



Onekama Consolidated Schools

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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 2011-2012 educational progress for the Onekama Consolidated Schools Elementary and Middle/High Schools. 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 Ms. Gina Hagen, Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://www.onekama.k12.mi.us/index.info/AnnualReport/11-12/Page.1.htm> or you may review a copy from the Student Services Office at your child's school.

For 2011-2012, Onekama Consolidated Schools Elementary and Middle/High 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 report additional information. Whenever possible we do our best to grant parent request for student placement. However, when that is impossible, we base our placement on heterogeneous and academic mix. Additionally, we review our school improvement plan annually and this year the Board of Education established district wide long term goals/improvements.

Our core curriculum is included in our annual report. Our classroom teachers in grades K-5 send home quarterly benchmarks which correlate to the core curriculum.

Aggregate student achievement results are mailed directly to our parents and are included in our annual report, which is posted on our web site. Individual student achievement results are mailed directly to the guardian.

Parent & teacher conferences are held twice per year. Our kindergarten - 5th grade record a 100% parent teacher conference rate. Our middle school and high school

record a 68% parent teacher conference rate. It should be noted that with our student information system, parents may access their students' grades and assignments on a daily basis.

Additional information on our high school is included in our annual report. Some information includes the number and percent of postsecondary dual enrollment students, the number of college equivalent courses offered, and the number and percentage of students enrolled in college equivalent courses. Also, the number and percentage of students receiving a score leading to college credit, if any is also included in our annual report which can be found on our web site or you may pick up a hard copy in our Student Services Office.

As always, the success of our district hinges on the support of our parents, students, community members, teaching staff and support staff. Our staff has integrated modern technology, smart boards, internet, lap tops, distance learning, online courses, and virtual lessons, into proven delivery techniques and embraced these technologies that are exemplified by our students' success. The recent state funding crisis has affected us all and we continue to cut costs in many departments. However, through wage concessions and co-pay of insurance from the staff we have been able to reinstate most of our laid off staff members. Fortunately, the district continues to move forward in difficult economic times and I am proud to work for, and be a parent of students attending, an excellent educational institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gina Hagen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ms. Gina Hagen
Principal
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