



## School Annual Education Report (AER) Letter

August 11, 2010

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2009-2010 educational progress for SHAWNEE ORAL/DEAF PROGRAM. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact me for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://grpublicschools.org/annualreports> or you may review a copy at our school.

For 2009-2010, SHAWNEE ORAL/DEAF PROGRAM made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

On the back of this letter, you will find important information about our school from the 2009-2010 school year including:

- Description of our school and the students we serve
- Points of Pride
- Progress toward reaching our school improvement goals
- Parent & Community engagement including parent-teacher conference attendance data
- Links to our school's MEAP, MI-Access, AYP & Teacher Quality data as well as the national & state NAEP results

If you have questions about our school, please contact me or go to our district's website: [www.grpublicschools.org](http://www.grpublicschools.org). We are looking forward to a fantastic new school year for all of our students and staff. Thank you for your interest in our school!

Sincerely,

Principal and Staff  
SHAWNEE ORAL/DEAF PROGRAM

# Shawnee Park

## Oral Deaf Program

**Grades Served: Birth to High School**

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### About The School

A primary goal of the Grand Rapids Oral Deaf Program is to prepare students to be mainstreamed into their neighborhood school as early as possible. The program is located in a regular education elementary school and offers on-site opportunities for mainstreaming from preschool through middle school.

The staff at the Oral Deaf Program is dedicated to the auditory approach for the education of children with hearing loss. Staff members participate in professional development workshops and conferences on a regular basis to stay current on auditory-based teaching strategies and amplification technology.

The Grand Rapids Oral Deaf Program emphasizes hearing and listening as the foundation of learning. In addition to home and classroom programming, the program provides audiology management; social/emotional evaluations and counseling; bilingual interpretation and translation; physical therapy; occupational therapy; psychological evaluations; and support for students mainstreamed into their neighborhood schools.

Ed YES! Grade	AYP Phase	Met AYP
No Grade	0	Yes

### Mission Statement

Shawnee Oral Deaf Program is a program that meets the needs of students with hearing impairments. As a result of focusing on listening and oral language, students develop communication skills that allow them to progress in general education curriculum or a functional curriculum so that they will become independent adults in a "hearing world."



### Points of Pride

- ◇ Six students, ages 7 and under, returned to general education within their local districts
- ◇ 100% parent participation in both parent-teacher conferences
- ◇ Offer monthly Parent Support Groups and Mothers' Coffees, with translator for Spanish speaking families.
- ◇ Attained or surpassed in all areas of the State Standards, based on the 2009 MI-ACCESS
- ◇ PTO Annual Golf Classic raised \$20,000
- ◇ Three teachers became certified by Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Auditory Verbal Educational Specialists.
- ◇ Middle School and High School students volunteer at Kids' Food Basket and St. Anne's Home
- ◇ PTO sponsored three family activities: A fall family fun day at John Ball park; a movie night; a spring picnic at Johnson Park

### School Improvement Goals

#### Reading

Reading Goals/Strategies: All students will have reading comprehension skills equal to or above their language age across the curriculum on classroom, district and state assessments.

#### Mathematics

All students will show improved mastery in the numbers and operations strand of the Extended Grade Level Context Expectations.

#### Science

All students will be able to use inductive and deductive reasoning skills to analyze, evaluate and solve problems, commensurate with their language age.

*The Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that all schools in Michigan report out on several different components. A list of each along with the link to the reports are detailed below:*

- Results of state-administered assessments including MEAP and MI-Access.
- AYP report on our school's status.
- Teacher Quality Data that reports professional qualifications of our teachers.
- NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) assessment administered to a representative sample of schools.

<http://grpublicschools.org/shawneeoraldeafaer>

### Parent & Community Engagement

Shawnee Park provides a variety of opportunities for parents. Parent education nights, monthly triangle times, parent support meeting and dinners, mothers' coffees, an active PTO, and a number of volunteer opportunities.

### Parent-Teacher Conference Attendance

Fall	Spring
100%	100%