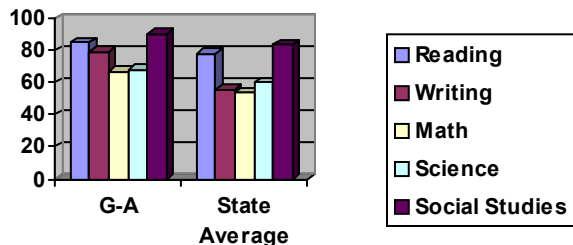
PARENT INVOLVEMENT: The staff at Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools values the input and involvement of parents in the educational program of the students. Teachers make regular contact with parents regarding the academic progress and social growth of students and welcome opportunities to meet with parents. An Open House is held in September for all parents to meet the staff and become acquainted with policies and programs.

Parent-Teacher conferences are held in the fall and spring. Parents have the opportunity for a scheduled appointment with the classroom teacher and special program teachers. Report cards are sent home periodically and the district newsletter is mailed home periodically.

Advanced Placement

In 2007-08, the high school had 6 students who dual enrolled at Kalamazoo Valley Community College last year. In Advanced Placement, we had 19 students enrolled in AP English, 10 in AP Government and 21 enrolled in AP Biology.

Class of 2007 MEAP Results



Michigan Merit Exam Scores

