



## 2011 SCHOOL REPORT CARD

# The Best and Worst Results for Detroit Students



# Looking for a good school for your child?

Start with this group of 46. They have the metro area's best reading and math scores over the past three years.

They include schools inside the city ... and in the inner suburbs. They include traditional public schools such as DPS and University High in Ferndale. And they include public charter schools and private schools.

We're not saying these are the only schools that can meet your child's needs. But they're a great starting place.

**LEARN** more about your choices. **ATTEND** one of our Parent School Shopper Fairs (Jan. 29, Feb. 5, and Feb. 12, 2011) where these schools will be showcased. **GO** to our website ([www.excellentschoolsdetroit.org](http://www.excellentschoolsdetroit.org)). **ASK** good questions (see the other side of this flier).

## Elementary Schools (21)

Cornerstone School – Nevada Primary  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy  
Bates Academy  
Chrysler Elementary School  
Charles Wright Elementary School  
Thurgood Marshall Elementary School  
Mann Elementary School  
Edison Public School Academy  
Burton International Academy  
Thirkell Elementary School  
Detroit Merit Charter Academy  
Carstens Elementary School  
Washington-Parks Academy, Redford  
Ann Arbor Trail Magnet Middle School  
Ludington Magnet Middle School  
Detroit Service Learning Academy  
Spain Elementary School  
Hamtramck Academy, Hamtramck  
Vernor Elementary School  
University Preparatory Academy – Thompson Elementary  
University Preparatory Academy – Murray Elementary

## Middle Schools (15)

University of Detroit Jesuit  
Bates Academy  
Burton International Academy  
Ludington Magnet Middle School  
Detroit Service Learning Academy  
Detroit Merit Charter Academy  
Cornerstone – Nevada Middle  
Foreign Language Immersion  
Hally Magnet Middle School  
Winans Academy Middle School  
Edison Public School Academy  
Pulaski Elementary School  
Hamtramck Academy, Hamtramck  
Blanchette Middle School, Inkster  
Clippert Academy

## High Schools (10)

University of Detroit Jesuit  
Renaissance High School  
Cass Technical High School  
Henry Ford Academy, Dearborn  
Arts Academy in the Woods, Fraser  
Henry Ford Early College, Dearborn  
Communication and Media Arts High School  
Universal Academy  
University High School, Ferndale  
Davis Aerospace High School

# Choosing a School

## What To Ask When You Visit a School

- What are the school's strengths?  
What are you known for?
- What will the school day look like for my child? What subjects will he or she take?
- What steps do you take to make sure my child and others succeed? What do you do to make sure students stay on grade level? What percentages of students are on grade level in the school?
- What academic support and resources do you provide students before or after school? Tutoring? Extra time with teachers? Homework sessions?
- What support is available for children with special needs? What support is in place for children with an IEP? Or for children whose first language isn't English?
- What other opportunities do students have such as music and sports? Are they a part of the school day or after school? How do these offerings connect to academics?
- What is the school's policy for safety and security? How are parents made aware of the policy? What happens to students who violate the policy?
- What opportunities are there for parents to be engaged?
- How do you keep parents informed of their child's progress beyond the report cards?
- What is your policy on allowing a student to advance to the next grade even if he or she doesn't meet the standards ("social promotion")?
- Tell me about the staff. What are their qualifications? How diverse are they? How are they selected?
- What is the school's overall belief about the purpose of education? What is your school preparing students for?
- What does the school need to do better?

### Want more good school choices?

Sign our pledge ... and help us get every Detroit student into an excellent school by 2020.  
Go to [www.excellentschoolsdetroit.org](http://www.excellentschoolsdetroit.org) or visit us on Facebook.

Excellent Schools Detroit (ESD) is made up of a broad and diverse cross section of Detroit's education, government, community, parent, and philanthropic leaders who have developed a citywide education plan to help ensure that all Detroit children are in an excellent school by 2020.

Participants include:

- City of Detroit
- Cornerstone Schools
- Detroit Edison Public School Academy
- Detroit Parent Network
- Detroit Public Schools
- Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce
- The W.K. Kellogg Foundation
- The Kresge Foundation
- The McGregor Fund
- Michigan Future, Inc.
- New Detroit
- New Urban Learning
- The Skillman Foundation
- Think Detroit PAL
- United Way for Southeastern Michigan
- Wayne State University

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# Introduction

**We are publishing this report card to help Detroit parents better understand which schools are helping students and which are not.**

Our ultimate goal is for every Detroit student to be attending an excellent school by 2020. That means:

- 90% of Detroit students graduate from high school,**
- 90% of them go on to college or quality career training, and**
- 90% of them are ready to succeed in college without having to retake courses they should have had in high school.**

This report card is one way we intend to celebrate schools that are doing well and put public pressure on school leaders to close schools that year after year are failing their students.

