



## Noor International Academy

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### School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2017-18 educational progress for Noor International Academy. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Mrs. Sheila Charara (School Principal) or Mrs. Nawal Hamadeh (Founder, Superintendent, and CEO) for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <http://bit.ly/2tM59kJ> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2017-18 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

\* Note TSI and ATS definitions were changed for the 2017-18 school year per federal requirements. The new definitions are:

TSI – The school has at least one subgroup performing in the bottom 25% within each applicable accountability index component.

ATS – The school has met the criteria for TSI identification and has at least one subgroup performing at the same level as a CSI school.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.



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The Academy's high priority areas are the core subjects with a focus on Math and Reading and Science. Based on standardized assessment data, our measureable goals are to increase in the core content areas and as follows:

- Reading – 2% increase annually to reach 85% proficiency
- Math – 4% increase annually to reach 85% proficiency
- Science – 8% increase annually to reach 85% proficiency
- Social Studies – 8% increase annually to reach 85% proficiency

The activities and initiatives implemented for progress are as follows:

- Incorporation of Marzano's Academic Vocabulary
- Data Driven Targeted Instruction ( Paraprofessional services)
- Teacher Professional Development
- Differentiated Instructional Strategies
- Monitoring of Differentiated Strategies
- Kagan Learning Strategies (Cooperative Learning Groups)
- Technology Integration
- Reading for Meaning
- Explicit Math Instruction
- Teacher implementation of STEM supplemental resources
- Adoption of on-line resource "Mystery Science"
- Implementation of Foss Science Kits

In addition, we strive to maintain parent engagement through various school-wide activities such as STEM Night, Literacy Fair, monthly Parent Workshops, Culture Events, and various volunteer opportunities.





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### 1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Section 504 of the Revised School Code states that public school academies shall neither charge tuition nor discriminate in pupil admissions policies or practices on the basis of intellectual or athletic ability, measures of achievement aptitude, status as a handicapped person, or any other basis that would be illegal if used by a Michigan public school district. Details are outlined in the Academy's Board Approved Application & Enrollment Procedures assuring the following:

- Academy enrollment shall be open to all individuals who reside in Michigan. Except for a foreign exchange student who is not a United States citizen, a public school academy shall not enroll a pupil who is not a Michigan resident.
- Academy admissions may be limited to pupils within a particular range/grade level or on any other basis that would be legal if used by a Michigan public school district.
- The Academy Board may establish a policy providing enrollment priority to siblings of currently enrolled pupils and Board Members/Academy employees.
- The Academy shall allow any pupil who was enrolled in the immediately preceding academic year to re-enroll in the appropriate age range/grade level unless that grade is not offered.
- No student may be denied participation in the application process due to lack of student records. Homeless liaison ensures homeless children and unaccompanied youth are enrolled in and have an opportunity to succeed in school.
- If the Academy receives more applications for enrollment than there are spaces available, pupils shall be selected for enrollment through a random selection drawing.

Noor International Academy is a single school building district in which all students are equitably assigned to the same building and have equal access to full facility, programs, resources, technology, highly qualified staff and curriculum.

### 2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

At Noor International Academy, Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) is an ongoing and continuous process of analyzing data as it is readily available throughout the school year and involves all key stakeholders including staff, parents, students and community members. Ongoing assessment, evaluation, mentoring/training and support is facilitated by the District through the Central Office who work closely with and lead the School Improvement (SI) Teams.





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We utilize the School Improvement Framework (SIF) Process Cycle which has four (4) major components that cycle in a continuous process.

- Gather Data Where are we now (status) and where do we want to be (goals)?
- Study/Analyze What did the data/information we collected tell us?
- Plan How do we organize our work so that it aligns to our goals and resources?
- Do Staff implements the strategies and action steps outlined in the plan.
- Gather Data II Where are we now (status) and did we reach our goals?

While the CNA is recommended to be conducted once every three to five years and revisited annually, the Academy completes it annually with updates made throughout the year as new data is made available. AdvancED continues to be used as the online tool to complete the School Data Profile which is a comprehensive analysis of our CNA.

The Academy's School-wide Reform Strategies (SRS), commonly referred to as the school goals, are derived from the CNA and are focused on helping all students reach the State's standards. School goals are comprehensively written to cover all programs and services in keeping with accountability, transparency & reporting requirements. Implementation of these strategies with needed resources/materials, and professional development, to provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum for all students, are accounted for. The Academy has utilized AdvancED District/School Improvement Plan Goals online, which allows staff to describe and present strategies in an action plan format within the consolidated, District-wide Improvement Plan.

The Academy's strategies address the needs of all student but particularly those of whom are low achieving, and meet the needs of students representing all major subgroups participating in our School-Wide Title I Program. Teachers are directed to meet student needs in utilizing our School Improvement Plan strategies, with continuous analysis to determine if student needs are met. CNA data and School Improvement Teams (SIT) review and evaluate continually to demonstrate how the SIP strategies are effective and how they are increasing student achievement, allowing the Academy to continue to meet district and school accountability requirements.





