

OFFICE OF EDUCATION PERFORMANCE AUDITS



FINAL EDUCATION PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT

FOR

MAN CENTRAL K-8 SCHOOL

LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

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WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

The West Virginia Office of Education Performance Audits conducted an Education Performance Audit of Man Central K-8 School in Logan County January 14, 2004.

A Follow-up Education Performance Audit of Man Central K-8 School was conducted October 21, 2004. The purpose of the follow-up was to verify correction of the findings identified during the original Education Performance Audit. This review was in accordance with West Virginia Code §18-2E-5 and West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2320 which specify that a school that meets or exceeds the performance and progress standards but has other deficiencies shall remain on full accreditation status for the remainder of the accreditation period and shall have an opportunity to correct those deficiencies. The Code and policy include the provision that a school "... does not have any deficiencies which would endanger student health or safety or other extraordinary circumstances as defined by the West Virginia Board of Education."

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NONCOMPLIANCE

7.1. Curriculum

- 7.1.14. Multicultural education. Multicultural education is taught at all programmatic levels, K-4, 5-8, and 9-12 with an emphasis on prevention and zero tolerance for racial, sexual, religious/ethnic harassment or violence. (Policy 2421)**

The Team determined through a review of lesson plans and interviews with the teachers and principals that multicultural activities were taught; however, a schoolwide multicultural curriculum or plan had not been developed and implemented.

FOLLOW-UP REVIEW

COMPLIANCE. The Team reviewed the comprehensive multicultural curriculum.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1.2. Curriculum based on content standards and objectives.** The Team could not determine that all the Content Standards and Objectives (CSOs) were being taught at all grade levels. The Team recommended that the principal monitor lesson plans and conduct classroom observations to ensure that the CSOs are taught at all grade levels.

FOLLOW-UP REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED.

- 7.1.10. Programs of study.** The Team was not able to determine that art was being taught at all grade levels. The Team recommended that the principal monitor lesson plans and conduct classroom observations to ensure that art is being taught at all grade levels.

FOLLOW-UP REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED. Art instruction was one of the instructional activities the principal monitored on the Walk Through classroom visits.

BUILDING CAPACITY TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES

- 17.1. Capacity building is a process for targeting resources strategically to improve the teaching and learning process. School and county Unified Improvement Plan development is intended, in part, to provide mechanisms to target resources strategically to the teaching and learning process to improve student, school, and school system performance.**

The Team determined that Man Central K-8 School and Logan County have the capacity to correct the noncompliances listed in the report.

FOLLOW-UP CONCLUSION

The noncompliance had been corrected and the recommendations had been implemented.

EARLY DETECTION AND INTERVENTION

One of the most important elements in the Education Performance Audit process is monitoring student progress through early detection and intervention programs.

Man Central K-8 School is a stimulating and nurturing school. The staff and students have made exceptional progress in the transition from four schools to one. The Team reported that the school is progressing, yet cautions the school and county staff to always be mindful of the achievement of all students and the subgroups.

TEAM SUMMARY

The school and county staffs have continued to be mindful of achievement of all students and subgroups and have analyzed the WESTEST results to identify strengths and weaknesses of all students and subgroups.

SCHOOL SYSTEM APPROVAL & SCHOOL ACCREDITATION STATUS

The Office of Education Performance Audits recommends that the West Virginia Board of Education continue the Full Approval status of the Logan County School System and continue the Full Accreditation status of Man Central K-8 School.