

INTERNAL MONITORING REPORT

February 13, 2012

Policy: 4.6 Productive Member of Society

Policy Category: Ends

Period Monitored: January 10, 2011 – February 13, 2012

This is my monitoring report on the Board of Education's Ends policy "Productive Member of Society." The report is being submitted **outside the Board of Education's monitoring schedule, with permission of the Board.** I certify that the information is true and complete. This report will monitor the policy starting at its more detailed provisions and end with the global provision.

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There are changes in interpretations and are noted in **bold font and underlined.** The changes are directly related to the AdvancEd standards and the survey data is being beta tested at a national level. The changes in interpretation strengthen the monitoring process and increase the likelihood of accreditation by AdvancEd.

***Note: We have an AdvancEd site visit scheduled for early Fall 2012.**

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Date: February 13, 2012

Policy Language 4.6.1

Graduating students are responsible community members.

Interpretation:

I interpret this to mean:

Responsible community members refrain from behaviors and activities that are illegal or in violation of state law. Further, responsible community members participate in volunteer activities that enhance the quality of life in a community.

This is measured by:

1. 50% of high school students are involved in service activities organized by the school staff or in “non-school” related service/volunteering.
2. 100% of students who turn 18 during the current school year are provided the opportunity at school to register to vote.
3. 85% of students who turn 18 register to vote when provided the opportunity.
4. 95% of students in grades 7 – 12 are law-abiding citizens without citation for a misdemeanor or a felony:
 - a. Misdemeanor offenses at the 7 - 12 level are for tobacco, alcohol, and assault.
 - b. Felony offenses at the 7 - 12 level for larceny, drug possession, or assault.

This interpretation is reasonable as the US Census Bureau, Department of Commerce reports 53.4% of 18 year olds were registered to vote in 2008. Further, the Tufts University, Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) reports 52% of 18 – 29 year olds voted in 2008.

This interpretation is reasonable as “citation” does not necessarily mean convicted. Most “citations” are handled pre-trial and juvenile records are sealed. This means our ability to track consequences is limited. Most larceny cases in schools involve electronic devices and cash – usually in the locker room areas. Regardless of value of the item or cash it is considered a felony offense because it occurred in a public building. Source of information is the Kent County Sheriff School Resource Officer at the high school.

Data Reported:

1. 63% of high school students are involved in service activities organized by the school staff or in “non-school” related service/volunteering.
2. 100% of students who turned 18 during the 2009/10 school year were provided the opportunity at school to register to vote. The high school has a staff member who works with Plainfield Township Registrar.
3. As of January 6, 2012, 100% of the eligible students have registered to vote.
4. 98.7% of students in grades 7 – 12 are law-abiding citizens without citation for a misdemeanor or a felony. Currently 1,818 students are enrolled in grades 7 – 12 (including East Campus Alternative).

Year	Misdemeanor	Felony	% of Population
2010/11	15	10	25/1,818 = 1.3%
2009/10	27	17	44/1,809 = 2.4%
2008/09	24	9	33/1,800 = 1.8%

Conclusion Statement:

The organization met expectations.

Policy Language 4.6.2

Graduating students function in partnership with their parents/guardians and children.

Interpretation:

I interpret this to mean:

1. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate their school offers opportunities for my family to become involved in school activities and my learning.**
2. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate my school I can participate in activities that interest me.**
3. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - parents (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate our school communicates effectively about the school goals and activities.**
4. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - parents (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate our school provides opportunities for stakeholders to be involved in the school.**

5. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - parents (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate all of my child’s teachers help me understand my child’s progress.**
6. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - parents (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate all of my child’s teachers keep me informed regularly of how my child is being graded.**
7. 100% of schools offer parent involvement activities on a monthly basis either at school or in written form in monthly newsletters.
8. At the high school level, all students identified as needing interventions for academic or social reasons have had a staff member contact their parents. Contacts are noted on Flights.

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Data Reported:

1. 3.75 average - students indicated their school offers opportunities for my family to become involved in school activities and my learning.
2. 4.05 average - students indicated at my school I can participate in activities that interest me.
3. 3.70 average – parents indicated our school communicates effectively about the school goals and activities.
4. 3.74 average – parents indicated our school provides opportunities for stakeholders to be involved in the school.
5. 3.57 average – parents indicated all of my child’s teachers help me understand my child’s progress.
6. 3.44 average – parents indicated all of my child’s teachers keep me informed regularly of how my child is being graded.

7. 100% of schools offer parent involvement activities on a monthly basis at school or in newsletters. Evidence is seen in the monthly newsletters and the calendars of school events as published at individual schools and on the district calendar on the web page.
8. At the high school level, 100% of students identified as needing interventions for academic or social reasons have had a staff member contact their parents. Contacts are listed on Flights.

Conclusion Statement:

The organization met expectations.

Policy Language 4.6.3

Graduating students have the ability to identify learning styles and strengths.