## How To Use This Report To Find an Excellent School

This report card ranks all Detroit public schools and public charter schools as well as some private schools. Plus, we've included suburban elementary and middle schools where at least 40% of the students are from Detroit and high schools where at least 30% of students are from Detroit. Here's how to use the tables in this report card:

### MIDDLE SCHOOLS (8TH GRADE)

School		READING 2007-09 % meets/ exceeds standards	MATH 2007-09 % meets/ exceeds standards
University of Detroit Jesuit	Pr	96.7%	96.8%
Bates Academy	DPS	97.6%	95.1%
Burton International School (SA)	DPS	92.1%	87.8%
Ludington Magnet Middle School (SA)	DPS	92.8%	83.6%
Detroit Service Learning Academy	Ch-D	86.1%	86.4%
Detroit Merit Charter Academy	Ch-D	86.2%	80.2%
Cornerstone Nevada Middle*	Pr	94.6%	67.9%
Foreign Language Immersion (SA)	DPS	87.4%	73.5%
Hally Magnet Middle School (SA)	DPS	86.3%	71.6%
Winans Academy Middle School	Ch-D	83.3%	74.4%
Edison Public School Academy	Ch-D	82.4%	75.0%
Pulaski Elementary School	DPS	84.4%	72.9%
Hamtramck Academy, Hamtramck	Ch-O	85.6%	69.3%
Blanchette Middle School, Inkster	Pub-O	77.4%	75.0%
Clippert Academy (SA)	DPS	81.2%	70.5%
<b>MICHIGAN AVERAGE</b>		<b>78.6%</b>	<b>72.1%</b>

- 1. Find the school your child (or nephew, niece, or grandchild) attends.** SA indicates it's a special admissions school, meaning that students have to take a test or apply to get in. You also can see if it's a traditional public school inside Detroit (DPS) or outside Detroit (Pub-O); a public charter school inside Detroit (Ch-D) or outside Detroit (Ch-O); or a private school (Pr).
- 2. See if the school performs above the state average in reading and math.** In the elementary and middle schools, we show the percentage of students in 5th or 8th grade who meet or exceed the state standards. This generally means that they're performing on grade level.

**3. For high schools, see if the school performs above the state average on the ACT college admissions test, which all 11th graders take. We also have information on schools' graduation rates.**

HIGH SCHOOLS			
School		Average ACT composite 2008-10	Four-year graduation rate 2009
University of Detroit Jesuit (SA)	Pr	24.3	
Renaissance (SA)	DPS	21.4	96.5%
Cass Technical (SA)	DPS	19.7	95.5%
MICHIGAN AVERAGE		19.0	75.4%
Henry Ford Academy, Dearborn	Ch-O	18.0	92.0%
Arts Academy in the Woods, Fraser	Ch-O	18.0	79.1%

**4. Now, compare that school to others your child might attend.**

If there are schools that rank higher than the one your child attends, consider enrolling your child there.

**5. Then, learn more about the better schools.** Attend one of our parent school shopper fairs (see inside back cover). Take one of the Detroit Parent Network's "Get on the Bus" tours ([www.detroitparentnetwork.org](http://www.detroitparentnetwork.org)). Or visit the school yourself.

Plus, our website ([www.excellent-schools-detroit.org](http://www.excellent-schools-detroit.org)) has many more details about these schools, including contact information, grades served, and students scoring "advanced" on the state tests. Many experts say that advanced scores are a more accurate measure of school quality. And check out the other resources on page 12 of this guide.

**6. Fill out the enrollment or application forms.** Most DPS and suburban public schools are open enrollment, which means that any student can get in. Some of these schools require students to take an exam or fill out an application before being accepted. We have identified these "special admissions" schools in the listings (SA).

All public charters and private schools require an application. Each school has its own deadlines and requirements, so you'll need to contact each school directly.

**7. Don't give up hope.** Many of the better schools may have waiting lists, but it's definitely worth contacting them. Openings may still be available up until the start of the school year.

