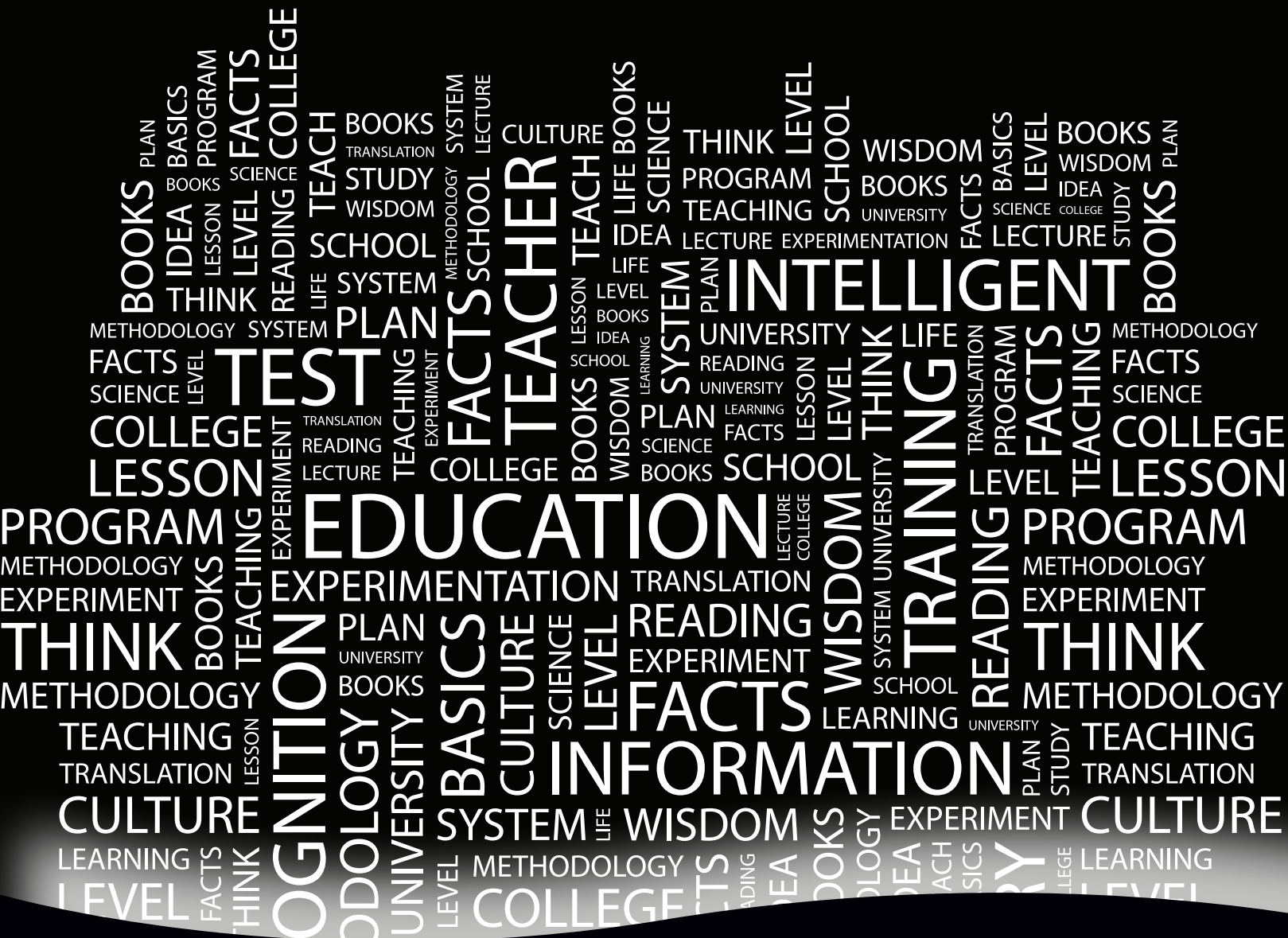


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DATA AND PERFORMANCE IN OU ACADEMIES 2010-2011



