

## GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Each and Every Child, Each and Every Day

# Brownell 2011-12 Annual Report

## Introduction

Brownell's 665 students completed a successful school year as evidenced by the many accomplishments listed below. Our "Brownell Points of Pride" were due to the diligent work of teachers, support staff, and parent volunteers.

Students in all three grade levels were honored and recognized for outstanding achievement in academics and citizenship.

Students participated in many academic contests, including: Letters about Literature, America and Me Essay Contest, Social Studies Geography Bee, You Be the Chemist Competition, and Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Awards. Band, orchestra, and vocal music students earned superior ratings at local, state, and national adjudicated music competitions.

Brownell has three Student Service Organizations: Student Council, NJHS (National Junior Honor Society), and STAND (Students Taking a New Direction). Our Student Council raised money and purchased items for our new Multi-Purpose Room, digital hallway clocks, and technology for a new English computer writing lab. Our STAND organization sponsored various drug free activities including a Haunted House, fundraisers that supported Sweet Dreamzz, Race for the Cure, Leukemia and Lymphoma research, and Children's Hospital. An anti-smoking program was also presented to the student body. STAND and GEAR up (Green Education Action Recreation) also initiated a "Go Green- Re-use and recycle program."

A wide variety of extra-curricular activities (basketball, volleyball, track, swimming, wrestling, Yearbook, Jazz Band, Bridge Club, Drama Production, Art Club, and Zumba) provide opportunities for students to explore areas of interest.

Brownell teachers tutor students in an after school Homework Help Program three days a week.

The Brownell PTO donated services and financial support for grade level curriculum enhancements, extra-curricular activities, and Multi-Purpose Room additions.

Seventh grade students scored in the top 1%, for the entire state, on the 2010 MEAP Writing Test.



### Mission Statement

The mission of the Brownell Middle School Community is to improve education opportunities for students.

### Student Average Attendance Rate: 97.5%

### Percentage of Parents Participating in Parent-Teacher Conferences:

2011-12  
91.9% (611 Students)

2010-11  
92.6% (609 Students)

### Education Yes! Report Card

#### The School made AYP and is a Reward School

For 2011-12, Brownell made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and was named a Reward School. Our school is in the top 5% of all Michigan schools on combined measures of student achievement and student growth in the tested subjects. Our Michigan Report Card grade is an A.

### Nondiscrimination Statement

Grosse Pointe Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin or other factors.



## Assignment of Studies

The Board has determined attendance areas and students shall be expected to attend school within that area. A parent may request a transfer or appeal a placement decision on behalf of their student.

The principal shall be responsible for assigning students to classes. In the elementary schools, the principal, in determining the grade level for any new student, may take into consideration the previous schooling of the student but may assign the student to a lower grade level or higher grade level, if in the principal's judgment such an assignment would be in the best interest of the student. In middle school and high school students will be assigned to counselors, classes and instructors by the building principal.

The district also has in place policies and guidelines which guide promotion and retention.

## FERPA Notice

Grosse Pointe Public Schools may, upon request, release the following directory information: student name, address, participation in school activities, date of school attendance, honors and awards, information generally found in year-books, and student name, addresses and telephone numbers when requested by military recruiters. Grosse Pointe Public Schools also publishes student information via school sponsored or school-related media, including activities of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

Parents or students, 18 years or older, who do not wish this information made public should complete the Public Use-Directory Information Notice Form available at: [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org)

## Core Curriculum

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's core curriculum is developed under the auspices of the Educational Programs Leadership Council (EPLC), a group of teachers, parents, students, and administrators who meet monthly.

The core curriculum is based upon state standards in all subjects and extends beyond those by incorporating exemplary national standards. The reports of the curriculum committees, which are submitted first to the EPLC and then to the Board of Education, include recommendations regarding assessment, staff development, integration of technology, and differentiated instruction to accommodate academic diversity as well as the curriculum itself. The district also offers a wide array of advanced placement and challenging enrichment courses and a comprehensive special education program.

The 2011-12 school year brought many plans and changes to the K-5 English language arts curriculum. All elementary students will have learned specific reading comprehension strategies through a program called *Making Meaning*. Please ask your elementary child to talk to you about the stories their teacher is reading to them, and the questions they are asking about the stories. Elementary teachers began training on teaching reading to students, through the Reader's Workshop approach. Staff development will begin again in September and continue on throughout the 2012-13 school year. The continued implementation and training in Reader's Workshop is part of a three-year plan to develop readers and writers in our elementary students for their success in the challenging curriculum they will be facing at the middle and high school levels.

The district's strong curriculum is demonstrated by the continuing high performance of our students on standardized assessments including NWEA, MEAP, ACT, SAT, and Advanced Placement tests.