# Elementary Schools

School		READING 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards	MATH 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards
Cornerstone School – Nevada Primary* (SA)	Pr	97.9%	97.9%
Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy	Ch-D	94.3%	100.0%
Bates Academy (SA)	DPS	97.2%	94.0%
Chrysler Elementary School (SA)	DPS	97.4%	93.4%
Charles Wright Elementary School	DPS	85.9%	91.4%
Thurgood Marshall Elementary School	DPS	83.4%	90.1%
Mann Elementary School	DPS	83.0%	89.7%
Edison Public School Academy	Ch-D	83.7%	84.5%
Burton International School (SA)	DPS	88.3%	77.1%
Thirkell Elementary School	DPS	86.4%	78.9%
Detroit Merit Charter Academy	Ch-D	86.9%	76.3%
Carstens Elementary School	DPS	79.7%	82.0%
Washington-Parks Academy, Redford*	Ch-O	80.0%	80.0%
<b>MICHIGAN AVERAGE</b>		<b>82.7%</b>	<b>76.6%</b>
Ann Arbor Trail Magnet Middle School (SA)	DPS	96.4%	61.3%
Ludington Magnet Middle School (SA)	DPS	85.7%	71.4%
Detroit Service Learning Academy	Ch-D	82.3%	73.6%
Spain Elementary School	DPS	81.9%	71.6%
Hamtramck Academy, Hamtramck	Ch-O	78.0%	75.3%
Vernor Elementary School	DPS	77.8%	73.6%
University Preparatory Academy – Thompson Elementary	Ch-D	76.7%	74.2%
University Preparatory Academy – Murray Elementary	Ch-D	74.6%	74.6%
Harms Elementary School	DPS	73.0%	75.5%
Eaton Academy, Eastpointe	Ch-O	84.5%	63.9%
Ronald Brown Academy	DPS	75.3%	73.1%
Nataki Talibah Schoolhouse of Detroit	Ch-D	83.1%	65.2%
Cooke Elementary School	DPS	80.4%	67.1%
Plymouth Educational Center	Ch-D	77.0%	70.3%
Pasteur Elementary School	DPS	80.8%	62.4%

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School		READING 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards	MATH 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards
Dove Academy of Detroit	Ch-D	67.4%	75.5%
Gompers Elementary School	DPS	63.3%	79.0%
Lincoln-King Academy*	Ch-D	78.8%	61.8%
Foreign Language Immersion (SA)	DPS	75.1%	65.3%
Bunche Elementary School	DPS	77.7%	62.5%
Great Oaks Academy, Warren	Ch-O	70.2%	68.0%
Edison-Oakland Public School Academy, Ferndale	Ch-O	73.1%	64.2%
Laurus Academy, Southfield	Ch-O	72.1%	64.6%
Academy of Southfield, Southfield	Ch-O	64.5%	70.6%
Nichols Elementary School (SA)	DPS	72.1%	62.3%
Cesar Chavez Academy Intermediate	Ch-D	65.2%	68.7%
Timbuktu Academy of Science and Technology	Ch-D	67.7%	64.6%
Conner Creek Academy East – Elementary, Roseville	Ch-O	69.3%	62.9%
Advanced Technology Academy, Dearborn	Ch-O	70.2%	61.6%
Edison Elementary School	DPS	73.0%	58.7%
George Crockett Academy	Ch-D	71.6%	60.1%
Bradford Academy, Southfield	Ch-O	69.6%	61.2%
John R. King Academic and Performing Arts Academy	DPS	71.1%	59.6%
Woodmont Academy, Southfield	Ch-O	72.2%	58.3%
Bow Elementary School	DPS	68.9%	60.1%
Hope Academy	Ch-D	61.2%	67.2%
Academy for Business and Technology Elementary, Dearborn	Ch-O	62.1%	66.3%
Logan Elementary School	DPS	63.6%	64.8%
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	Ch-D	68.1%	59.8%
Wayne Elementary School	DPS	67.0%	60.8%
Bagley Elementary School	DPS	64.9%	60.8%
Murphy Elementary – Middle School	DPS	62.9%	62.2%
Marvin L. Winans Academy of Performing Arts Elementary	Ch-D	68.7%	55.8%

**Ch-D** = Detroit public charter school  
**Ch-O** = public charter school outside Detroit  
**DPS** = DPS school

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**SA** = schools with special admissions

\* Schools with only one year of data.

# Elementary Schools (5th grade)

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School		READING 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards	MATH 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards
Bennett Elementary School	DPS	61.9%	61.4%
Brewer Elementary School*	DPS	43.4%	79.7%
Golightly Education Center (SA)	DPS	72.4%	49.5%
Davison Elementary School	DPS	69.0%	51.8%
Gardner Elementary School	DPS	66.3%	54.1%
Dixon Elementary School	DPS	62.9%	57.4%
Oakland International Academy – Intermediate	Ch-D	52.8%	67.4%
Robeson Academy (SA)	DPS	64.4%	54.6%
Howe Elementary School	DPS	63.1%	55.7%
Greenfield Union Elementary School	DPS	70.1%	48.1%
Academy of Lathrup Village, Lathrup Village	Ch-O	67.6%	50.5%
Old Redford Academy – Elementary	Ch-D	65.8%	52.0%
The Dearborn Academy, Dearborn	Ch-O	56.7%	61.0%
Ben Ross Public School Academy, Warren	Ch-O	62.3%	54.8%
Detroit Premier Academy	Ch-D	62.2%	54.8%
Detroit Enterprise Academy	Ch-D	64.1%	52.6%
David Ellis Academy West, Redford	Ch-O	63.1%	52.6%
Coleman A. Young Elementary	DPS	65.0%	50.7%
Glazer Elementary School	DPS	58.7%	55.2%
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	Ch-D	63.5%	49.4%
Jemison School of Choice	DPS	56.7%	56.2%
Noble Elementary School	DPS	68.1%	44.6%
Michigan Technical Academy Elementary	Ch-D	60.9%	51.4%
Hope of Detroit Academy	Ch-D	52.9%	59.0%
Maybury Elementary School	DPS	58.6%	51.6%
Macdowell Elementary School	DPS	64.5%	45.3%

