

**ANNUAL REPORT ON CURRICULUM,  
INSTRUCTION, AND STUDENT  
PERFORMANCE**

**FALL 2009  
Hills-Beaver Creek School District #671**

## **Purpose**

This report's purpose is to inform the residents of the Hills-Beaver Creek school district that the school district is challenging students to meet the changes set forth by the No Child Left Behind Legislation (NCLB). It also provides information on student progress, school accountability and improvement efforts. This accountability report is published on an annual basis and reflects board policy aligned with state and national educational efforts. The Hills-Beaver Creek Board of Education acts upon this report in September annually.

## **District Advisory Committee Members, Terms, Selection, and Application Date**

The advisory committee is a cross section of people from all levels of school personnel, community members, Board of Education Representatives, and support staff. Terms are on an annual basis. Committee membership is solicited annually in the fall to serve for that current school year.

Current members of the District Advisory Committee: Heidi Gehrke, Heather Erickson, Vonnie Baker, Lois Boeve, Lois DeHaan, Glenda Kuehl, Sue Stueven, Lois Leenderts, Holly Mulder, Shelly Fischer, Michele Baker, Don Bosshart, Dan Ellingson, Ann Boeve, Todd Holthaus, Steve Wiertzema, David Deragisch and Senior High Student Council President and Vice-President will serve as our student representatives.

If you would like to become a member of the District Advisory Committee, please contact Todd Holthaus prior to December 1, 2009 at 507-673-2541.

## **Staff Development**

The mission of the school district's staff development committee is to review, interpret, develop and recommend systematic improvement plans for the H-BC School District. This objective is met through the staff development process. The Staff Development Committee establishes goals for district improvement. The following goals were established for this year:

### **Board of Education Goal**

100% of Hills Beaver Creek students will meet Adequate Yearly Progress by the year 2014.

2. Continue to utilize the Professional Learning Communities to further professional development and practice.

### **H-BC Elementary School 2008-2009 Goals**

1. Develop strategies and interventions for those students who are deficient in areas through the Response To Intervention (RTI)

### **H-BC High School 2008-2009 Goals**

1. Implementation of strategies to assist students with the MCA II tests.
2. Revisit standards embedded in curricular areas, especially science grades 5/8 and 10.

- Investigate the contract for grades concept.

**Educational Assistant 2008-2009 Goals**

Focus on Aimsweb Assessment Training.

**Program Improvement Process (PIP)**

As part of a continuous improvement plan to increase student learning, curricular areas go through a program improvement process (PIP). The intent of this process is to review and revise PreK-12 curriculum and programs.

***Phase One***

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemble study team, may include representative educators, administrators, Curriculum Advisory committee Members.</li> <li>Conduct needs assessment to assess current program and/or resources and allocate possible budget.</li> <li>Review student achievement data, including Curriculum Based Measures (CBMs), Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) and Basic Skills Test (BST) results and NWEA MAP results.</li> <li>Access best practice research (e.g. visit sites with exemplary programs, attend conferences, review current research).</li> <li>Review and/or update program purpose and beliefs.</li> <li>Develop quality program standards that reflect diverse perspectives, incorporate technology, align state and national standards ensure differentiation and high rigor.</li> <li>Articulate PreK-12 goals, outcomes and expectations (topics/units of study and focus areas) grade or course.</li> <li>Seek input from additional content area teachers, parents,</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>community members and business (if applicable). Establish criteria for resource selection.</li> <li>Evaluate and recommend resources for district review.</li> <li>Secure necessary resources within the budgetary process.</li> <li>Report results to the Board of Education and to the public.</li> </ol> |
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***Phase Two***

- Provide staff development and technical assistance for implementation.
- Incorporate key instructional strategies and delivery systems that support student learning.
- Identify baseline data and set targets for improvement in student achievement (via CBMs, MCAs, and BSTs).
- Implement new curriculum.

***Phase Three***

- Gather data on student achievement.
- Interpret the results to evaluate program effectiveness and student learning. Make recommendations for continual improvement.

**2008-2009 Program Improvement Process (PIP)  
Content Area Highlights**

**K-12 World Language, Family Consumer Science (FACS), Library Media, K-10 Health and PE Standards**

**Phase one PIP**

- ∞ Researched K-12 Standards, Goals and Outcomes

**K-12 Math Curriculum**

**Phase two PIP**

- ∞ Provide assistance for curricular tools implementation

**Phase Three PIP**

- ∞ Continued implementation of Minnesota State Standards

**Other Program Improvement Items**

- ∞ Research Based Response to Intervention (RTI)

**Local Assessment Data Objective**

On an annual basis H-BC Schools administer a variety of student assessments. The school district uses the data from these various assessments to evaluate and plan curriculum development efforts. Some of the assessments are identified by the state to be administered as part of the Minnesota Graduation Standards. Other assessments are administered at various grade levels to assess student growth as well as career development plans.

