



August 15, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Akron Digital Academy, for the 2010-2011 school year, has been named by the Ohio Department of Education as being in need of “school improvement” because it hasn’t met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two years in a row. AYP is decided by how the students at Akron Digital Academy score on the Ohio Achievement Tests and the Ohio Graduation Tests.

For each grade, test and student group, a certain number of students must reach grade level skills in reading, math, participation and graduation in order for the school to meet AYP goals.

Akron Digital Academy did not make adequate yearly progress for the following reasons:

1. Did not make Adequate Yearly Progress in Reading and Mathematics for *all grade spans*.
2. Did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress *in comparison to state standards* in the areas of Reading and Mathematics.

You may view the complete report card at:

http://webapp2.ode.state.oh.us/reportcard/archives/RC_IRN.ASP?im=149054 or on our web site at www.akron-digital.com. To improve our current standings, Akron Digital Academy is implementing professional development sessions, researching new reform models and visiting other schools for ideas on how to improve math and reading scores across grade levels.

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) gives parents choices when the school their student attends needs improvement. Therefore your student is eligible for public school choice options under the NCLB Act. There are several options available for your child:

1. Remain at the current school.
2. Transfer to a school in your district that has made adequate academic progress and has available space for your child. At this time there are no choice options.
3. Enroll your child at their home school.

Alternatively, another choice you have is to enroll your student in a FREE TUTORING program. Supplemental Educational Services (SES) gives parents the choice of picking a tutoring provider to help your student be more successful in school. Your student may be eligible for FREE TUTORING if:

- The student receives free or reduced-price lunch, and
- The student needs help in reading and/or math due to low test scores on the Ohio Achievement Tests and Ohio Graduation Tests.

If your student meets the above eligibility requirements, you will receive information about how to enroll in a FREE TUTORING program in September.



akrondigitalacademy

EXCELLENCE • EXPERIENCE • SUPPORT

Your student's school has a plan in place that focuses on improving. Some suggestions for helping your child may include promoting assignment completion at home, encouraging regular attendance to scheduled lab times, punctuality, and regular school communication.

Ask your student's Program Director or Site Supervisor how you can be involved with the School Improvement Plan. Talk to your student's teacher(s) about his/her needs and your suggestions on ways to improve.

Akron Digital Academy is committed to educating your child and offering the best ways to ensure that your student succeeds. When you receive the FREE TUTORING information, we hope you will review the many different kinds of programs we have to offer and pick one that will best meet the needs of your student.

If you need more information about the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), call Meghan Ryckman, Development Coordinator, at 330-237-2229.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "FW Schuett". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Fredric W. Schuett
Executive Director
Akron Digital Academy