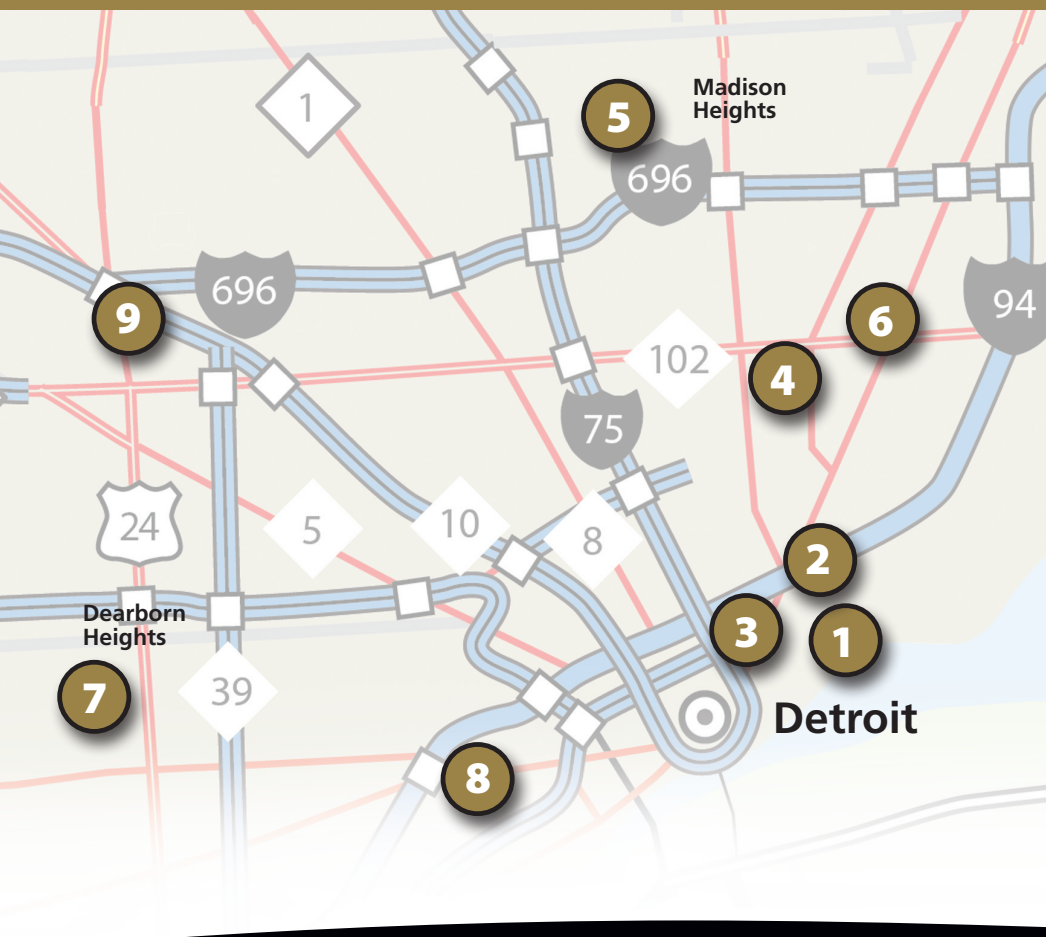
Educational quality and choice for all families

"Our commitment as authorizers is to ensure that students in our eight public school academies are able to achieve to their highest potential in an environment that supports their needs with skilled, knowledgeable educators and effective internal structures and processes. Portfolio-wide and whole-school excellence, rather than "pockets of excellence," is desired in order to eradicate achievement gap-related issues and to fulfill the goal of having an equitable American educational system. The promise of educational choice, we realize, is not attainable unless there are quality options."



— **Mildred Taylor**, director,
Office of Public School Academies

Oakland University *Public School Academies*



OU charts eight schools that operate on nine campuses and served more than 6,000 students in the 2010-2011 school year.

- 1** **Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences**
2985 E. Jefferson, Detroit and
2224 Medbury, Detroit
- 2** **Detroit Edison Public School Academy**
1903 Wilkins, Detroit
- 3** **Dove Academy of Detroit**
8210 Rolyat, Detroit
- 4** **Four Corners Montessori Academy**
1075 E. Gardenia, Madison Heights
- 5** **Nsoroma Institute**
20045 Joann St., Detroit
- 6** **Star International Academy**
24425 Hass, Dearborn Heights
- 7** **Universal Academy**
4612 Lonyo, Detroit
- 8** **Weston Preparatory Academy**
22930 Chippewa, Detroit



"Oakland's Public School Academies represent a diverse group of students and staff. However, they have one essential thing in common — a united desire to provide and achieve the best educational experience possible, and to prepare students for a bright, successful future. The opportunities and possibilities for our charter schools and their students are phenomenal."

