



LUDINGTON AREA SCHOOLS

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Friends,

Thank you for your interest in education, for supporting student learning, and for visiting our website. We are very proud of our students, their parents, our supportive community, the Board of Education, and our LASD team. We are all "soaring higher".

LAS did significantly surpass state averages in all areas, not an easy task anymore with changing tests, changing cut scores, and a renewed effort in all schools. This is a compliment to our team of students, educators (all staff), and parents.

For the next while, let's congratulate our students when we see them, parents when we see them, and each other when you, we, meet.

Our Professional Learning Communities (PLC) work is truly exemplary across the state of Michigan. I know these nine PLC days built into our school calendar are inconvenient for our community. I hope we recognize the value in how these days shape not only the curriculum, but more so the instructional techniques that promote learning.

LAS made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) this year in both areas, Math and Reading. Making AYP is very difficult now - the cut scores (passing scores) are higher, the tests have fewer low level questions, etc. You will find that the state averages are far below these AYP cut scores for 2011. It will be more difficult to make AYP next year because the cut scores go up significantly. Please note the 2012 cut scores, listed in our data. Of course, there are legislative changes in the works so who knows what the shifting sand will bring us next. No matter what happens, the goal is still the same . . . continuous improvement.

Thank you for browsing the information provided here. If you would like more information, please let us know at the following email address: comments@lasd.net.

Sincerely,

Cal De Kuiper
Superintendent

Area MME Scores 2011

Data Compiled from MDE ISD Comprehensive Report

	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>
State Average	47	52	61	63	78
2011 AYP Cut Score		67		79	
Ludington	51	67	81	79	92
Local District A	44	50	69	62	80
Local District B	46	49	60	69	80
Local District C	42	25	83	67	92
Local District D	33	29	38	44	62
Local District E	57	68	65	67	85
Local District F	30	40	58	54	80
Local District G	44	58	81	75	88
2012 AYP Cut Score		78		86	

AYP = Adequate Yearly Progress is the school district passing score as determined by the State of Michigan.