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School		READING 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards	MATH 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards
Garvey Academy	DPS	61.2%	48.5%
Schulze Elementary School	DPS	59.9%	48.9%
Crescent Academy, Southfield	Ch-O	60.7%	47.7%
Warrendale Charter Academy	Ch-D	62.9%	45.5%
Edward (Duke) Ellington Conservatory of Music/Art (SA)	DPS	59.3%	49.0%
Nsoroma Institute	Ch-D	61.9%	46.2%
Vetal Elementary School	DPS	48.5%	59.2%
Ford Academy for Comm./Perf. Arts, Highland Park	Pub-O	54.3%	53.2%
Conner Creek Academy, Warren	Ch-O	58.0%	49.2%
William Beckham Academy	DPS	60.9%	45.7%
West Village Academy, Dearborn	Ch-O	62.1%	44.3%
Neinas Elementary School	DPS	54.9%	51.4%
Clark Elementary School*	DPS	54.9%	49.0%
Woodward Academy	Ch-D	59.4%	44.3%
Roberto Clemente Academy	DPS	53.8%	49.1%
Academy of Detroit – West	Ch-D	60.3%	40.9%
Chandler Park Academy – Elementary, Harper Woods	Ch-O	59.0%	41.8%
Bethune Academy	DPS	50.4%	49.6%
Langston Hughes Academy (SA)	DPS	59.4%	40.0%
White Elementary School	DPS	50.0%	49.4%
Universal Academy	Ch-D	45.8%	53.1%
Hutchinson Elementary School	DPS	51.1%	46.9%
Academy of the Americas	DPS	47.3%	48.5%
Allen Academy	Ch-D	52.7%	43.1%
Nolan Elementary School	DPS	49.7%	45.3%
Voyageur Academy	Ch-D	52.7%	42.2%
Loving Elementary School	DPS	59.0%	35.8%

# Elementary Schools (5th grade)

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School		READING 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards	MATH 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards
Priest Elementary School	DPS	45.6%	48.9%
Malcolm X Academy	DPS	53.7%	40.6%
David Ellis Academy	Ch-D	57.5%	36.5%
Barton Elementary School	DPS	52.7%	38.9%
Fisher Magnet Upper Academy*	DPS	50.3%	41.1%
Carver Elementary School	DPS	57.4%	33.3%
Blackwell Institute	DPS	57.1%	32.4%
Dossin Elementary School	DPS	61.9%	27.2%
Wilkins Elementary School	DPS	55.6%	33.5%
Parker Elementary School	DPS	52.8%	36.2%
Rutherford Elementary School	DPS	47.9%	40.9%
Mark Twain Elementary School	DPS	57.6%	31.0%
Law Elementary School	DPS	50.2%	38.4%
Weston Preparatory Academy	Ch-D	52.2%	36.4%
Sampson Academy	DPS	54.1%	34.3%
Webster Elementary School	DPS	50.9%	37.4%
Barber Focus School of Math, Science, Tech., Highland Park	Pub-O	49.6%	38.6%
Robinson Elementary-Middle School*	DPS	43.8%	43.8%
Emerson Elementary School	DPS	42.6%	44.9%
Northpointe Academy, Highland Park	Ch-O	54.1%	32.6%
Flagship Charter Academy	Ch-D	54.3%	32.2%
Carleton Elementary School	DPS	52.1%	33.8%
Pulaski Elementary School	DPS	44.3%	39.0%
Joy Preparatory Academy	Ch-D	46.6%	36.8%
O.W. Holmes Elementary-Middle School*	DPS	46.9%	35.9%
Stewart Elementary School	DPS	41.1%	41.5%
Trix Elementary School	DPS	41.9%	40.6%

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School		READING 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards	MATH 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards
George Washington Carver Academy, Highland Park	Ch-O	43.1%	38.8%
Edmonson Elementary School	DPS	47.6%	34.1%
Academy of Warren, Warren	Ch-O	46.9%	34.9%
Pierre Toussaint Academy	Ch-D	51.2%	30.5%
CB Sabbath K–8 Preparatory Academy, River Rouge*	Pub-O	56.3%	25.0%
Henderson Academy*	DPS	49.2%	30.8%
Mason Elementary School	DPS	51.3%	26.9%
Burns Elementary School	DPS	43.7%	34.4%
Durfee Elementary School	DPS	53.2%	22.9%
Marquette Elementary School	DPS	41.4%	34.4%
Farwell Middle School	DPS	46.3%	28.6%
Business Entrepreneurship, Science, Tech. Academy, Highland Park	Ch-O	42.0%	31.4%
Duffield Elementary School	DPS	40.8%	27.6%
Detroit Community Schools – Elementary	Ch-D	44.3%	24.1%
Sherrill Elementary School	DPS	40.2%	27.9%
Hutchins Elementary School	DPS	40.3%	24.7%
Phoenix Elementary	DPS	33.8%	25.9%
A.L. Holmes Elementary School	DPS	38.9%	19.1%
Hamilton Elementary-Middle School*	DPS	36.8%	18.4%