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The Academy's Goals & Objectives continue to address Title I assurances. The Academy's SIP has been submitted via AdvancED online planning tools by the deadline and will be available at the school upon request.

### 3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

Noor International Academy is a single school building district in which all students are equitably assigned to the same building and have equal access to full facility, programs, resources, technology, highly qualified staff and curriculum. A recognized and upcoming school, Noor International Academy is located in Sterling Heights, and it is a part of the Macomb ISD. Noor International Academy is a unique PreK-6th grade Public School Academy. It was founded in 2011 by Mrs. Nawal Hamadeh, is managed by Hamadeh Educational Services, and authorized by Central Michigan University. Noor International Academy services and educates students who come from various countries, ethnicities and nationalities. The Academy prides itself on promoting diversity, culture of other's and culture of one's one. Teachers work on incorporating a global perspective into the classroom, in order to prepare students for real world careers and jobs in the 21st century. Noor International Academy encourages students to tear down walls and build bridges by sharing and celebrating their diverse cultural backgrounds. Thus, students learn not to fear their differences; moreover, to draw from one another's strengths and maximize each one's potential. Noor International Academy is authorized by Central Michigan University, and it is located at 37412 Dequindre, Sterling Heights, MI 48310.

Noor International Academy is not considered a specialized school.

### 4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL

Our district's curriculum is housed in Rubicon/Atlas an online based software program. Atlas is designed to electronically encompass the entire process of curriculum mapping in direct correlation to the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) learning standards and Common Core standards for each grade level. Atlas allows for personalization in terms of curriculum mapping by allowing each teacher to download reports to their own dashboard for yearlong planning purposes, assessment categorizing and curriculum pacing.



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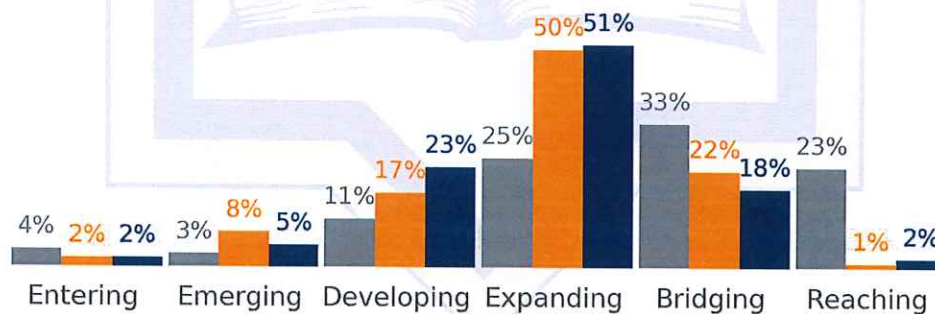
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The district is in full implementation with the curriculum as Star International Academy is in direct alignment with the MDE and Common Core Standards. All units are designed with the required learning standards. There is little to no variation with the state mandated learning standards. Teachers meet on a weekly basis as a grade level team and or department to review their units and lesson plan to ensure vertical and horizontal alignments are taking place.

To get a copy of the district's core curriculum the parent and or perspective parent can come into the main office and request (in writing) a copy of the core curriculum they want. At that point, the curriculum coordinator and or principal will download the curriculum documents for the parent in paper format within 3-5 days. The district will then reach out to the parent who made the request to let them know the file is ready to be picked up.

### 5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

2016, 2017, and 2018  
 WIDA Composite Levels



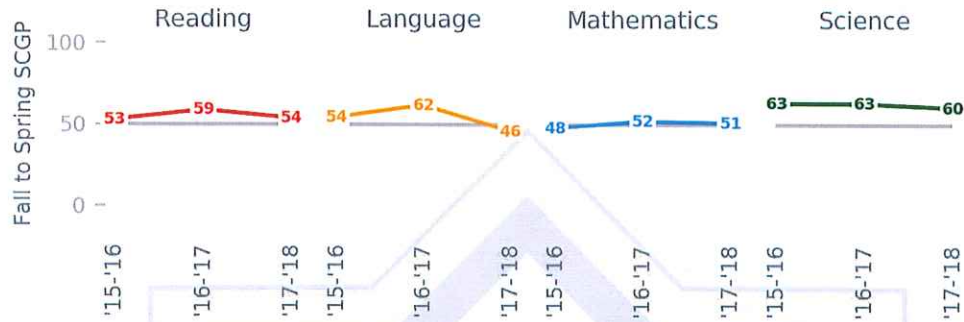




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## Fall to Spring SCGP Trends



### 6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Grades	Spring Conference % 2017	Spring Conference % 2018
K-6	220 Students 100%	202 Students 100%

Noor International Academy staff is committed to creating and maintaining a positive educational environment that supports academic achievement, while upholding district, state and national standards to meet all students' learning needs. Our exceptional staff continues to improve our daily practices by participating in a variety of professional development opportunities, ensuring that effective teaching, learning and leading is taking place in each and every classroom. We believe that all students can learn and it is our collective responsibility to help ensure that each and every student soars by reaching their potential. I congratulate our students, parents and staff for their continued commitment to excellence, a quality education and dedication to student learning and achievement.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nawal Hamadeh,  
Superintendent and CEO