

Dermott Public Schools
Report To The Public
In compliance with the Standards for Accreditation of Public Schools in Arkansas
October 9, 2012

Vision Statement:

The Dermott School District has a vision to produce students that are open-minded, well-educated, responsible, productive citizens.

Mission Statement:

The Dermott School District is committed to educating all children to standards of excellence in a safe environment that will empower them to be successful in higher education and the workplace.

General Information:

Enrollment: October 1, 2012 - 393

Goals: The following goals apply to the entire student body:

1. All children will start to school ready to learn.
2. The high school graduation rate will increase.
3. Schools will ensure that all students learn to use their minds well so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our modern economy.
4. Students will leave grades having demonstrated competency in challenging subject matter.
5. Teachers will have access to programs for the continued improvement of their professional skills and the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to instruct and prepare all students.
6. Students will compete on grade level on state mandated tests
7. Adults will be literate and will possess the skills necessary to compete in a global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
8. Schools will be free of drugs and violence and offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning.
9. Schools will promote partnerships that will increase parental involvement and participation promoting the social, emotional, and academic growth of students.

All teachers are certified in their area of instruction. Waivers were requested and granted for the High School Principal and High School Library Media Specialist.

Dermott School District School Improvement Classification: Achieving District

Accreditation

All schools in the district are fully accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.

Annual Public Meeting:

The Dermott Public School held a public meeting on October 9, 2012, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room located in the Administration Building. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss progress toward accomplishing district program goals, accreditation standards, and school objectives for the 2012 - 2013 school year. The principal gave an overview of programs in each school. Coordinators and supervisors made presentations about their programs. All parents and patrons were encouraged to attend.

An overview of summer projects was reported including facilities, buses and school vehicles. A list of maintenance up-dates to each building level was presented.

Superintendent Kelvin Gragg reported our schools mills are 41.81 mills.

Danny Brown, Maintenance Supervisor reported a recent building survey concerning asbestos resulted in no conditions that posed problems. An Operations and Management Plan to safely manage all areas is available for viewing in the Central Office.

Staff Development: All certified staff members will gain 60 hours of staff development during the 2012 - 2013 school year. Included in these 60 hours will be six (6) hours of technology, 2 hours of parental involvement designed to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement strategies. Administrators shall be required to have no less than three (3) hours of professional development designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parent participation. Each teacher who provides instruction in Arkansas history, the sixty (60) hour professional development requirement shall include two (2) hours of training in Arkansas History. Topics of staff development are among the following:

Arkansas Content Standards/Frameworks
Instructional Strategies
Advocacy/Leadership
Supervision
Cognitive Research
Building a Collaborative Learning Community

Assessment
Systemic Change Process
Curriculum Alignment
Mentoring/Coaching
Principles of Learning/Dev. Stages

Federal Programs

The ACSIP plans for Title I, II-A, and VI are all available for public view. The goal of these plans is to improve overall achievement of all students as measured by the Arkansas Benchmark Exams.

Title I-All schools receiving Title I funding are operating under school-wide guidelines. This permits all students the opportunity to receive additional assistance in academic areas.

Title II-A-this federal program provides for teacher quality enhancement. With this portion of federal funding, we are able to provide additional professional development, pay substitutes for teachers to attend professional development and offer stipends to teachers for attending same.

Title VI-This program is used in conjunction with Title I and provides for students and teachers.

Special Needs Funding-This funding is used for curriculum, staff development, literacy and math instruction, materials, supplies, and equipment, including technology for pre-approved programs. Alternative Learning Environment and English Second Language are among the categories in this funding.

Vocational-This funding is used for new or expanded vocational programs. Programs in this area are: EAST/Workforce Technology, Business, Family and Consumer Science, Med-ProEd.

Gifted and Talented-Lana Smith Coordinator-Students in grades K-2 are served in self-contained classrooms. Students in grades 3-8 are served in a pull-out program and students 9-12 are served in regular education classrooms with the regular ed teacher having received training. The GT program has three successful quiz bowl teams that compete in district, regional and state competitions.

Special Education: Charlena Johnston- LEA Supervisor-Special Education students are served by 3 Certified Sp.Ed. teachers and 2 paraprofessionals.

These students receive services through instruction in the regular classroom, resource room or self-contained room, speech therapy. Occupational therapy, physical therapy, and counseling services are related services that are available.

Schools:**Elementary****Grades K-6****Terry Swilley, Principal****Enrollment 213****Needs Improvement: Focus School – Met Year 1 of Exit Criteria**

The goal of the Dermott Elementary School is to improve student achievement in Literacy, Science and Mathematics and to provide support to students in making Healthy Lifestyle Choices.