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# Middle Schools (8th grade)

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University of Detroit Jesuit (SA)	Pr	96.7%	96.8%
Bates Academy (SA)	DPS	97.6%	95.1%
Burton International School (SA)	DPS	92.1%	87.8%
Ludington Magnet Middle School (SA)	DPS	92.8%	83.6%
Detroit Service Learning Academy	Ch-D	86.1%	86.4%
Detroit Merit Charter Academy	Ch-D	86.2%	80.2%
Cornerstone – Nevada Middle* (SA)	Pr	94.6%	67.9%
Foreign Language Immersion (SA)	DPS	87.4%	73.5%
Hally Magnet Middle School (SA)	DPS	86.3%	71.6%
Winans Academy Middle School	Ch-D	83.3%	74.4%
Edison Public School Academy	Ch-D	82.4%	75.0%
Pulaski Elementary School	DPS	84.4%	72.9%
Hamtramck Academy, Hamtramck	Ch-O	85.6%	69.3%
Blanchette Middle School, Inkster	Pub-O	77.4%	75.0%
Clippert Academy (SA)	DPS	81.2%	70.5%
<b>MICHIGAN AVERAGE</b>		<b>78.6%</b>	<b>72.1%</b>
Detroit International Academy for Young Women* (SA)	DPS	81.5%	63.0%
Plymouth Educational Center	Ch-D	77.1%	66.9%
Academy of Southfield, Southfield	Ch-O	74.5%	68.3%
University Preparatory Science and Math (PSAD)*	Ch-D	75.4%	66.2%
Hope of Detroit Academy	Ch-D	67.5%	73.8%
Washington-Parks Academy, Redford*	Ch-O	78.3%	60.9%
Eaton Academy, Eastpointe*	Ch-O	85.7%	52.8%
Nataki Talibah Schoolhouse of Detroit	Ch-D	77.6%	59.6%
Dixon Elementary School	DPS	71.2%	64.6%
Laurus Academy, Southfield	Ch-O	69.1%	64.9%
Ann Arbor Trail Magnet Middle School (SA)	DPS	69.4%	63.6%
Academy of the Americas	DPS	73.0%	59.4%
Detroit Premier Academy	Ch-D	73.4%	58.9%
Edward (Duke) Ellington Conservatory of Music/Art (SA)	DPS	79.3%	52.6%

<i>(continued)</i>		READING 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards	MATH 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards
School			
Michigan Technical Academy Middle School	Ch-D	77.4%	52.5%
Nichols Elementary School (SA)	DPS	76.4%	53.4%
Robeson Academy (SA)	DPS	71.1%	56.2%
Oakland International Academy – Middle/High School	Ch-D	63.8%	62.3%
Spain Elementary School (SA)	DPS	69.4%	56.5%
Golightly Education Center (SA)	DPS	76.2%	49.7%
University Preparatory Academy (PSAD) – Middle	Ch-D	74.8%	49.8%
Great Oaks Academy, Warren	Ch-O	70.1%	54.5%
Allen Academy	Ch-D	69.3%	53.9%
Warrendale Charter Academy	Ch-D	70.6%	52.0%
George Washington Carver Academy, Highland Park	Ch-O	58.5%	61.7%
Garvey Academy	DPS	66.7%	52.3%
Weston Preparatory Academy*	Ch-D	81.5%	37.0%
Greenfield Union Elementary School	DPS	62.6%	55.8%
Detroit Enterprise Academy	Ch-D	67.5%	50.5%
Advanced Technology Academy, Dearborn	Ch-O	65.2%	52.7%
Cesar Chavez Middle School	Ch-D	62.8%	54.0%
Earhart Middle School	DPS	67.9%	46.9%
Conner Creek Academy East – MI Collegiate Middle, Warren	Ch-O	67.0%	47.0%
David Ellis Academy West, Redford	Ch-O	64.0%	49.8%
Hanley International Academy, Hamtramck	Ch-O	67.4%	44.7%
Chandler Park Academy – Middle School, Harper Woods	Ch-O	71.3%	39.5%
Edison-Oakland Public School Academy, Ferndale	Ch-O	64.7%	46.0%
George Crockett Academy	Ch-D	70.3%	40.2%
Academy of Lathrup Village, Lathrup Village	Ch-O	67.9%	41.9%
Old Redford Academy – Middle	Ch-D	62.3%	46.6%
Mark Twain Elementary School	DPS	62.6%	44.9%

