

Educate Online (formerly Catapult Online)

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Overall Rating: C+

Overall Rating in 2007: C+

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Program Information:

Program Description as Provided by Educate Online (formerly Catapult Online): Educate Online (formerly Catapult Online) offers at-home tutoring that students access via the Internet. Students receive instruction from live, U.S.-based, state-certified teachers. These qualified instructors work with no more than three students at a time. An online version of the California Achievement Test (CAT) is administered at the beginning of each student's Educate Online program to determine each student's individual skill gaps and provide Educate Online with an outline of the skills that each student will work on during the course of the program. Students who complete our program demonstrate, on average, one full year of grade-level growth. Students typically participate in 3-5, 60-minute sessions per week.

The program description was created by the provider and has not been edited by the Michigan Department of Education.

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| Number of Students Served in 2007-2008: 435 Offers Transportation: No English Language Learner: Yes Students With Disabilities: Yes Place(s) of Service: Via Technology | Subject Areas: English, Mathematics Grades Served: 3-12 Estimated Hours of Tutoring Per Student: 20 Number of Students to be Served: 0 - 20000 Student-Teacher Ratios: <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom: Not available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer-based: 1 teacher per 3 students <input type="checkbox"/> Online instruction: Not available |
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Performance Information:

Consumer Satisfaction

| Type of Rater | Number* of People Completing a Survey | Satisfaction Rating | This Provider's Rating | Statewide Average |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| Parents | 31 | Percent of parents who were satisfied with this tutor | 97% | 78% |
| | 31 | Average overall letter grade from parents | A- | B |
| Teachers | 45 | Constructed letter grade from teachers for effects on classroom performance | C | C |
| | 45 | Percent of teachers who agreed this tutor positively impacted students' learning | 29% | 41% |

*For many tutors, the number of surveys completed is very low. Readers should consider the number of responses when drawing conclusions about any provider.

Academic Achievement: Impact of Provider's Services on 2007 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) Scores

| Math | | | English Language Arts | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Grade Level | Number of Student Scores Considered | Performance Rating | Grade Level | Number of Student Scores Considered | Performance Rating |
| 3 | 0 | No data available | 3 | 0 | No data available |
| 4 | 12 | C | 4 | 8 | <10 |
| 5 | 16 | C | 5 | 16 | C |
| 6 | 0 | No data available | 6 | 0 | No data available |
| 7 | 42 | C | 7 | 46 | C |

Key: "A" – substantially above average, "B" – above average, "C" – average, "D" – below average, "E" – substantially below average, "<10" – fewer than 10 students were served for this subject/grade and results are suppressed to protect the confidentiality of students' information.

The analysis of MEAP scores is based on students served in the 2006-2007 school year.

2008-2009 Service Areas (Limited to Applicable Districts):

Statewide

How the Statistics Were Calculated:

Consumer satisfaction data is from a mail survey of parents and an online survey of teachers concerning students receiving supplemental education services in the 2007-2008 school year.

- Parent satisfaction statistics are based on responses to the question, "Overall, are you satisfied with this tutor?" Parents could respond "yes," "no," or "not sure."
- Parent letter grades are based on averaged responses to the question, "What overall grade would you give your child's tutor?" with response options of "A - Excellent," "B - Good," "C - Average," "D - Poor," or "E - Failing."
- The teacher letter grade for effects on classroom performance is from responses to seven questions about students' classroom performance. An average across all items (excluding items with no response) was calculated for each provider and the top 20% of scores were coded as "A," the next 20% were coded as "B," and so on through "E."
- The rating of teachers' perceptions of provider impact on student learning is based on responses to the agree-disagree question, "This tutor is positively impacting this student's learning." Responses of "agree" or "strongly agree" are considered.

Impact on the MEAP score is based on a hierarchical linear regression analysis of students receiving SES in the 2006-2007 school year compared to a control group matched to SES recipients based on 2006 MEAP score, economic disadvantage, special education status, limited English proficiency status, and former limited English proficiency status. The analysis controlled for the effects of students' schools and the 2006 MEAP score.

The overall grade is a weighted average of the consumer satisfaction and academic achievement data.

Additional information is available upon request from the Michigan Department of Education.