— **Gary D. Russi**, *president*
Oakland University

A message from the dean

Charter schools equal positive educational outcomes

As an advocate for quality public education, I am pleased to see the mission and standards of Oakland University reflected in the operations of the Office of Public School Academies. The School of Education and Human Services at OU is proud of the work being done by its leadership and staff to bring about positive educational outcomes in the diverse schools that we authorize in and around the city of Detroit.

As parents/families today seek the best education for their children, our staff believes OU authorized charter schools offer citizens important options. We are dedicated to taking our responsibilities as cooperative partners in education seriously; and by doing so, we can become part of some long-term solutions for all public school education in Michigan.

Thanks for taking the time to read this report.

Together for quality education,

Louis Gallien

Dean, School of Education and Human Services



From our schools

Four Corners celebrates International Peace Day

Four Corners Montessori Academy (FCMA) celebrated International Day of Peace in September to bring an awareness of peace education that was the heart of Dr. Montessori's curriculum. Middle school students made wooden pins and burned peace signs on them. On Peace Day, the entire school gathered in the courtyard wearing khaki and white, along with the peace pins, and formed a peace sign in observance of this day. They sang *Light a Candle for Peace*, a song written by a fellow Montessorian especially for International Day of Peace.

"Participation in this event was beneficial as it reminds us of the importance of striving toward a peaceful world. As FCMA is dedicated to creating a peaceful environment, this event was a link from our community to the global community. It helps to define who we are as a school — a school devoted to peace," says Maria Valladares, marketing and communications coordinator at Four Corners.



DAAS students perform at Lions game

Students in the Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences (DAAS) Show Choir are taking Detroit by storm.

The 40-member show choir, made up of fourth- through eighth-graders, started its journey a year ago when the students were asked in a homework assignment to create a video of their version of the song *Empire State of Mind*. As part of the class assignment, students rewrote the lyrics to show pride in academic achievement and their hometown of Detroit.

The video, broadcast on YouTube, quickly gained attention, receiving more than 50,000 hits. As recognition grew, the group was invited to perform at the Detroit Goodfellows breakfast meeting honoring musician Kid Rock as Goodfellow of the Year. The choir also performed during a Detroit Lions halftime show, which was featured on Monday Night Football.

Maurice Morton, CEO of DAAS, said the experience fits in well with teaching concepts at DAAS. "Our school's mission is primarily academic, but we utilize the students' other interests to make education fun, connective and to help the students build confidence."

Morton also said the students' experience has been life-changing. "Living in Detroit can have challenges, especially to a young person's self-confidence, so this has been unbelievable for their morale. They learned that through hard work your dreams are possible and you don't have to limit yourself. ... This has shown our students that hard work equals results."



Detroit Edison Public School Academy health clinic boasts successes

Last year, Detroit Edison Public School Academy partnered with Henry Ford Health Systems to open a unique health center at the school — a clinic that is already meeting with great success.

The Webber Pioneer Health Center is designed to help reduce pediatric emergency visits and hospitalizations. It also provides programs that support working parents and help keep children in school.

"The primary focus is to provide educational programs that help students live a healthier life. The idea is that a healthier student is a more academically successful student," said Ralph Bland, superintendent of the school. To that end, the health center's main goal is to reduce chronic conditions like asthma, Type 2 diabetes and obesity. These types of conditions can lead to illnesses that make students miss class and greatly affect their health.

Maureen Murphy, RN, BSN, school nurse coordinator, said they have already experienced important successes.

"We have a medically underserved population. One of our sixth-graders needed to have her immunizations updated, and she was having difficulty making an appointment [outside the school] because either a physician wasn't available or there was another conflict," Murphy explained. "This girl was not feeling well, and she went to the school clinic to get her checkup. We discovered she had a 529 blood sugar level — a near-death level — of undiagnosed diabetes. We are so fortunate to have discovered this. It could have gone unchecked for some time and had detrimental consequences."

Murphy further explains that the clinic is part of the school's comprehensive program of health education, including nutrition, vision and dental care. "When the school focuses on prevention first and keeps it at the forefront, it helps reduce emergency visits for the families and keeps conditions such as strep throat or pink eye in check.

"Prior to this, we would have to send the child to an outside caregiver, and the proper care might not happen because of outside challenges," she explained. "At the clinic, we can treat them right away and discuss the conditions in a more in-depth manner."

The clinic is funded through a Michigan Department of Community Health and a Michigan Department of Education grant.