## School Improvement Plan

1. Students will become more proficient in writing achievement across the curriculum.
  - Increase the total number of students achieving a proficient score on the Grosse Pointe Writing and MEAP Tests.
2. Students will become more proficient in the areas of conceptual and computational math benchmarks.
  - Increase the total number of students achieving a proficient score on the MEAP math test. Increase the number of students who are on track to be college ready on the ACT/Explore test.
3. Students will become more proficient readers and effectively read and communicate across all fiction, non-fiction, analytical genres and curriculum content areas.
  - Increase the total number of students who achieve one year's growth on the NWEA Reading Test. Increase the number of students who are on track to be college ready on the ACT/Explore test.
4. Students will empower themselves to be accountable for their personal learning and positive behavior.
  - Increase the total number of students who meet testing benchmarks, follow established student behavior guidelines, and appear on academic and citizenship honor rolls.

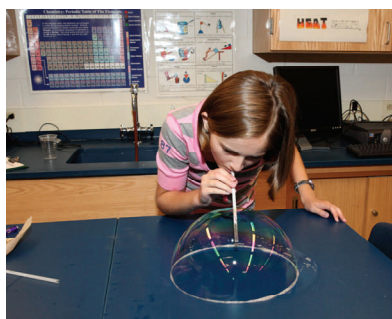
The Brownell School Improvement Plan includes strategies and objectives that are aligned with the district and school mission. Staff development is an integral component of the ongoing school improvement process.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MEAP)

MEAP READING TEST											
Grade 6 Percentage Achieving SATISFACTORY				Grade 7 Percentage Achieving SATISFACTORY				Grade 8 Percentage Achieving SATISFACTORY			
Year	All	Female	Male	Year	All	Female	Male	Year	All	Female	Male
11-12	88%	92%	83%	11-12	90%	91%	89%	11-12	86%	91%	81%
10-11	90%	91%	89%	10-11	85%	85%	86%	10-11	82%	77%	87%
09-10	86%	89%	84%	09-10	80%	80%	80%	09-10	79%	86%	71%

MEAP MATHEMATICS TEST											
Grade 6 Percentage Achieving SATISFACTORY				Grade 7 Percentage Achieving SATISFACTORY				Grade 8 Percentage Achieving SATISFACTORY			
Year	All	Female	Male	Year	All	Female	Male	Year	All	Female	Male
11-12	76%	75%	77%	11-12	77%	75%	79%	11-12	63%	65%	61%
10-11	77%	72%	80%	10-11	77%	83%	71%	10-11	49%	41%	57%
09-10	71%	77%	65%	09-10	66%	68%	64%	09-10	39%	36%	41%

MEAP SCIENCE – Grade 8 Percentage Achieving SATISFACTORY			
Year	All	Female	Male
11-12	36%	31%	41%
10-11	20%	14%	26%
09-10	19%	18%	21%



MEAP WRITING – Grade 7 Percentage Achieving SATISFACTORY			
Year	All	Female	Male
11-12	85%	91%	80%
10-11	83%	87%	79%

MEAP SOCIAL STUDIES Grade 6 Percentage Achieving SATISFACTORY			
Year	All	Female	Male
11-12	66%	61%	71%
10-11	62%	55%	68%
09-10	67%	67%	68%



**NOTE:** MEAP Data is not reported by Racial/Ethnic minority group, Special Education, or Economically Disadvantaged because no group is significantly large enough to report MEAP results without revealing the identity of individual students.

2011-12 MEAP Percentage of Students Tested								
Grade	MEAP READING	MEAP WRITING	MEAP MATH	MEAP SCIENCE	MEAP Social Studies	Total Read with Other Tests	Total Math with Other Tests	Total Science with Other Tests
6	97%	Not Tested	97%	Not Tested	99%	100%	100%	Not Tested
7	98%	98%	98%	Not Tested	Not Tested	100%	100%	Not Tested
8	97%	Not Tested	95%	98%	Not Tested	100%	98%	100%

**NOTE:** Total with Other Tests refers to the percentage tested with either MEAP, MI-ACCESS or MEAP-ACCESS (alternative state tests) in each test area.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (cont.)

### GROSSE POINTE WRITING

Percentage of Students Achieving SATISFACTORY									
Year	Grade 6			Grade 7			Grade 8		
	All	F	M	All	F	M	All	F	M
11-12	72.1%	82.0%	62.0%	78.9%	83.6%	74.6%	92.1%	93.5%	90.6%
10-11	74.1%	86.9%	62.4%	89.1%	96.2%	81.3%	89.4%	90.3%	88.7%
09-10	85.4%	91.3%	78.9%	76.4%	83.7%	70.2%	88.7%	93.5%	84.2%

Grade 6-8 — Satisfactory includes scores of 4 through 7.

### NORTHWEST EVALUATION ASSOCIATION (NWEA )

Average Percentile Achieved by Brownell Students (on National Norms)

Percentile READING Spring					Percentile MATH Spring		
Grade	Year	All	Female	Male	All	Female	Male
6	11-12	67	68	66	69	69	69
	10-11	72	73	70	74	67	80
	09-10	74	77	71	74	74	74
7	11-12	72	73	71	72	67	76
	10-11	76	77	75	75	76	75
	09-10	76	75	76	68	62	73
8	11-12	73	75	70	73	73	73
	10-11	75	75	75	69	65	73
	09-10	69	73	65	66	65	68

**NOTE:** A percentile is the percentage of students in a national norms group who scored at or below a particular score.

