



State of the School

Program Improvement Plan

2016-2017

Central Academy

Dr. Jessica Gogerty, Director

Our Goal

- ◆ The Central Academy goal is to be a **national model** for secondary **gifted** education programs in an **urban** school district.

Mission:

Central Academy **provides additional services** for students in comprehensive schools by offering the Gifted Core Pathway and unique AP, IB, & World Language courses. Our Gifted Core Pathway fosters academic excellence through the challenge of compacted curricula by offering acceleration and enrichment **for students who demonstrate early readiness for advanced work**. Students, especially those under-represented in gifted programs, develop

COMPETENCE, CONNECTION, and CONFIDENCE

as they embrace challenging coursework.

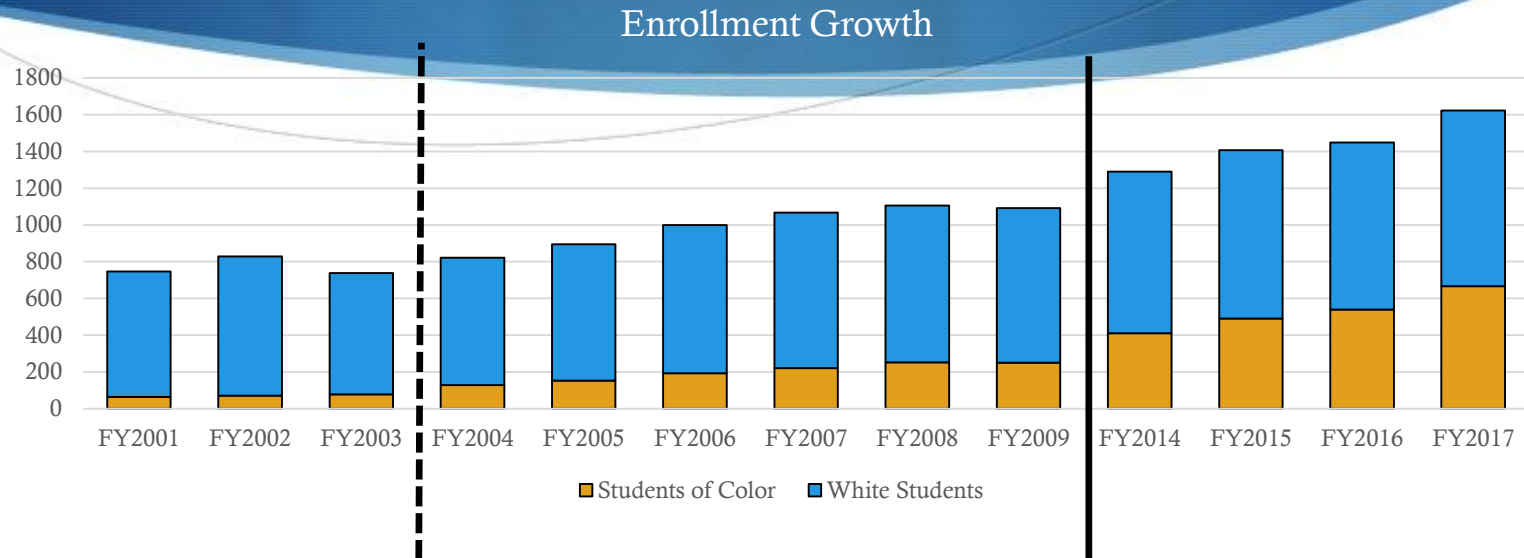
Program Strengths:

Student competence



- ◆ Since 2006, 9 recognitions from Iowa AP Index for leadership in Advanced Placement Programs. Nearly 4,000 AP Scholar awards to Academy students since 1991.
- ◆ In 2016: There were 167 AP Scholar Award winners at Central Academy.
- ◆ 100% of DMPS National AP Scholars attended Academy.
- ◆ 100% of DMPS National Merit Scholars attended Academy.
- ◆ IB Diploma Programme has 89% cumulative pass rate (National = 74%, International = 78%)
2010 = 87%, 2011 = 100%, 2012 = 100%, 2013 = 73%,
2014 = 100%, 2015 = 93%, 2016 = 82%

Program Strengths: Student Connection



- ◆ Continued enrollment growth (1622 unique students, 33 schools)
- ◆ Active and involved parent support for the program.
- ◆ Half the teaching staff has the GT endorsement on teaching license.

Areas for Growth

SRG

- *Continued student competence.*
- Adapt SRG protocols to compacted/accelerated curricula and unique course offerings.

Communication

- *Improved connection with Academy.*
- Improve communication about Academy with parents, students, comprehensive middle and high schools, and district personnel.

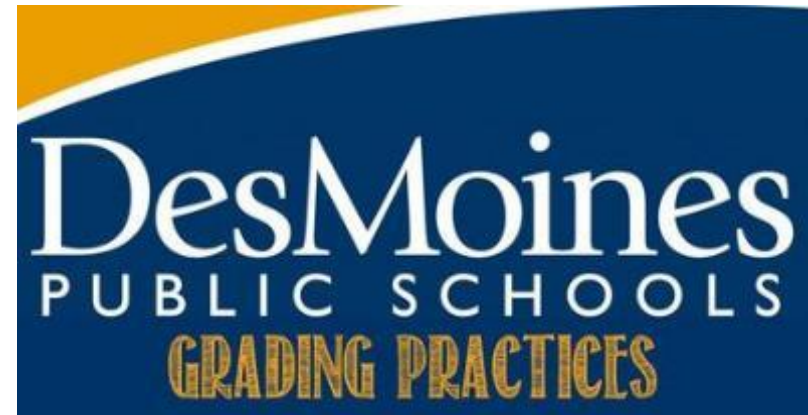
Social Emotional

- *Improved student confidence.*
- Provide additional supports for students to feel more connected and confident in their learning at Academy.

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SRG

- ◆ **COMPETENCE**
 - ◆ Collaborative teacher practice
 - ◆ Multi-year supports for English.
 - ◆ Utilization of technology
 - ◆ Schoology
 - ◆ JSTOR
 - ◆ Turn it in
 - ◆ IB Online Curriculum Center
- ◆ How *SRG* -> *GPA*, an explanation for parents.



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Social Emotional



Kickin' it with the Science Dept.

◆ **CONFIDENCE**

- ◆ Data Development: Student Survey
- ◆ Mental Health Wellness & First Aid
- ◆ Student Leadership & Mentoring
- ◆ Brainology curriculum for 7th grade students
- ◆ Directed Study for 9th grade students
- ◆ Lunch in the Lobby

◆ ***ACADEMY AFTER HOURS!***

- ◆ Starting next week, 9/20, 2:30 – 4:30
- ◆ Bus shuttle provided

Program Improvement Plan: Communication



Singin' with Social Studies

◆ CONNECTION

- ◆ Collaborate with MS & HS teams on Learner Plans
- ◆ Develop IB DP pathway with MS students
- ◆ Develop programming for Parent Academy
- ◆ Increase Academy Branding
- ◆ Send monthly Academy News to parents

- ◆ *Central Academy Parents Facebook Page*
 - ◆ Request to join
 - ◆ Managed by Frank Hilton





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Questions?

We have 3 parents on our
Leadership team:

Frank Hilton

Kelly Sorenson

Amber Riley