From our schools

CampRN

Preparing students for careers in nursing

For two weeks last summer, seventh- through ninth-grade students enjoyed a unique camp hosted by Oakland University School of Nursing (SON) and the OU Office of Public School Academies (OU/PSA). Students visited locations including Oakland University's Riverview Institute and Grosse Pointe Beaumont Hospital. The camp is specifically designed for students who show interest in nursing and its related fields.

Funding from OU/PSA allowed students to attend for a minimal registration fee, with scholarships available to those in need. Students receiving a full scholarship attended CampRN with no financial obligations.

Kristina White-Aaron, academic adviser at SON, was very excited about this opportunity for students. "It's an amazing

program. Public School Academies funded the entire camp cost, \$10,000, to run. They provided all the supplies, T-shirts, food, field trip and transportation to and from."

CampRN is a pre-college program that educates students in nursing, biology and chemistry. Students gain experience in pharmacology, nursing forensics, clinical calculations, nutrition, health and wellness. Upon completion of the camp, students are both First Aid and CPR certified. Students also had the opportunity to tour and follow medical practitioners at Grosse Pointe Beaumont Hospital.

"I was able to attend the final presentations. It was great to see both male and female students who had learned so much about nursing and other medical careers. Many students were already asking about CampRN for next summer," explains Majela Morris, administrative assistant, OU/PSA.

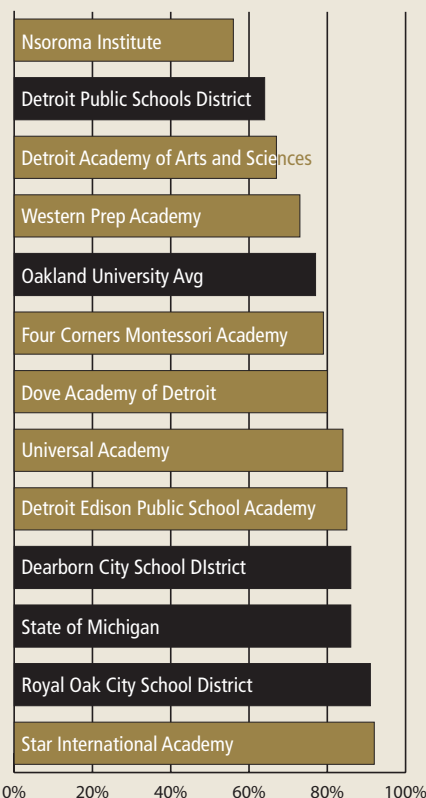
Facts and figures

Fall 2010 Grades 3-8 MEAP results

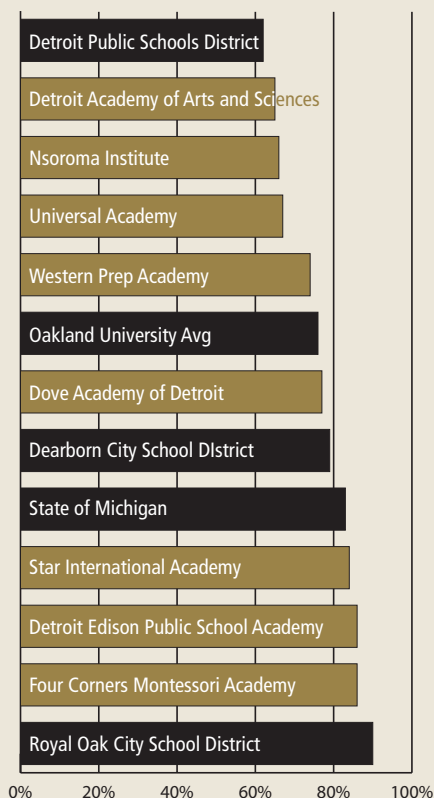
Math and reading average scores are displayed in the two charts (right). Performance is shown for each Oakland University authorized school and is compared to the state of Michigan results along with the average for all OU academies and select host districts in which a significant number of students reside.

Gold: OU Charter Schools | Black: Comparison Groups
Source: Fall 2010 MEAP – Public Release

Math



Reading



2010 MEAP reading and math proficiency

Wayne and Oakland counties top 30

Oakland University issues charters to academies within Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Currently our schools are all located in Wayne and Oakland. OU has 50 percent of its academies in the top 30 academic achieving charter schools in these two counties.