# Middle Schools (8th grade)

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School		READING 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards	MATH 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards
Bethune Academy	DPS	53.9%	53.1%
Sampson Academy	DPS	46.5%	60.2%
West Village Academy, Dearborn	Ch-O	67.6%	38.2%
David Ellis Academy	Ch-D	59.5%	46.0%
Vetal Elementary School	DPS	61.3%	43.2%
The Dearborn Academy, Dearborn	Ch-O	60.4%	42.8%
Bradford Academy, Southfield	Ch-O	63.4%	39.4%
Brenda Scott Middle School	DPS	45.4%	57.1%
O.W. Holmes Elementary-Middle School*	DPS	69.5%	32.8%
Ben Ross Public School Academy, Warren	Ch-O	56.9%	44.3%
Joy Preparatory Academy	Ch-D	61.3%	39.6%
Universal Academy	Ch-D	46.6%	53.7%
Langston Hughes Academy (SA)	DPS	66.0%	34.1%
Woodward Academy	Ch-D	54.8%	45.1%
Jemison School of Choice	DPS	67.8%	30.8%
Crescent Academy, Southfield	Ch-O	69.1%	29.1%
Hutchins Elementary School	DPS	48.1%	47.9%
Voyageur Consortium High School	Ch-D	63.2%	32.5%
Carver Elementary School	DPS	58.3%	37.4%
Academy for Business and Technology High School, Melvindale	Ch-O	56.2%	38.7%
Aisha Shule/Web DuBois Prep. Academy School	Ch-D	58.7%	35.9%
Blackwell Institute	DPS	56.7%	37.7%
Pierre Toussaint Academy	Ch-D	56.2%	36.2%
White Elementary School*	DPS	65.4%	26.6%
Riverside Academy – West Campus, Dearborn	Ch-O	47.0%	43.7%
Academy of Warren, Warren	Ch-O	54.5%	34.4%
Burns Elementary School	DPS	56.8%	31.6%
Sherrill Elementary School	DPS	48.4%	39.9%
Malcolm X Academy	DPS	54.2%	33.9%
Duffield Elementary School	DPS	55.1%	32.4%

*(continued)*

School		READING 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards	MATH 2007–09 % meets/ exceeds standards
Robinson Elementary-Middle School*	DPS	69.0%	18.2%
Barber Focus School of Math, Science, Tech, Highland Park	Pub-O	58.5%	28.7%
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences Middle School	Ch-D	53.9%	33.2%
Detroit Community Schools – Elementary	Ch-D	56.2%	30.1%
Marquette Elementary School	DPS	54.6%	31.6%
Brewer Elementary School*	DPS	61.1%	24.4%
Law Elementary School	DPS	49.8%	35.3%
Farwell Middle School	DPS	52.7%	30.2%
Durfee Elementary School	DPS	57.8%	24.0%
Business Entrepreneurship, Science, Tech. Academy, Highland Park	Ch-O	49.1%	31.4%
Timbuktu Academy of Science and Technology	Ch-D	47.1%	31.4%
Fisher Magnet Upper Academy	DPS	48.9%	27.7%
Nolan Elementary School	DPS	45.5%	29.9%
Trix Elementary School	DPS	42.9%	32.5%
Clark Elementary School*	DPS	56.6%	18.2%
Ford Academy for Comm./Perf. Arts, Highland Park	Pub-O	48.2%	24.4%
Stewart Elementary School	DPS	41.1%	31.0%
Phoenix Elementary	DPS	44.2%	27.0%
Noble Elementary School	DPS	45.8%	25.3%
Murphy Elementary-Middle School	DPS	52.9%	17.8%
Detroit Midtown Academy	Ch-D	47.6%	21.7%
A.L. Holmes Elementary School	DPS	46.5%	22.5%
Henderson Academy*	DPS	56.0%	12.2%
John R. King Academic and Performing Arts Academy*	DPS	50.4%	17.2%
Parker Elementary School	DPS	43.0%	19.8%
Hamilton Elementary-Middle School*	DPS	41.7%	15.1%

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\* Schools with only one year of data.

