

WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Each year, the high school students are required by the state to participate in the Michigan Merit Examination (MME).

Based on the results from last year, Willow Run High School did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) and has therefore been designated as "in need of improvement" as set forth by the requirements of the No Child Left Behind legislation. The high school did not make AYP due to graduation rate and attendance. The high school did make Safe Harbor for gains in achievement on the MME.

Because we did not meet the graduation rate standard we are still in the D-Alert status and are in the first year of implementation of the school restructuring plan.

In light of this finding, our school has taken the following steps toward improving our status:

- Restructuring WRHS to use the New Tech model of project based learning, beginning with the 9th and 10th grade students in September 2011.
- Continuing Curriculum and assessment alignment with the state content expectations.
- Providing professional development opportunities for staff in the areas of Equity, Literacy and Mathematics.
- Providing opportunities for students to participate in after-school tutoring.
- Implementing a STEMM Academy (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine) over the next year.

Additionally, because the Willow Run High School has been identified for restructuring, federal law requires the district to notify you of the transfer option and provide transportation for your child to a neighboring school that is not identified for improvement, based on AYP.

Unfortunately, at this time, none of our neighboring high schools participating in the transfer option meet the qualifications established by the federal law for AYP. Additionally, **if eligible**, you will receive information pertaining to supplemental tutoring services – provided by an outside state approved agency.

Our student scores in comparison to the state are indicated on the chart that follows:

2011 MME Score Comparison Willow Run High School vs. State

	Level 4-not proficient		Level 3-partially proficient		Level 2-proficient		Level 1-advanced	
	WRHS	State	WRHS	State	WRHS	State	WRHS	State
Reading	31%	14%	29%	22%	38%	60%	1%	3%
Writing	16%	8%	68%	45%	14%	42%	1%	5%
Math	62%	33%	18%	15%	18%	39%	3%	13%
Science	46%	24%	25%	15%	29%	52%	0%	9%
Social Studies	16%	8%	25%	15%	47%	36%	12%	41%

The success of all of our students is very important to us. We have therefore enlisted the assistance of Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Eastern Michigan University, The University of Michigan, and The State of Michigan Department of Education in our efforts to improve the quality of education in the district. We also value your participation as partners in educating your children and look forward to working with you during the 2011-2012 school year. We will make every attempt to fulfill our commitment to you and your child through the continuous review and modifications of programs to insure that all students are successful.

If you have questions in regard to this notification, please contact Mrs. Laura Frey-Greathouse, District Title I Coordinator at (734) 961-6050.

Sincerely,



Kelly Webb
Principal, Willow Run High School