

ARBOR ACADEMY

TUITION FREE CHARTER SCHOOL

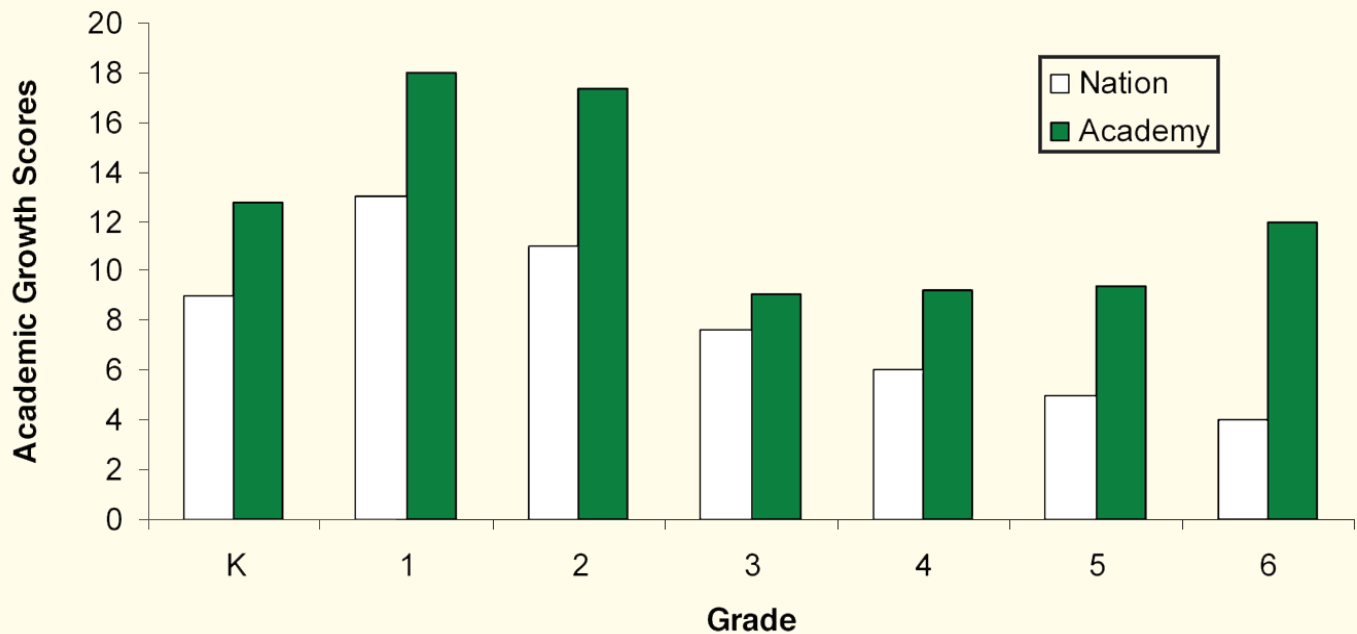
PROGRESS REPORT

Dear Parents,

We want to inform you of the progress our students have made during this 2007-2008 school year. We constantly review each student's learning progress to be certain that we are "on track." One way we do this is by employing a widely used and nationally validated achievement test. The Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress test is administered throughout the United States to millions of children annually, both at the beginning, and at the end of the school year. Our students have just completed the spring test and we can now judge the results of our students' and our teachers' efforts this school year.

Exceeding Expectations!

ARBOR STUDENTS COMPARED TO THE NATION'S STUDENTS



The Spring 2008 test results indicate that in every grade, our students demonstrate greater academic growth than students across the nation.

Congratulations to our students, our teachers, and our parents!

ENROLLMENT INVITATION

Kindergarten - Sixth Grade

Dear Parents,

Let us explain how our public charter school is prepared to provide your child the high quality education usually offered only at a private school academy.

•We begin with a cheerful, orderly, and safe environment

We are constructing our campus with separate classroom buildings that are small enough to foster personal attention and age appropriate guidance for all children.

•Add a carefully planned curriculum

We know that to accomplish any important goal, there must be a detailed and complete plan, or blueprint, to guide our efforts. The Academy has developed such a plan over the last 20 years through our program of instruction and research on early childhood learning. By incorporating the State of Michigan curriculum guidelines, we have a learning blueprint that substantially exceeds state requirements. The plan includes a large series of specific performance objectives for **language, mathematics, science, social studies, conduct, health and art**. Our curriculum is all of the materials and experiences we arrange to foster the mastery of specific performance objectives.

•Double the teaching staff

We provide a **certified teacher for each 10 children** to make certain that every child is provided constant opportunities for learning guidance. There is ample supervision and assistance available for each child, whether to foster accelerated learning or guarantee that any child needing extra help - has that help when necessary.

•Coordinate learning at school with parent guidance at home

Parents receive a Weekly Student Progress Report, detailing the performance objectives introduced and practiced that week. This allows parents to always know what skills are developing so they can support this learning with their child at home.

•Assure quality instruction

A key feature of our program is a set of management practices that help guarantee that each child is receiving appropriate and effective guidance. **We employ an independent learning performance assessment staff**. These monitors check the progress of every student continuously throughout the year to make certain that 1) each child is making expected progress, 2) the child's teacher is accurately tracking progress, and 3) any child requiring special assistance for accelerated or remedial guidance is recognized. In this way, we can prevent "slipping behind" or "boredom" for every child. At the beginning and end of the school year, nationally validated achievement tests are administered. This information lets our staff and our parents know how our school, each grade, and each classroom is progressing - as compared with other schools throughout Michigan and across the United States.

•Take our parents' opinions seriously

Each parent receives a detailed questionnaire several times each year. Their responses provide essential communication helping to assure that everyone works together and stays on track. **Our parents have been universally enthusiastic and supportive in their replies this year.**

If you would like to join with other families who care especially for their children's education, we would be pleased to have you join us.

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