

## **Westwood Alternative Education**

23810 Michigan Ave Str. 103, Dearborn, Michigan 48124

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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 2013-2014 educational progress for the Westwood Alternative Education. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Jennifer Martin at (313) 565-1900 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site http://www.westwood.k12.mi.us/ or you may review a copy in our main office at your child's school.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state.

Our school "HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ONE OF THESE LABELS."

The Westwood Alternative High School has analyzed its 2013-2014 MME and MEAP data and has come to the conclusion that all are students are not proficient in Science, Math, and Writing. All are students are partially proficient in Reading. For the 2014-2015 school year, our staff will focus on implementing new assessment tools to help student achievement in the areas of Math, Science, Writing, and Reading. Staff will lead smaller teacher led instructional groups to help build student achievement focusing on our core content areas. With these changes we hope to see academic progress within all core content areas.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL
Westwood Alternative Education is a part of the Westwood Community

School District which is a school of choice district. We accept non-traditional student's referrals from across Wayne County.

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### 2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The school improvement plan is a part of a continuous cycle of improvements. Westwood Alternative Education continues to implement improvements to its school to fit its non-traditional student population. For the 2014-2015 school year we will implement new assessment tools to help strengthen achievement.

#### 3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF OUR SCHOOL

Westwood Alternative Education is located in the city of Dearborn and is a part of the Westwood Community School District. We educate non-traditional students in grades 9-12, using teacher led instruction and computer based platforms.

### 4. THE CORE CURRICULUM AND IT'S IMPLEMENTATION

The core curriculum at Westwood Alternative Education has been aligned with the High School Content Expectations developed by the State of Michigan for grades 9-12 and is currently aligned with the Common Core State Standards adopted by the State of Michigan. A combination of teacher led instruction and computer based platforms offers the same rigor as a traditional school. If you would like to access a copy, please contact the Westwood Community School District.

### 5. NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Our school services nontraditional students grades 9-12 the national normed achievement testing doesn't apply.

#### 6. PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

In the Fall of 2013, 81 students (95%) were represented by a parent at Parent-Teacher Conferences. In the Spring of 2014, 85 students (90%) were represented by a parent at Parent-Teacher Conferences. We offer face to face Parent-Teacher Conferences as well as phone conferences for those parents that are not able to make onsite Parent-Teacher Conferences.

#### 7. DUAL ENROLLMENT

The Westwood Community School District offers students the opportunity to take college classes on one of the district campuses. Through dualenrollment classes, students are able to take college courses while earning

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college credits. With our non-traditional setting our program is not able to offer these amenities at this time.

- a. THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENTS (DUAL ENROLLMENT) 0%
- b. THE NUMBER OF COLLEGE EQUIVALENT COURSES OFFERED (AP/IB) 0%
- c. THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGE EQUIVALENT COURSES (AP/IB) 0%
- d. THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A SCORE LEADING TO COLLEGE CREDIT 0%

This Annual Education Report gives you an insight into what our students need to be successful. The staff members at Westwood Alternative Education work hard to enhance the educational programs provided to ensure students achievement and student growth in the classroom as well as in the community. Parents and community members can become involved in accomplishing our vision of becoming a premier learning community by participating as a member of the school improvement team, attending monthly parent meetings or by volunteering at the school on a regular basis. Please contact the Westwood Community School District for more information.

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