

The Knight Academy
110 Arco Drive
Toledo, Ohio 43607

Annual Education Report 2009-10



Highlights

- A middle school for grades 5-8
- Offering a rigorous academic program in preparation for the student's high school of choice
- Operating an extended school day and extended school year

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School Information

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Year Opened

September 2008

Grade Levels

6th-8th grades

School Leadership

Thomas B. Baker, Executive Director
Paul Raczkowski, Dean of Students

Board of Directors

Tim Gladieux, Board Chairman
Luis Santiago, Secretary
Margarita DeLeon
Chris Joseph
Ron Olszewski
David Walrod

Mission Statement

The Knight Academy will serve the greater Toledo area, emphasizing academic excellence in a character-based framework to prepare young men and women to excel in a college preparatory high school and in higher education.

The Knight Academy is a Community Middle School (grades 6 – 8) for boys and girls completing its second year of operation in June 2010. The Academy's central goals were formulated to emphasize excellence in academic, physical, and character development as a means of preparing students for a college preparatory high school program.

The Knight Academy was developed to be student centered, focusing on helping every student develop the knowledge, skills, and capabilities necessary to succeed in subsequent schooling, future workplace efforts, and current and future life situations. Through our rigorously challenging extended schedule of academic, character development, and activity programs, we aim to educate and develop the whole person—mind, body, and spirit. As a foundation for future success we will nurture the development of personal values, a personal code of behavior, confidence in one's own capabilities, and concern for and service to others.

Highlights and accomplishments from the past school year include:

- Five additional SMART boards were added to provide state-of-the-art technology in every classroom.
- Students have use of an 24 station computer lab .
- Students have a daily hour of Academic Assist where they can receive individualized instruction from any teacher or they can choose to work on the next day's homework assignments.
- Students receive daily instruction in a foreign language, and participate in art, music and health on an alternating daily schedule.
- The Academy was 100% compliant in state and federal reporting requirements, and based on our accomplishments during our first year of operation received an additional \$200,000.00 in funding from the Ohio Department of Education..
- In January, The Academy moved into its own permanent school building, featuring a dedicated gymnasium, additional classrooms, and room for future expansion.
- All Academy teachers in core content areas are highly qualified and fully licensed.
- 60% of graduating 8th graders were accepted at private high schools of their choice.
- The Academy received state approval to offer high school credit to qualifying students.
- Plans to establish a 5th grade in 2010/11 were finalized.
- Curriculum re-alignment and extensive professional development for teaching staff to incorporate data-driven instructional practices is scheduled over the next four years as a result of

An extended school schedule sets the tone and supports the overall goal of The Academy in striving for excellence in academic achievement, character development, and preparation for high school. The school year runs from August until the end of June, and the instructional school day operates from 8:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The extended schedule supports The Knight Academy's expanded program of academic learning assistance and character formation experiences in which every student is immersed.

The longer school day and academic year provides extra time for tutoring or work on special academic projects beyond normal classroom assignments. Academy students receive assistance from certified teachers and students from area high schools that have been recommended as a result of their high scholastic achievement and ability to serve as positive peer role models.

The academic improvement our students experience is the ultimate measure of our success. Our goal is to demonstrate academic gains in every student, which we accomplish in the following ways:

- Imaginative instructional learning leadership in our classrooms.
- Extensive personal coaching and involvement by our instructional staff facilitated by small class size.
- Supplemental tutoring, when appropriate.
- Implementation of a well-rounded curriculum, balancing traditional core subject areas with the arts, physical activity, technology and a foreign language.
- The fostering of a strong partnership with parents in supporting student success.
- Working collaboratively with local high schools and universities to ensure our students are optimally prepared for their future educational pursuits.