# High Schools

School		Average ACT composite 2008–10	Four-year graduation rate 2009
University of Detroit Jesuit (SA)	Pr	24.3	
Renaissance (SA)	DPS	21.4	96.5%
Cass Technical (SA)	DPS	19.7	95.5%
<b>MICHIGAN AVERAGE</b>		<b>19.0</b>	<b>75.4%</b>
Henry Ford Academy, Dearborn	Ch-O	18.0	92.0%
Arts Academy in the Woods, Fraser	Ch-O	18.0	79.1%
Henry Ford Early College, Dearborn	Pub-O	17.5	
Communication and Media Arts (SA)	DPS	16.9	97.2%
Universal Academy	Ch-D	16.7	79.1%
University High School, Ferndale	Pub-O	16.6	97.2%
Davis Aerospace	DPS	16.5	96.3%
Madison High School, Madison	Pub-O	16.4	81.8%
HEART Academy, Harper Woods	Ch-O	16.4	85.6%
Advanced Technology Academy, Dearborn	Ch-O	16.3	81.1%
Detroit School of Arts (SA)	DPS	16.3	94.6%
Cesar Chavez	Ch-D	16.3	58.3%
Clintondale High School, Clintondale	Pub-O	16.1	87.3%
King	DPS	16.1	80.7%
University Preparatory Academy	Ch-D	16.1	94.5%
Robichaud Senior, Westwood Community Schools	Pub-O	15.7	71.0%
Winans Academy	Ch-D	15.7	81.1%
Western International	DPS	15.5	74.1%
Riverside Academy – West Campus, Dearborn	Ch-O	15.5	68.1%
Michigan Health Academy	Ch-D	15.4	75.9%
Oak Park High School, Oak Park	Pub-O	15.4	79.4%
Eaton Academy, Eastpointe	Ch-O	15.4	85.2%
Voyageur Consortium	Ch-D	15.3	88.2%
Chandler Park Academy, Harper Woods	Ch-O	15.3	
Detroit High School for Technology	DPS	15.3	96.6%
Casa Richard	Ch-D	15.3	33.9%

<i>(continued)</i>		Average ACT composite 2008–10	Four-year graduation rate 2009
School			
Crockett (SA)	DPS	15.2	93.9%
Inkster High School, Inkster	Pub-O	15.2	56.6%
Detroit International Academy for Young Women	DPS	15.1	
Old Redford	Ch-D	15.0	82.2%
Conner Creek Academy East – MI Collegiate High School, Warren	Ch-O	14.9	83.2%
Academy for Business and Technology, Melvindale	Ch-O	14.9	69.9%
Mumford	DPS	14.7	82.0%
Bradford Academy, Southfield	Ch-O	14.6	
River Rouge Middle College High School Academy, River Rouge	Pub-O	14.5	65.0%
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	Ch-D	14.5	78.8%
Southwestern	DPS	14.4	51.7%
Allen Academy	Ch-D	14.4	53.4%
Highland Park Community High School, Highland Park	Pub-O	14.4	66.8%
Northwestern	DPS	14.3	63.6%
Loyola (SA)	Pr	14.3	
Cody College Prep. Upper School of Teaching and Learning	DPS	14.3	57.9%
Detroit Midtown Academy	Ch-D	14.2	45.9%
Detroit Community Schools	Ch-D	14.2	84.3%
Southeastern	DPS	14.2	71.2%
Osborn Upper School of Global Communications and Culture	DPS	14.1	59.4%
Ford	DPS	14.1	62.3%
Denby	DPS	13.9	67.1%
Central	DPS	13.9	61.6%
Kettering	DPS	13.8	65.4%
Pershing	DPS	13.8	67.4%
Finney	DPS	13.7	56.0%

Note: Some newer high schools, such as the small schools at Cody and Osborn, Plymouth Educational center, and the School for Creative Studies, do not yet have ACT scores or graduation rates to report.

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We did not rank the following schools or programs, in which fewer than 20 students were tested.

- Aisha Shule/Web DuBois Prep. Academy School
- Al-Ikhlās Training Academy
- Benjamin E. Mays Male Academy
- Center for Literacy and Creativity
- City Mission Academy
- Clippert Academy, Elementary
- Detroit Day School for the Deaf
- George Crockett Consortium High School
- Hancock
- Hope of Detroit Academy Consortium High School
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy
- Nsoroma Institute
- Oakland International Academy – Middle/High School
- Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School
- Ross/Hill Academy – Elementary and High School
- Tawheed Center School

# How We Ranked the Schools

## At each school level, we used publicly reported data on student achievement.

We focus specifically on measures that show whether students are ready to move on to the next level, that is, if:

- 5th graders are ready for middle school,
- 8th graders are ready for high school, and
- high school students are ready for college.

Wherever possible, the rankings are based on **three-year averages** so that we avoid the major score changes (up and down) that sometimes occur from year to year. In cases where we have only one or two years of data, we noted that.

At each level, we ranked schools from top to bottom. In **5th and 8th grades** for each school, we combined a school's scores from 2007, 2008, and 2009 on two indicators: the percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards in reading and math on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).

### Student Success

How well students do on standardized tests is not the only way to measure a school, but we believe it is the most important. If a student is not learning the basics — English and math — it will be difficult for him or her to succeed in the higher grades ... or graduate and end up on a path to college or a good career. Further, in a school where students are really learning, you can be confident that other good things are happening: students are safe, they're interested, and adults are working together to provide the necessary support.