New Staff Members:Mrs. Carol Gregory – 2nd GradeMs. Brittney Wells – 5th/6th Grade Math and Science

Mrs. Wilma Newton – Computer Lab/Science Facilitator

Ms. Alma Mallett – Music

New Assignments:

Ms. Lesa Caine was reassigned to Counselor

Mrs. Pat Freeman was reassigned to 3rd GradeMrs. Pat Jordan was reassigned to 4th Grade Literacy and Social StudiesMs. Gina Tabor was reassigned to 4th Grade Math and ScienceMs. Julia Boatner was reassigned to 5th/6th Grade Literacy and Social Studies**Programs in Place:**

Adopt-A-Class Program

Reading Recovery

Barton Reading Intervention for grades 1-6

DaySpring Counseling Services

Foster Grandparent Program

Accelerated Reader

Parent Teacher Association

Cognitive Guided Instruction in Math

Math Links

Science Lab

Various Software Programs: A+, Education City, Starfall,

Project Wisdom

Elem: Test Scores - Spring 2012

Literacy Benchmark Exams

Grade	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
3 rd	36%	20%	24%	20%
4 th	11%	19%	26%	44%
5 th	7%	34%	38%	21%
6 th	11%	21%	43%	25%

Math Benchmark Exams

Grade	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
3 rd	16%	28%	28%	28%
4 th	19%	7%	33%	41%
5 th	31%	38%	24%	7%
6 th	18%	7%	46%	29%

High School**Grades 7-12****Terry Swilley, Principal Grades 7-12****Enrollment 187****Needs Improvement: Priority School****New Staff Members:**

Mrs. Sarah Tomlin – Science

Mr. Jansen Thompson – English

Mr. Terry Swilley – Principal

Mr. David Waschalk – Band

Ms. Alma Mallett – Vocal Music

This is the sixth year for the implementation of the Career Academic Plans (CAPS) program. Each teacher in grades 7-12 will serve as an Advisor to an assigned group of students. The advisor will work closely with the student and monitor his/her progress and will also communicate closely with parents.

The Dermott High School offers tutoring programs. UALR TRIO funds an after school program for students 9-12 and a period of the day is designated for assisting students not performing proficient on the Benchmark and/or EOC exams. The high school has collaborated with Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative, Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative, and the University of Arkansas at Monticello to have outside experts to advise our schools and mentor teachers in academic areas of greatest need.

All juniors will take the ASVAB.

All 10th Graders will take the ACT PLAN.

All 8th Graders will take the ACT EXPLORE.

Students are participating in Target Testing in preparation for the Benchmark and EOC Exams.

High School: Test Scores – Spring 2012

Literacy Benchmark and Grade 11 Literacy Exams

Grade/Test	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
7 th	11%	39%	34%	16%
8 th	14%	28%	52%	7%
Grade 11 Literacy	5%	55%	35%	5%

Math Benchmark and End of Course Math Exams

Grade/Test	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
7 th	45%	21%	26%	8%
8 th	45%	21%	31%	3%
Algebra I	7%	39%	39%	14%
Geometry	18%	29%	32%	21%

Extra-Curricular Activities

Clubs and organizations are available for student membership. Many students are involved in athletics. Students may select such activities as basketball, football, softball, track, cheerleader, band, choir, quiz bowl. Several are involved with the yearbook publication.

Curriculum

38 units are required to be in the curriculum 9-12. All schools in K-12 offer and teach all required courses. Distance Learning classes are offered above the required units of study for concurrent credit.

Parental Involvement

Parents are always encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education. Four Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled during the 2012 - 2013 school year. Continuous communication will be kept with parents through phone calls, letters, conferences, and progress reports.

Parents are invited to attend orientation sessions before the school year begins. Parents serve on various committees. PTA works cooperatively within the community and school and to provide informative programs of interest to parents.

Our schools offer a Parent Center located in each building. The center houses material and supplies to help parents and students. Family kits that consist of helpful tips are prepared at the beginning of each year for our parents. Each school has a Parent Facilitator. Parent Facilitators can be reached by calling the principal's office.

The goals for Parent Involvement are as follows:

1. To involve parents of students at all grades in a variety of roles
2. To be comprehensive and coordinated in nature
3. To recognize that communication between home and school should be two-way and meaningful.

ACT 1220

Dermott Schools have formed a School Nutrition and Physical Activity Advisory (SNPAA) Committee. The committee includes members of the school board, administration, food services, personnel, parents, teachers, students and professional groups such as nurses and community members. The committee will incorporate goals and objectives for nutrition and physical activities into daily activities of school

Statement: The Dermott School District is committed to providing our students an excellent education. We invite parents to be involved in this process. Together, we can provide the best education for our students.

