

INTERNAL MONITORING REPORT

February 11, 2013

Policy: 4.6 Productive Member of Society

Policy Category: Ends

Period Monitored: February 13, 2012 – February 11, 2013

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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Date: February 11, 2013

Policy Language 4.6.1

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. 45% 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 2011/12 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. 97.5% of students in grades 7 – 12 are law-abiding citizens without citation for a misdemeanor or a felony. Currently 1,794 students are enrolled in grades 7 – 12 (including East Campus Alternative).

Year	Misdemeanor	Felony	% of Population
2011/12	27	18	45/1,794 = 2.5%
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 except for #1 – service activities which fell below the established benchmark of 85%. A 5% gain is expected by February 2014.

Policy Language 4.6.2

Staff and students function in partnership with the student’s parents/guardians.

Interpretation:

I interpret this to mean:

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1. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate their school offers opportunities for my family to become involved in school activities and my learning.
2. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate my school I can participate in activities that interest me.

All parent responses are scored on a 5 point Likert Scale and our standard is 3.0.

3. Parents responding to a survey indicate our school communicates effectively about the school goals and activities.
4. Parents responding to a survey indicate our school provides opportunities for stakeholders to be involved in the school.
5. Parents responding to a survey indicate all of my child’s teachers help me understand my child’s progress.
6. Parents 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. Students indicated their school offers opportunities for my family to become involved in school activities and my learning.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	3.75	3.51
Grades 3-5	NA	2.62

2. Students indicated at my school I can participate in activities that interest me.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	4.05	3.92
Grades 3-5	NA	2.9

3. Parents indicated our school communicates effectively about the school goals and activities.

2011	2012
3.70	4.19

4. Parents indicated our school provides opportunities for stakeholders to be involved in the school.

2011	2012
3.74	4.06

5. Parents indicated all of my child's teachers help me understand my child's progress.

2011	2012
3.57	4.17

6. Parents indicated all of my child's teachers keep me informed regularly of how my child is being graded.

2011	2012
3.44	3.95

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

Students can identify and demonstrate learning styles and strengths.

Interpretation:

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1. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate my school gives me multiple assessments to check my understanding of what was taught.
2. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate computers are up-to-date and used by teachers to help me learn.
3. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate all of my teachers provide me challenging curriculum and learning experiences.
4. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate all of my teachers change their teaching to meet my learning needs.
5. Students (grades 3 – 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. Students indicated my school gives me multiple assessments to check my understanding of what was taught.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	4.10	3.93
Grades 3-5	NA	2.89

2. Students indicated computers are up-to-date and used by teachers to help me learn.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	3.73	3.82
Grades 3-5	NA	2.95

3. Students indicated all of my teachers provide me challenging curriculum and learning experiences.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	3.96	3.85
Grades 3-5	NA	2.98

4. Students indicated all of my teachers change their teaching to meet my learning needs.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	3.21	3.17
Grades 3-5	NA	2.90

5. Students indicated all of my teachers provide me with information about my learning and grades.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	3.91	3.90
Grades 3-5	NA	2.80

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	2012 Job Shadow 8 th Grade
100%	100%	100%

- 36% 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	2012 Job Shadow 12 th Grade
100%	100%	36%

- 62% of 2012 graduates participated in Co-curricular clubs, organizations, or activities.

2010 Co-Curricular Participation	2011 Co-Curricular Participation	2012 Co-curricular Participation
72%	78%	62%

Conclusion Statement:

The organization met expectations except for #7 job shadow and #8 co-curricular. A 5% gain is expected in both areas by February 2014.

Policy Language 4.6.4 – This is new policy language

Students are culturally sensitive and ethically aware.

Interpretation:

I interpret this to mean:

- 85% of high school students are rated a 3 or a 2 on the Employability Skills Rubric in the area of “Effectively collaborates and communicates with diverse populations.
- 85% of high school students are rated a 3 or a 2 on the Employability Skills Rubric in the area of Exhibits Professionalism.

This interpretation is reasonable as the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce has identified these two areas as desirable qualities in employees. Further, the Chamber values those employees who can work with diverse populations. Additionally, they define “exhibits professionalism” as including a sound ethical base for decision making and work place behaviors.

This is a crude measure and baseline for this monitoring report as this was new language approved by the Board of Education.

Data Reported:

1. 98.2% of high school students were rated a 3 or a 2.
2. 96% of high school students were rated a 3 or a 2.

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.

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4. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate in my school programs and services are available to help me succeed.
5. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate in my school a high quality education is offered.
6. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate my school provides me challenging curriculum and learning experiences.
7. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate my school prepares me to deal with issues I may face in the future.
8. Students (grades 3 – 12) responding to a survey indicate in my school students help each other even if they are not friends.

All parent responses are scored on a 5 point Likert Scale and our standard is 3.0.

9. Parents responding to a survey indicate our school has established goals and a plan for improving student learning.
10. Parents responding to a survey indicate all of my child's teachers work as a team to help my child learn.
11. Parents responding to a survey indicate my child sees a relationship between what is being taught and his/her every day life.
12. Parents responding to a survey indicate my child has access to support services based on his/her identified needs.
13. Parents responding to a survey indicate our school provides students with access to a variety of information resources to support their learning.
14. Parents 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 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	2012 EDP 8 th Grade
100%	100%	100%

2. 96% of 2012 graduates had an EDP with the required components.

2010 EDP Graduates	2011 EDP Graduates	2012 EDP Graduates
95%	100%	96%

3. 86.05% of the 2012 graduates were rated a 3 or a 2 on the Employability Skills Rubric.

2010 Rated 3 or 2	2011 Rated 3 or 2	2012 Rated 3 or 2
85.7%	88.1%	86.05%

4. Students indicated in my school programs and services are available to help me succeed.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	4.04 average	4.04
Grades 3.5	NA	2.93

5. Students indicated my school provides a high quality education is offered.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	4.10 average	4.08
Grades 3-5	NA	2.90

6. Students indicated my school provides me challenging curriculum and learning experiences.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	3.96 average	3.85
Grades 3-5	NA	2.98

7. Students indicated my school prepares me to deal with issues I may face in the future.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	3.86 average	3.71
Grades 3-5	NA	2.89

8. Students indicated in my school students help each other even if they are not friends.

	2011	2012
Grades 6-12	4.10 average	2.94
Grades 3-5	NA	2.84

9. Parents indicated our school has established goals and a plan for improving student learning.

2011	2012
3.74 average	4.23

10. Parents indicated all of my child's teachers work as a team to help my child learn.

2011	2012
3.15 average	3.99

11. Parents indicated my child sees a relationship between what is being taught and his/her every day life.

2011	2012
3.22 average	3.95

12. Parents indicated my child has access to support services based on his/her identified needs.

2011	2012
3.73 average	3.89

13. Parents indicated our school provides students with access to a variety of information resources to support their learning.

2011	2012
3.89 average	4.20

14. Parents indicated our school provides excellent support services (e.g. counseling, career planning).

2011	2012
3.69 average	3.91

Conclusion Statement:

The organization met expectations except for #8. A .2 increase for grades 6-12 is expected by February 2014.

APPROVED: February 11, 2013