



Caniff Liberty Academy

School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter 2012-2013

August 29, 2013

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2012-2013 educational progress for the Caniff Liberty Academy. 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 Rebecca Snoblin- Building Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site:
<http://www.canifflibertyacademy.com/docs/CLA%20AnnualEducationReport%208-29-2013.pdf>

You may review a copy in the principal's 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 key challenges for our school are:

- Large English Language Learner population;
- Large "At-Risk" population
- Large population of low-income students.

Key initiatives to be implemented in 2013-2014 to address these challenges are:

- Utilizing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Curriculum;
- Hiring of additional bi-lingual Para-professionals to assist ELL students;
- Hiring of ESL educators to provide a more focused approach to the acquisition of English for our young students.
- Continued development of teachers in their skills for addressing the unique needs to a population such as this.

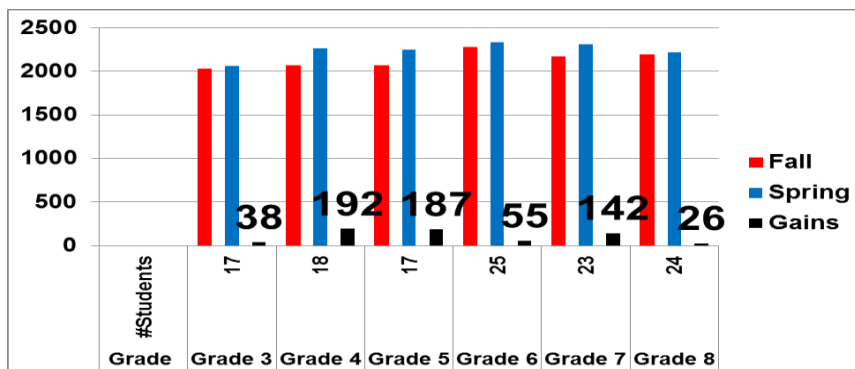


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State law requires that we also report additional information. To have this addressed appropriately and meet State requirements, (2) years of information needs to be reported, for the following:

- 1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL:** Caniff Liberty Academy is a public choice school. Thus, any student can apply and providing there is a seat available at the appropriate grade level, the student will be accepted. Otherwise they are placed on a waiting list until a seat is available. Students can enroll year round. The only exception is if a student has been expelled from another school for violent or criminal behavior.
- 2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** Caniff Liberty Academy has submitted their 2013-2014 School Improvement Plan for review by the MDE. Each year it is reviewed by the school improvement team and a revised plan is submitted by September of the upcoming school year.
- 3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL:** Caniff Liberty Academy is a K-8 Public Charter School designed to meet the diverse needs of the children of Hamtramck. We work hard to facilitate an expedite acquisition of the English language in the pursuit of accelerated student academic growth and to meet the needs of all students.
- 4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE’S MODEL:** Caniff Liberty Academy uses the Saginaw Valley State University curriculum. A copy can be viewed at the following SVSU web page:
<http://www.svsu.edu/supo/curriculumassessmentinstruction/curriculum/>
- 5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS:** Caniff Liberty Academy uses Scantron testing for reading and mathematics. The results of that testing for 2012-2013 are listed in the table below.

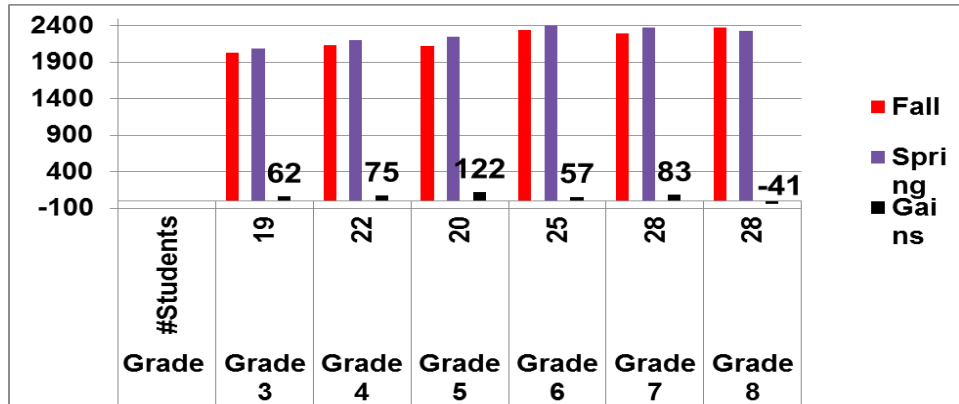
Reading Scantron Results- 2012-2013 Caniff Liberty Academy





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Mathematics Scantron Results 2012-2013 Caniff Liberty Academy



6. **IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Parent involvement was not as good as we would have liked in 2012-2013. However, we strive to make big gains in that area for the 2013-2014 school year.

Please note, Caniff Liberty Academy has only been in existence since September 2012. Thus only (1) year of information has been listed above.

As a new school, only 1 year behind us, we know that we have a lot of work yet to do. We have a very committed staff and leadership who strive to provide a nurturing and safe learning environment where ALL students can learn.

As parents, you can get involved. Contact the main office today to see how you can work with the Caniff Liberty Academy stakeholders to help make Caniff Liberty Academy a better place for all its students.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Snoblin- Caniff Liberty Academy Principal
Ahmed Saber- Executive Director