

BAY-ARENAC COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Annual Report 2010-2011

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Since 1989, Bay-Arenac Community High School has operated from the Essexville campus of St. John Catholic Church, leasing a two-story brick building that currently houses 5 academic classrooms, a computer lab, a childcare center, and a work experience program. In 1995, Bay-Arenac Community High School became a public school academy - a charter school. Chartered by the Bay Arenac ISD, Community High School has grown continually in an attempt to meet the needs of Bay and Arenac Counties' at-risk teen-age population.

Bay-Arenac Community High School began operations in 1985, when it was known as the Alternative High School. Operated by the Bay Arenac ISD, the Alternative High School served approximately 35 at-risk students and operated with three teachers. A name change occurred in 1992, when a committee of students approached the director with a proposal to become Bay-Arenac COMMUNITY High School - a name they felt better represented the true make up of the students attending.

SENIOR MOMENTS

The graduating class of 2011 chose a day of sun and fun at Sanford Lake for their Senior trip. Students were accompanied by Mrs. Miner and Dan and enjoyed lunch and swimming. Jordan Capp-Gallandt and Courtney Tacey were chosen to represent Bay-Arenac Community High School in TV 5's Best of the Class. The annual Awards Assembly, with a senior presentation emceed by Ryan, was full of honors and laughs. Continuing with traditional activities, a BACHS staff member wrote and read a personal letter to each graduating senior during graduation ceremonies held in January and in June at Garber High School's auditorium.

Education YES! and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

Bay Arenac Community High School did not make AYP for 2010-2011 and did not receive an Education YES! Grade for 2010-2011. In 2010 we did not make AYP in Math due to a high percentage of non-proficient test scores. Proficiency in Math scores increased significantly in 2011. Although we reached proficiency in both Math and Reading for 2011, we did not meet the requirements of 80% graduation rate and therefore did not make AYP for 2011.

GRADUATION RATES

BACHS has graduated a total of 670 students, including seven at the January ceremony, 13 in the June ceremony and one summer graduate during 2011. (The Michigan Department of Education graduation rate for the BACHS 2011 cohort is currently under review by MDE. Initial estimates between CEPI and BACHS place the 4 year average at between 38 and 70 percent.)

OUR MISSION

To provide a positive community for students to participate in learning the skills necessary for attaining personally meaningful lives which are economically productive and socially responsible.

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MME RESULTS (1, 2 or 3)	2010	2011
Reading	100%	80%
Writing	93%	80%
Math	27%	40%
Science	54%	60%
Social Studies	93%	80%

Michigan Merit Exam Results 2010

100% of the nine eligible 11th graders along with six seniors completed all sections of the MME. 12 students scored proficient/nearly proficient on Reading, 12 scored proficient/nearly proficient on Writing, nine scored proficient in Social Studies and three scored as advanced in Social Studies. Six scored proficient/nearly proficient in Math and nine were proficient/nearly proficient in Science.

MME Levels

One =Advanced Two =Proficient
Three =Partially Proficient Four =Not Proficient

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- ◆ Parishioners of St. John Catholic Church; for baby items for teen parents and the child care center
- ◆ The Staff at the Bay-Arenac ISD; for the carloads of presents for families at Christmas
- ◆ The American Chemical Society, specifically Mr. John Blizzard, for numerous donations of time, energy, money, talent, supplies and equipment
- ◆ AT&T Foundation; for backpacks of school supplies
- ◆ Wisner United Methodist Church; for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and gifts
- ◆ Sunrise Credit Union; for school supplies and Staff Welcome Back Breakfast
- ◆ Barb Skowronski; for her yearly donations of books

DUAL ENROLLMENT/Early Graduation

Two Community High School students were eligible for dual enrollment during 2010-2011. One of these students chose early graduation from high school and enrolled at Delta as a full time student in January of 2011. The other eligible student did not choose dual enrollment. BACHS had one additional early graduate in January of 2011.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Bay-Arenac Community High School, one holds a Secondary Continuing Certificate, three hold Secondary Professional Certificates and one holds a Secondary Provisional Certificate. Twenty percent have provisional certification. All of the teachers employed at Community High School are fully certified in Michigan. Suzanne is Highly Qualified in English, Dan is Highly Qualified in Social Science and Annette is Highly Qualified in Math and English. Bob is Highly Qualified in Science and Mrs. Miner is Highly Qualified in History. Parents desiring additional information about teachers' qualifications should contact the Superintendent of Bay-Arenac Community High School. All tutors at BACHS are highly qualified.

CORE CURRICULUM

BACHS students are ensured equitable access to instruction in the core curricular academics through a continuous effort by all BACHS staff and a semester-by-semester review by the Superintendent and the Director of Academics. NWEA assessment tests are administered to all BACHS students in the fall and again in May. Numerous services are provided at BACHS to help all students achieve including CAI in the computer lab and independent studies offered by all BACHS staff. Tutoring is offered in the BACHS resource room. A 3rd hour academic support class provides tutoring and support for specifically identified students. Additional tutoring is available through BAISD Teacher Consultants and during school Monday through Thursday each week and after electives on Friday.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement opportunities begin with attendance at, and participation in, individual student orientation meetings prior to student enrollment. Parents sign Parent/Student Compacts along with other enrollment forms at that time. In early fall, BACHS offered a Curriculum Night /School Improvement Meeting for parents and visitors to meet the staff and tour the school, and 2 parents attended. Twenty parents (14%) attended fall Student Success Conferences. No parents attended Spring Student Success Conferences. Parents also attend twice yearly Senior Symposium Presentations.