Interpretation:

I interpret this to mean:

1. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate my school gives me multiple assessments to check my understanding of what was taught.**
2. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate computers are up-to-date and used by teachers to help me learn.**
3. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate all of my teachers provide me challenging curriculum and learning experiences.**
4. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate all of my teachers change their teaching to meet my learning needs.**
5. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate all of my teachers provide me with information about my learning and grades.**
6. 95% of 8th grade students have participated in at least one job shadow experience.
7. 95% of graduating seniors have participated in at least two job shadow experiences.
8. 70% of high school students participate in extra-curricular clubs, organizations, or activities.

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Data Reported:

1. 4.10 average - students indicated my school gives me multiple assessments to check my understanding of what was taught.
2. 3.73 average - students indicated computers are up-to-date and used by teachers to help me learn.
3. 3.96 average - students indicated all of my teachers provide me challenging curriculum and learning experiences.
4. 3.21 average - students indicated all of my teachers change their teaching to meet my learning needs.
5. 3.91 average - students indicated all of my teachers provide me with information about my learning and grades.
6. 100% of 8th grade students have participated in at least one job shadow experience.

2010 Job Shadow 8 th Grade	2011 Job Shadow 8 th Grade
100%	100%

7. 100% of the 2011 high school graduates participated in at least two job shadow experiences.

2010 Job Shadow 12 th Grade	2011 Job Shadow 12 th Grade
100%	100%

8. 78% of 2011 graduates participated in Co-curricular clubs, organizations, or activities.

2010 Co-Curricular Participation	2011 Co-Curricular Participation
72%	78%

Conclusion Statement:

The organization met expectations.

Policy Language 4.6 Global

Students have critical life skills necessary for future success.

Interpretation:

I interpret this to mean:

1. All 8th grade students create individualized Educational Development Plans (EDP). Plans are revised and reviewed annually during high school by the student and their respective counselor.
2. 95% of graduating students have an EDP which includes:
 - a. examples of community service, volunteerism, or participation in extra-curricular activities.
 - b. examples of a minimum of two job shadow or internship experiences.
3. 80% of high school students' performance on the Northview High School Employability Skills Rubric are rated Consistently (3) or Usually (2) meeting.
4. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate in my school programs and services are available to help me succeed.**
5. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate in my school a high quality education is offered.**
6. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate my school provides me challenging curriculum and learning experiences.**
7. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate my school prepares me to deal with issues I may face in the future.**
8. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - students (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate in my school students help each other even if they are not friends.**

9. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - parents (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate our school has established goals and a plan for improving student learning.**
10. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - parents (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate all of my child's teachers work as a team to help my child learn.**
11. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - parents (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate my child sees a relationship between what is being taught and his/her every day life.**
12. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - parents (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate my child has access to support services based on his/her identified needs.**
13. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - parents (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate our school provides students with access to a variety of information resources to support their learning.**
14. **3.0 average or higher response on a 5 point Likert scale - parents (grades 5 – 12) responding to a survey indicate our school provides excellent support services (e.g. counseling, career planning).**

This interpretation is reasonable as the National Center for Education Statistics (1998 – most recent study) indicates students who volunteer in high school are twice as likely to continue volunteering after high school. NCES states that 43% of high school students participate in volunteer activities. Further, the US Department of Education (2000 – most recent study) that 41.5% of high school students nationally participate in volunteer activities. The 2000 US Census indicates 55.5% of high school students volunteer in service activities in or out of school. 70% is well above the national averages for volunteering.

Further, the 80% performance level on the Employability Skills Rubric is a baseline data point for the first monitoring report. Employability Skills Rubric is aligned with the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and the guidelines from the Workforce Development Council and the guidelines from the Workforce Development Council guidelines for desired characteristics of graduates as they enter the world of work.

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Data Reported:

1. 100% of 8th grade students have an EDP.

2010 EDP 8 th Grade	2011 EDP 8 th Grade
100%	100%

2. 100% of 2011 graduates had an EDP with the required components.

2010 EDP Graduates	2011 EDP Graduates
95%	100%

3. 88.1% of the 2011 graduates were rated a 3 or a 2 on the Employability Skills Rubric.

2010 Rated 3 or 2	2011 Rated 3 or 2
85.7%	88.1%

4. 4.04 average - students indicated in my school programs and services are available to help me succeed.
5. 4.10 average - students indicated in my school a high quality education is offered.
6. 3.96 average - students indicated my school provides me challenging curriculum and learning experiences.
7. 3.86 average - students indicated my school prepares me to deal with issues I may face in the future.
8. 4.10 average - students indicated in my school students help each other even if they are not friends.
9. 3.74 average – parents indicated our school has established goals and a plan for improving student learning.
10. 3.15 average – parents indicated all of my child’s teachers work as a team to help my child learn.
11. 3.22 average – parents indicated my child sees a relationship between what is being taught and his/her every day life.
12. 3.73 average – parents indicated my child has access to support services based on his/her identified needs.

13.3.89 average – parents indicated our school provides students with access to a variety of information resources to support their learning.

14.3.69 average – parents indicated our school provides excellent support services (e.g. counseling, career planning).

Conclusion Statement:

The organization met expectations.

APPROVED: February 13, 2012