Demographics

Annual enrollment.....104
Average daily student attendance.....93.9

Grade-level numbers-
Grade 6.....26
Grade 7.....50
Grade 8.....28

Grade-level completion and retention-
Grade 6 completion.....24
Grade 6 retention.....1
Grade 7 completion.....37
Grade 7 retention.....0
Grade 8 completion.....28
Grade 8 retention.....0

Returning students in 2009.....68

Racial composition
African-American.....61
Caucasian.....33
Hispanic.....3
Multi-racial.....7

Economically disadvantaged.....61%

Student residency
Toledo.....101
Evergreen.....1
Swanton.....1
Sylvania.....1

Students with disabilities.....9
 Instruction provided in regular classroom

Hours of instruction.....925

Student-teacher ratio.....15:1

Number suspensions.....25

Total days of suspensions.....117

Number of expulsions.....0



A Quality Education

The goal of The Knight Academy is to teach learning skills, sound study habits and self discipline within a framework emphasizing character education. Advanced academic courses are offered that may not be available in other schools, including a foreign language; advanced science, math, and social studies; instrumental and vocal music offerings; and art.

Small classroom assignment (less than 25 students) and the extended school day provide ample opportunity for students to receive individualized attention and instruction from our highly qualified teaching staff.

In keeping with our commitment to foster optimal success in our students, The Knight Academy is the only charter school in Lucas County to have established a National Junior Honor Society to recognize our outstanding middle school scholars.

Extracurricular Activities

In addition to the daily physical education class requirement emphasizing sportsmanship and team participation, students have available bowling and swimming as regularly scheduled after-school activities. Swimming is provided at a local high school natatorium. On a competitive level, students contend with local area schools in cross country, basketball and soccer.

Additional extra-curricular activities included special interest "clubs" in art, chess, and martial arts.

Parent Involvement

The Academy has a very supportive and active parent network. Extraordinary service to the school is showcased by selection of a "Family of the Month" nominated by staff and treated to an assembly recognition and dinner at a local restaurant. Parents assisted school staff in the administration of our state testing, volunteered in the cafeteria, and conducted monthly bake sales as fundraisers. During the 2009-10 year a parent resource room was created, containing a library of topical reading materials and a dedicated computer.