Rank	School Name	% Proficient	Authorizer Education	Service Provider	County
1	Canton Charter Academy	96.99	Central Michigan University	National Heritage Academies	Wayne
2	Achieve Charter Academy	95.68	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies	Wayne
3	Holly Academy	95.35	Central Michigan University	Self-managed	Oakland
4	Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy	93.98	Detroit Public Schools	Self-managed	Wayne
5	Keystone Academy	89.09	Bay Mills Community College	National Heritage Academies	Wayne
6	Ross Hill Academy	89.04	Detroit Public Schools	777 Management Company	Wayne
7	AGBU Alex-Marie Manoogian School	88.65	Central Michigan University	Self-managed	Oakland
8	Summit Academy	88.59	Central Michigan University	Self-managed	Wayne
9	Creative Montessori Academy	88.13	Wayne RESA	Choice Schools Associates	Wayne
10	Star International Academy	88.09	Oakland University	Hamadeh Educational Services, Inc.	Wayne
11	Detroit Service Learning Academy	88.02	Lake Superior State University	Self-managed	Wayne
12	Detroit Merit Charter Academy	87.36	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies	Wayne
13	Business Entrepreneurship, Science, Tech. Academy	86.17	Bay Mills Community College	Midwest Management Group, Inc.	Wayne
14	Summit Academy North	85.9	Central Michigan University	Self-managed	Wayne
15	Metro Charter Academy	85.84	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies	Wayne
16	Four Corners Montessori Academy	85.73	Oakland University	Choice Schools Associates	Oakland
17	Edison Public School Academy	85.62	Oakland University	Self-managed	Wayne
18	Taylor Exemplar Academy	85.08	Bay Mills Community College	National Heritage Academies	Wayne
19	University Preparatory Science and Math	82.25	Grand Valley State University	New Urban Learning	Wayne
20	Washington-Parks Academy	81.98	Grand Valley State University	Cornerstone Schools	Wayne
21	David Ellis Academy West	81.9	Bay Mills Community College	Bardwell Group	Wayne
22	American Montessori Academy	81.58	Bay Mills Community College	C. S. Partners	Wayne
23	Hamtramck Academy	81.39	Bay Mills Community College	National Heritage Academies	Wayne
24	University Preparatory Academy	80.46	Grand Valley State University	New Urban Learning	Wayne
25	Academy of Southfield	80.03	Central Michigan University	Charter School Administration Services	Oakland
26	Dove Academy of Detroit	79.91	Oakland University	Schoolhouse Services & Staffing	Wayne
27	Global Heights Academy	79.73	Grand Valley State University	Global Educational Excellence	Wayne
28	Trillium Academy	79.56	Central Michigan University	Romine Group	Wayne
29	Laurus Academy	79.14	Bay Mills Community College	National Heritage Academies	Oakland
30	Walton Charter Academy	78.7	Northern Michigan University	National Heritage Academies	Oakland

- Notes:
1. Sources: OEAA Fall 2010 MEAP Public Release; CEPI Educational Entity Master (Downloaded March 2011)
 2. "% Proficient" is percentage of students that met or exceeded standards on all MEAP tests administered in grades 3-8
 3. All tests are weighted equally

Quick facts about Oakland University



Model of efficiency

OU is one of six colleges and universities nationwide recognized by *University Business* magazine's Models of Efficiency program. The Models of Efficiency program recognizes innovative approaches for streamlining higher education operations through technology or business process improvements.

The Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine

Michigan's first new M.D.-granting (allopathic) medical school in 47 years, welcomed its inaugural class of 50 students on Aug. 8, 2011. The OUWSOM curriculum combines basic science instruction with clinical training, with a focus on team-based, participatory learning in small groups. The school's curriculum also highlights promotion and maintenance of health, not just diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Macomb 2 Oakland / Anton Frankel Center

OU's community college partnership with Macomb Community College, M2O, was launched in 2006 to help ease the burden of rising college costs. As part of this program, OU proudly celebrated the grand opening of the Anton/Frankel Center on Aug. 30, 2011. With 11 classrooms, two conference rooms, state-of-the-art classroom technology and free Wi-Fi throughout, students now have access to a quality OU education close to where they live and work.

Oakland 2 Oakland

Launched in 2010, the O2O community college partnership between Oakland University and Oakland Community College is one of the first of its kind in the state of Michigan. With a single admissions application, students can take advantage of the resources and course selection at Oakland University in Rochester and five OCC locations throughout Oakland County.



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