The following assessments are administered each year:

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>
Minnesota Kindergarten Assessment	Kindergarten
AIMsWeb ASSESSMENT— Probes in Reading and Math Skills	Kindergarten-6
Methods of Academic Progress (MAP) Fall and Spring	Grades 2-6
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment II (MCA) Reading, Math, and Writing	Grades 3, 4 5 6 7, 8,
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment II (MCA II) Science	5, 8, 10

MN Graduation Test in Written Composition	9
MN Graduation Test in Reading	10
MN Graduation Test in Math	11
EXPLORE TEST	8
PLAN	10
A.C.T.	11 and 12

## Student Demographics

	<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Grade 12</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	24	34	23	34	115

## GRAD (Graduation-Required Assessment for Diploma) Tests

All students must pass the state GRAD assessments in reading, writing, and math in order to graduate from high school. The writing portion is assessed in 9th grade, reading in 10th grade, and math in 11th grade. The GRAD reading and math tests are embedded in the 10th and 11th grade MCA-II tests. If a student does not reach proficiency on the GRAD tests, they may retake them prior to graduation.

The graduating class of 2009 had **no** students denied a high school diploma as a result of not passing one or more of the GRAD Tests. All who have IEP's (Individualized Education Plan) are expected to attempt to take the GRAD test at each opportunity offered. The School district expects students to choose this option to assist in making an individual assessment for student's progress with the necessary modifications. The IEP team may establish a passing score on an individual basis for these students as well.

No students used a test in a language other than English. Students who have 504's (health related education plan) in place were provided the modifications established in their plan to complete these tests. Last year we had too few students to report this number.

## Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Hills-Beaver Creek Schools a student must earn a minimum number of credits in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) (With one exception, in social studies, which is offered to eighth graders.) or above to count for these requirements. The number of graduation credits is as follows:

<b>Required Credits</b>
28 (2008-2010)
29 (2011 and beyond)

Required Course Credits:

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Number of Credits Needed</b>
English	4
Social Studies	(4 in 5 years Includes grade 8)
Physical Education	1

Mathematics	3
Science	3
Health	1
Computer	1

**Basic Requirement testing**

**Retakes of the GRAD**

If a student fails to pass a portion of the GRAD test, the student will have an opportunity to retake the basic requirement test each month beginning in October and going through August as needed. This is an online computerized test.

**Remediation**

Remediation for students failing to pass the test of Basic Requirements will occur with one on one tutoring given by a teacher with expertise in the area the student is deficient.

**Senior testing opportunities**

A Senior student may request additional GRAD requirements testing opportunities by notifying in writing the District Assessment Coordinator. The senior student must have fulfilled all other requirements to graduate to request the additional testing opportunities.

**Appeals Process**

If a student is not satisfied with the decision for further testing opportunities of the basic requirement test, he or she may appeal to the District Superintendent. The decision of the Superintendent will be final.

**Test Security**

To report a breach in security you may call or email our District Assessment Coordinator, Dan Ellingson 507-962-3240 or email [dellingson@hbc.mntm.org](mailto:dellingson@hbc.mntm.org). He will document and proceed with an investigation based on the allegations of test security breaches.



**State Assessment Results**  
**The following Charts and Graphs show how H-BC**  
**students performed on the MCA II assessments**  
**during the Spring of 2009**

**Grades and Percent of Students at Each Level**  
**MCA II READING**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>LEVEL D</b>	<b>LEVEL P</b>	<b>LEVEL M</b>	<b>LEVEL E</b>	<b>H-BC % PROFICIENT</b>	<b>STATE % PROFICIENT</b>
<b>3</b>	0%	0%	22%	78%	100%	78%
<b>4</b>	0%	12%	35%	53%	88%	75%
<b>5</b>	0%	15%	45%	40%	95%	72%
<b>6</b>	0%	4%	35%	61%	96%	72%

<b>7</b>	4%	35%	26%	35%	61%	64%
<b>8</b>	18%	23%	36%	23%	59%	67%
<b>10</b>	6%	13%	25%	56%	82%	74%

**KEY:** Level **D**– student does not meet the standards, Level **P** – student partially meets the standards, Level **M** – student meets the standards, Level **E**– student exceeds the standards, (Level **M**+Level **E** = Proficient)