Community Involvement

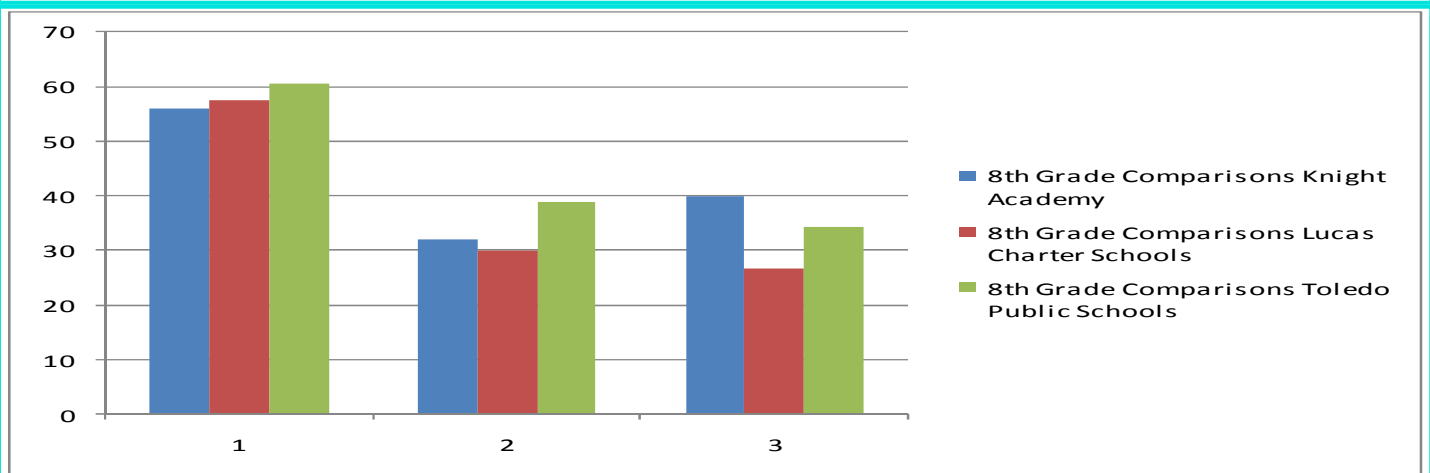
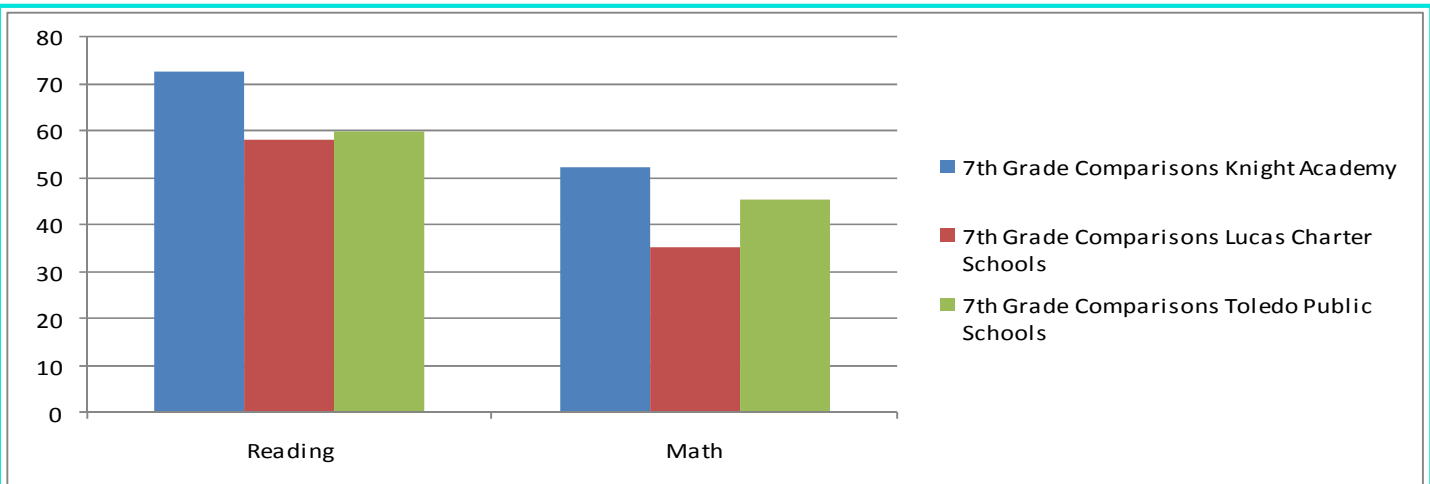
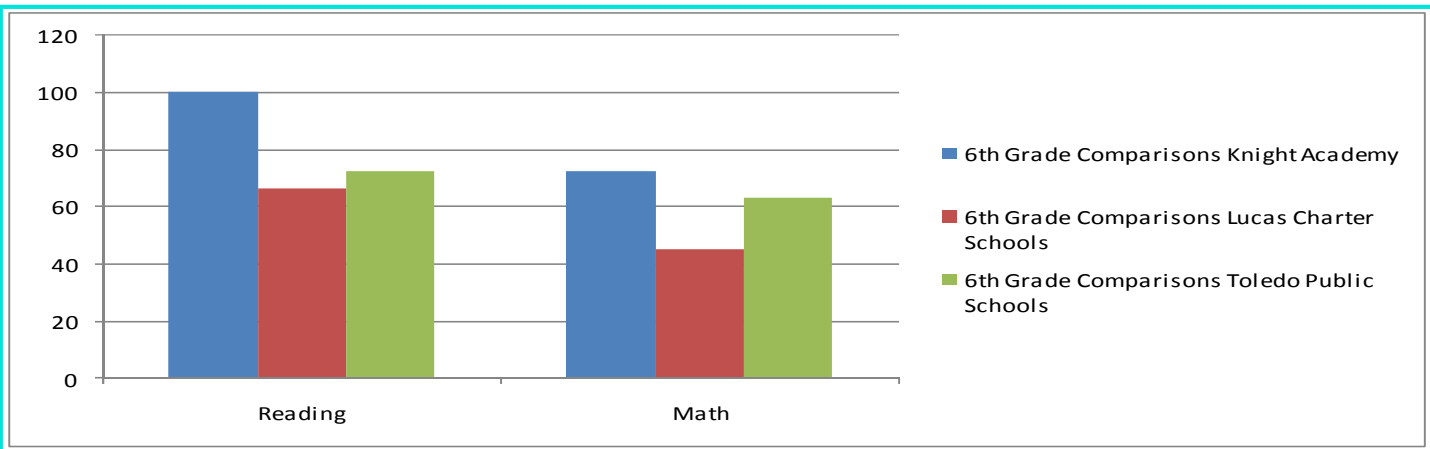
Service learning, as an integral part of our character development program, involved several different projects throughout the year. For Veteran's Day students created a Memory Wall to honor men and women in their lives having served in the military. A successful annual food drive resulted in over 1,000 pounds of food donated to a local food bank and students organized several charity efforts to assist a local high school devastated by a tornado and Ronald MacDonal House.

