

Higher Ground Program

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Overall Rating: B+

Overall Rating in 2007: B-

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Program Information:

Program Description as Provided by Higher Ground Program: Higher Ground Program has proven its ability to raise the achievement level of students at the elementary through 12th grade levels in mathematics, reading and language arts. Emphasis is placed on the individual needs of each child. We assure this by employing certified and highly qualified teachers, and also utilize the small classroom concept. Through its pre-testing procedures Higher Ground is able to provide an educational prescription aimed at the removal of academic deficiencies of each student. We measure progress by using post-tests and progress reports throughout the program. Students learn in two hour sessions 2-3 hours after school per week or 3-5 hours on Saturdays. We charge \$60.00 per hour for in-school services and \$60.00 per hour for off-site services. Higher Ground Program also provides free transportation in most cases.

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

Number of Students Served in 2007-2008: 606 Offers Transportation: At select sites only English Language Learner: Yes Students With Disabilities: No Place(s) of Service: Community Center, Some Schools as Selected by the District(s), Place of Business, Place of Religious Worship, Student's Home	Subject Areas: English, Mathematics Grades Served: K-12 Estimated Hours of Tutoring Per Student: 30 Number of Students to be Served: 25 - 2000 Student-Teacher Ratios: <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom: 1 teacher per 5 students <input type="checkbox"/> Computer-based: 1 teacher per 8 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	32	Percent of parents who were satisfied with this tutor	88%	78%
	32	Average overall letter grade from parents	B+	B
Teachers	32	Constructed letter grade from teachers for effects on classroom performance	A	C
	32	Percent of teachers who agreed this tutor positively impacted students' learning	63%	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	22	C	3	22	C+
4	4	<10	4	4	<10
5	10	C	5	12	C+
6	104	C	6	108	C
7	120	C	7	118	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):

Academy of Oak Park, Buena Vista School District, Conner Creek Academy, Detroit City School District, Flint City School District, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Hamtramck Public Schools, Highland Park City Schools, Kalamazoo Public School District, Pontiac Academy for Excellence, Redford Union School District, Saginaw City School District, School District of the City of Inkster

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.