

# MDE "Top to Bottom" School Rankings for 2011

Charter Public Schools Authorized by CMU

## Understanding this list...

On August 26, 2011, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) released a "Top-To-Bottom" list ranking the academic performance of all public schools in the state. Rankings were based on student achievement and growth over multiple years. This list provided by the Center includes the statewide percentile rank for schools authorized by CMU and their ranking as compared to other charter schools.

A school's percentile rank is one piece of information that can be used to gauge school quality. While this information can be helpful, it is important to note that these rankings only tell part of the story and do not include other important considerations.

## About MDE's "Top to Bottom" List

Why did the Michigan Department of Education choose to publish a Top to Bottom Ranking?

The Michigan Department of Education is required to produce a list of persistently lowest achieving (PLA) schools each year. Last year, MDE also published an overall Top to Bottom ranking of all the schools in the state along with the PLA list, and has continued with that "light of day" reporting for all schools. The statewide Top to Bottom Ranking includes all schools, and was calculated using MDE's preferred methodology, which differs from the methodology used to calculate the PLA list. We believe this ranking provides increased light of day reporting for a larger and more comprehensive group of schools.

How was the methodology determined?

The methodology used in the 2011 Top to Bottom Ranking reflects substantial changes from the 2010 methodology, which were made based on recommendations and feedback from stakeholders. This methodology also reflects MDE's preferred methodology, as it a) was developed in conjunction with the field and b) is a more refined and precise method by which to rank schools. Schools are ranked based on student proficiency, student improvement, and achievement gaps between students within a school. A school with a high ranking is one that has a high level of proficiency, is improving over time, and is ensuring that all students are learning and achieving at a high level. Graduation rate is also a component of the ranking for high schools.

What are the consequences attached to my ranking on this list?

There are no consequences attached to this list. This is simply for light-of-day reporting and information. MDE encourages schools to use this list as a diagnostic tool, to understand their achievement, improvement, and achievement gaps in all tested subjects, and to appropriately target resources to areas of highest need.

Is this different than the list of Persistently Lowest Achieving schools? Why?

The PLA list is generated following a set of federally approved business rules as described above and applies only to certain schools who meet the federal requirements. The statewide Top to Bottom Ranking was generated for all schools in the state (who had a sufficient number of full academic year students). The Top to Bottom ranking includes all five tested content areas, and graduation rate data (for high schools), and uses MDE's preferred rules, developed in conjunction with a diverse set of education stakeholders throughout the 2010-2011 school year. This list is being published to provide information to all schools and to provide "light of day" reporting on the achievement, improvement, and achievement gaps of all schools in the state.

What are the consequences of being on the PLA list?

Schools must submit within 90 days a detailed school improvement/redesign plan using one of four improvement models - transformation, turnaround, closure, or restart required by the U.S. Department of Education. Schools must implement plans no later than the start of the next school year.

courtesy of Michigan Department of Education

- Notes:
1. Source: 2011 Statewide Top-to-Bottom List for public release
  2. Charter School Ranking is the school's rank out of 210 Michigan charter schools that received a statewide percentile ranking
  3. Schools closed prior to the 2011-2012 school year were not included in this analysis
  4. The following schools are not included in the ranking due to lack of sufficient data: Ace Academy, Da Vinci Institute (9-12), Detroit Leadership Academy, Taylor International Academy and Guest Academy
  5. Compiled by The Center for Charter Schools at Central Michigan University

RANKINGS		SCHOOL NAME	STATEWIDE RANK	CHARTER RANK
TOP	75-99TH PERCENTILE (8 SCHOOLS)	Canton Charter Academy	98	1
		Cross Creek Charter Academy	95	2
		Holly Academy (SOE)	95	3
		South Arbor Charter Academy (SOE)	94	4
		Eagle Crest Charter Academy (SOE)	93	5
		Midland Academy of Advanced and Creative Studies	93	6
		Island City Academy	85	14
		Charyl Stockwell Academy	82	17
MIDDLE	50-74TH PERCENTILE (8 SCHOOLS)	AGBU Alex-Marie Manooogian School	66	29
		Countryside Academy - Elementary School	65	30
		Walden Green Montessori	59	37
		West MI Academy of Environmental Science	56	41
		International Academy of Flint	55	42
		Summit Academy	53	45
		Cole Academy	52	47
		Summit Academy North - Elementary School	52	48
	25-49TH PERCENTILE (15 SCHOOLS)	Summit Academy North - Middle School	47	54
		Countryside Academy - High School	46	57
		El-Haji Malik El-Shabazz Academy	46	58
		Eaton Academy	43	63
		Michigan Technical Academy - Middle School	43	64
		Summit Academy North - High School	41	67
		Nataki Talibah Schoolhouse of Detroit	39	68
BOTTOM	1-24TH PERCENTILE (26 SCHOOLS)	Old Redford Academy - High School	33	78
		Trillium Academy	33	79
		Linden Charter Academy	32	83
		West Village Academy	32	84
		Global Preparatory Academy	30	89
		Kensington Woods - High School	28	92
		Central Academy	25	101
		Da Vinci Institute (K-8)	25	102
		Michigan Technical Academy - Elementary School	24	108
		Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy	24	109
		Riverside Academy	24	110
		Old Redford Academy - Elementary School	23	112
		Old Redford Academy - Middle School	22	117
		Michigan Technical Academy	21	118
		New Branches School	21	119
Renaissance Public School Academy	20	126		
Woodland Park Academy	20	127		
Academy of Southfield	18	137		
Plymouth Educational Center	18	138		
Academy of Westland	14	149		
North Saginaw Charter Academy	13	156		
The Dearborn Academy	13	157		
Woodward Academy	12	160		
Dr. Charles Drew Academy	10	170		
Detroit West Preparatory Academy	9	173		
Flagship Charter Academy	9	174		
New Beginnings Academy	9	175		
Pansophia Academy	9	176		
Riverside Academy - West Campus	9	177		
Center Academy	7	188		
Leaders Preparatory Academy	7	187		
Morey Public School Academy	5	194		
Academy of Flint	3	200		
Threshold Academy	2	204		