In **high school**, we used the school's ACT composite scores from 2008, 2009, and 2010, which tend to predict if a student is ready for college work without needing to take remedial courses. We also report the school's four-year graduation rates (a necessary step for college or a career).

We did not rank those schools where **fewer than 20 students** took the tests. For **private schools**, we ranked only those whose students took the state MEAP or ACT tests.

For **suburban schools**, we included high schools where Detroit students account for at least 30% of the enrollment, and we included elementary and middle schools where Detroit students account for at least 40% of the enrollment.

We did not include information on schools that have closed in the past year.

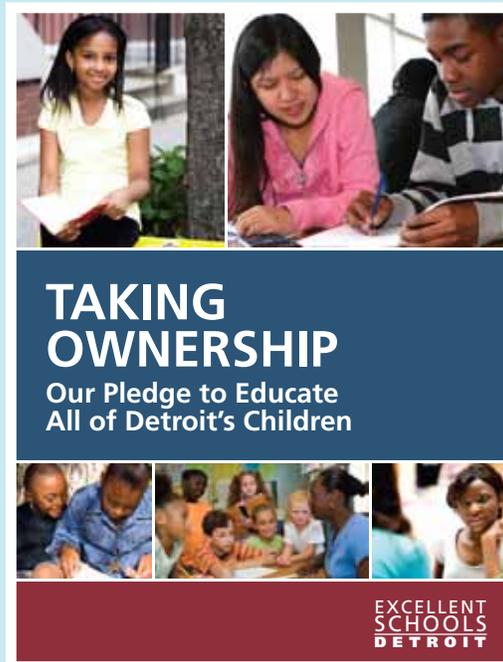
We understand that parents look at more than test scores and graduation rates when choosing a school for their child. **In the future, we intend to add more information**

that looks at indicators such as school safety, attendance, and the availability of after-school programs. Many of those measures are not yet available for all schools. Plus, we think it's very important that parents focus on the most important indicator of all: student performance.

**One more important note:** Many top-performing Detroit public schools are special admissions schools, which select students based on their exam scores (such as Cass Technical and Renaissance) or applications (such as Bates Academy and the Foreign Language Immersion School). We have noted these schools in our listings.

Excellent Schools Detroit released its citywide plan in March 2010. In order to have every Detroit student in an excellent school by 2020, we have pledged to work on several major reforms. These include:

- Create an independent Standards and Accountability Commission to set goals for all schools and prekindergarten programs in the city.
- Publish annual report cards and host school shopper fairs to help parents become smarter “school shoppers.”
- Help open 40 new excellent schools by 2015 and 70 schools by 2020.
- Pressure authorizers to close the lowest-performing schools.
- Recruit and develop the country's best school leaders and teachers.
- Create a citywide leadership initiative to help leaders open new schools and turn around failing ones.



Copies of our plan and related materials are available at [www.excellentschoolsdetroit.org](http://www.excellentschoolsdetroit.org).

# Learn More about the Schools

**To supplement the information in this guide, parents and other readers can use many other sources.**

- **Excellent Schools Detroit.** Our website has much more data on all schools listed in this guide. Plus it will have in-depth information about the 46 high-performing schools that participate in the Parent School Shopper Fairs.  
**[www.excellentschoolsdetroit.org](http://www.excellentschoolsdetroit.org)**
- **Skillman Foundation Good Schools Guide.** This annual guide showcases high-quality schools where the majority of students graduate, attend college, and lead prosperous lives.  
**[www.skillman.org/good-schools](http://www.skillman.org/good-schools)**
- **Michigan Department of Education.** The state has more detailed information about each Detroit school, including year-by-year test scores for every grade (MEAP for grades 3–9 and Michigan Merit Examination [MME] and ACT for high schools), not just the three grades we have used. Visit **[www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde)** and go to the assessment and accountability page and click on “How does your school measure up?”
- **Detroit Public Schools.** The DPS website has general enrollment information, plus a six-page profile of each school with lots of data.  
**[www.detroit.k12.mi.us/schools](http://www.detroit.k12.mi.us/schools)**
- **Charter school profiles.** The state has two-page profiles of all public charter schools at **[www.michigan.gov/charters](http://www.michigan.gov/charters)**. Go to the reports section and click on “2009 Profiles of Public School Academies.”
- **Greatschools.org.** This national website has detailed information about all DPS schools, public charter schools, and preschools in the city and suburbs, including parent reviews for many schools.  
**[www.greatschools.org/michigan/detroit/schools](http://www.greatschools.org/michigan/detroit/schools)**
- **ACT score reports.** The ACT website includes a lot of background information about state and national scores. It also includes the indicators it uses to predict if a student is prepared to succeed in college reading, math, science, and social studies without needing to take remedial courses.  
**[www.act.org/news/data/09/index.html](http://www.act.org/news/data/09/index.html)**

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