Progress on Academic Performance

The Knight Academy is evaluated annually by its sponsor the Buckeye Community Hope Foundation and the Ohio Department of Education as measured by student scores on the Ohio Achievement Tests. Additionally, to measure whether students are attaining adequate academic gains, The Academy administers the Scantron Assessment Series three times a year. Our Fall administration is used to initially measure entry learning levels and is contrasted with Spring results to determine year-long student advancement, while additionally providing a measurement of program effectiveness.

Results of The Academy's first state issued School Report Card reveal that 7th grade students made greater than one year's progress, and 8th graders made the expected growth of one year. Sixth graders are not rated since they must be in residency at the school for a minimum of 2 years to provide a comparison for growth. However, 100% of our 6th graders performed at the proficient level or above in Reading, and 72.2% were proficient or above in Math.

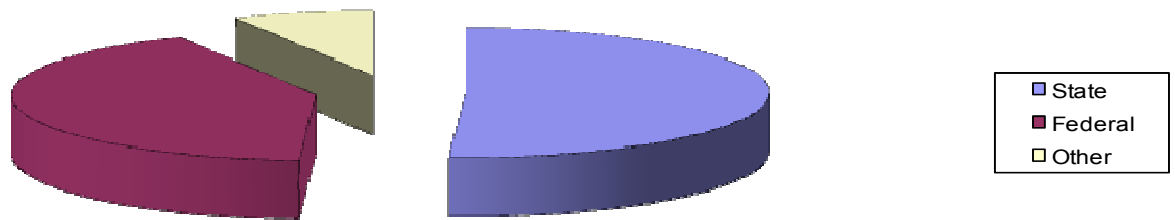
Ohio Achievement Test outcomes reveal that 6th and 7th grade students at The Knight Academy scored significantly higher in Reading and Math than their cohorts at other Toledo schools. Eighth graders, the majority of whom



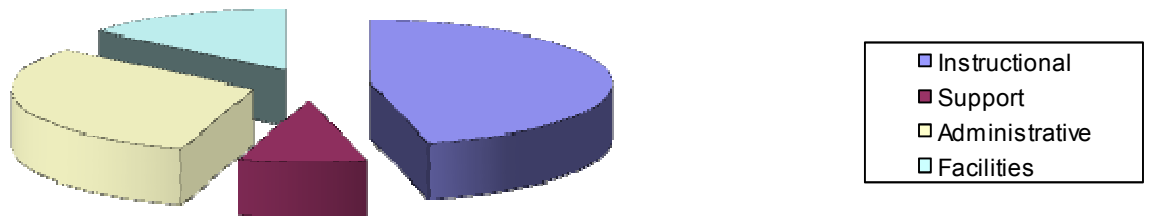
Financial Report

Fiscal services are provided to The Knight Academy by Mangen and Associates. The licensed treasurer is Doug Mangen.

FY10 Revenue by Source



FY10 Expenses by Function






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The Knight Academy Staff

Thomas B. Baker—Executive Director
Paul Raczkowski—Dean of Students

Andrea Benner—Science Teacher
Jim Burns—Vocal Music Teacher
Alex Coressel—Math Teacher
Judy Collins—School Nurse
Sergio Daneri—Spanish Teacher
Tom Huff—Physical Education/Health Teacher
Jack Kiger—Instrumental Music Teacher
Christie Lowe—Office Support
Claire Metcalf—Art Teacher
Karen Slater—Counselor
Chip Smith—Language Arts Teacher
Charles Stovall—Custodian
Mike Wilson—Social Studies Teacher
Melissa Zellers—Intervention Specialist





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