BAY- ARENAC CAREER CENTER

During 2010-2011, 15 students enrolled in fall Career Center classes. Courses completed by BACHS students included Physical Therapy Assistant, Early Childhood, Veterinary Science, Electronics and Auto Body.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

School wide improvement goals for 2010-2011

*To increase reading scores by 20% among all BACHS students, as assessed using NWEA test.

*To increase Math scores by 15% among the Title I eligible students, as assessed using NWEA test RIT scores.

*To increase parent participation in school planning activities and to provide training/support for parents on how to help motivate children to perform well academically.

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

2010-2011

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ryan A. Donlan

Classroom Teachers

Robert Moyer

Sandra Miner

Suzanne Monaghan

Daniel Rossiter

Annette DuRussel

Computer Specialist

Rick Sochacki

Assistant

Superintendent

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Day Treatment

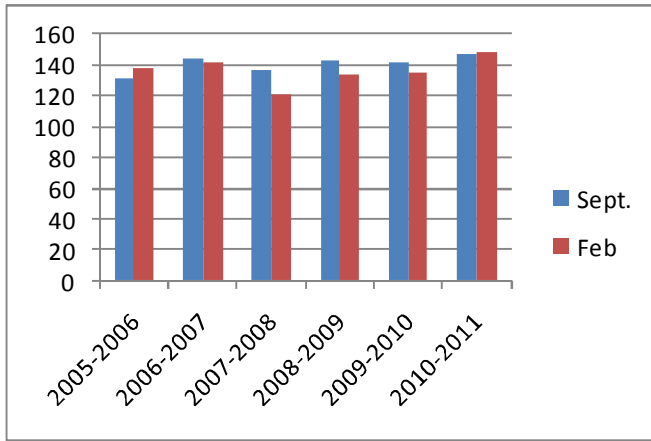
Program (onsite)

Jeff Strohpaal

Al Nelson

Chris Foret





Student Count 1997-2011

YEAR	Sept.	Feb.
1997-1998	108.2	107.3
1998-1999	111.8	116.68
1999-2000	107.63	112
2000-2001	120.87	117
2001-2002	125.57	124.57
2002-2003	125.46	125.28
2003-2004	125.23	123.98
2004-2005	125	124.98
2005-2006	130.95	137.82
2006-2007	144.59	141.85
2007-2008	136	121
2008-2009	142.86	133.5
2009-2010	142	136.5
2010-2011	147	147.56

SAFE SCHOOLS

Community High School collaborates with many area agencies and organizations to ensure that our students have the support services necessary to curb dangerous behaviors. Because of this effort, we have been able to minimize the number of incidents involving drugs, alcohol or violence at BACHS. In 2010-2011 BACHS recorded 1 weapons possession (in car). 6 incidents of illegal possession of alcohol or drugs and one report of cyber-bullying. Public Safety Officers (Fire, EMS and Police) were called for 5 perceived threats to staff or students.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Community High School staff members attended a wide variety of workshops, conferences and seminars during the 2010-2011 school year, some utilizing Title IID funding. The array of topics covered included:

- ◆ Charter School Administration
- ◆ Working with At-Risk Students
- ◆ Pupil Accounting Procedures
- ◆ Blood-borne Pathogens Training
- ◆ School Safety
- ◆ Title One and At-Risk Students
- ◆ School Business Operations
- ◆ Payroll/ Related Personnel Issues
- ◆ A Variety of Academic Subjects including Science, Reading and Math
- ◆ Pupil Accounting/Attendance
- ◆ Curriculum Development

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- ◆ Consumer's Power
- ◆ Boys and Girls Club
- ◆ Delta College
- ◆ Bay City Times
- ◆ Bay County Courts, including the Day Treatment Program
- ◆ Michigan Works!
- ◆ Cat's Meow
- ◆ Bay Area Behavioral Health
- ◆ Bay-Arenac ISD
- ◆ Bay County Health Department
- ◆ Bay County Department of Human Services
- ◆ St. John Catholic Church and School
- ◆ American Chemical Society
- ◆ Mr. John Blizzard
- ◆ Bay Area Community Foundation
- ◆ Essexville Hampton Public Schools
- ◆ Michigan Department of Education
- ◆ AT&T Foundation
- ◆ Sunrise Family Credit Union
- ◆ Region 7 Area Agency on Aging
- ◆ CORY Place
- ◆ Teen Parent Program/Lutheran Child and Family Services
- ◆ Maternal Support/BCHD

RETENTION

Of the 147.32 students counted in February of 2011, 70 were still enrolled in June of 2011.