



# COEUR D'ALENE CHARTER ACADEMY



## 2010-2011 Annual Report

Presented to the Board of Trustees  
Coeur d'Alene School District No. 271

By Daniel P. Nicklay, Principal

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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## Highlights of the Year

The 2010-2011 school year saw continued growth in student numbers and waiting list numbers, as well as further national recognition.

Opening-day enrollment of 642 represented an increase of fifty students over the previous year. Waiting lists exceeded two hundred, indicating that demand for the Academy is continuing to grow. Our addition of four classrooms accommodated the increased student numbers.

Standardized tests continue to indicate outstanding achievement by our students. Academy students took 211 Advanced Placement tests, and nearly three-fourths of them scored high enough to earn college credit. Based on their performance, the Academy has an "Equity and Excellence" rating of 97.9, from the College Board, indicating the percentage of graduates who have passed at least one AP exam.

The Academy's graduating class consisted of forty-five students. Three of these students were recognized as National Merit Scholars. Graduating seniors were offered scholarships in excess of 3.2 million dollars, and will be attending schools such as University of Idaho, Whitworth University, Washington State, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Naval Academy, to name just a few. Ten graduates received scholarships through the Charter Academy Scholarship fund.

The Academy team won the state Science Bowl competition for the third consecutive year, and became only the third Idaho team in twenty years to advance to the "round of sixteen" at the national competition in Washington, D.C. Two Academy students each achieved the highest score in the state for their respective grades on the American Math Challenge, and the Academy team won the North Idaho College Math Competition.

Recognition in the form of national rankings indicates continuing improvement of our already successful program. *The Washington Post* (formerly the *Newsweek* ranking) recognized the Academy as number 128 in their rankings of top schools, compared to number 282 the previous year. The new *Newsweek* rankings, which utilize a far more comprehensive system for evaluating schools, placed the Academy at number 59 out of over 20,000 public high schools in the country.

We anticipate a student population approaching 700 for the coming year, and waiting lists continue to grow. Despite the challenges that come with continued growth, we are confident that we can maintain and improve the level of education our constituents have come to expect.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel P. Nicklay  
Principal

# AUDIT

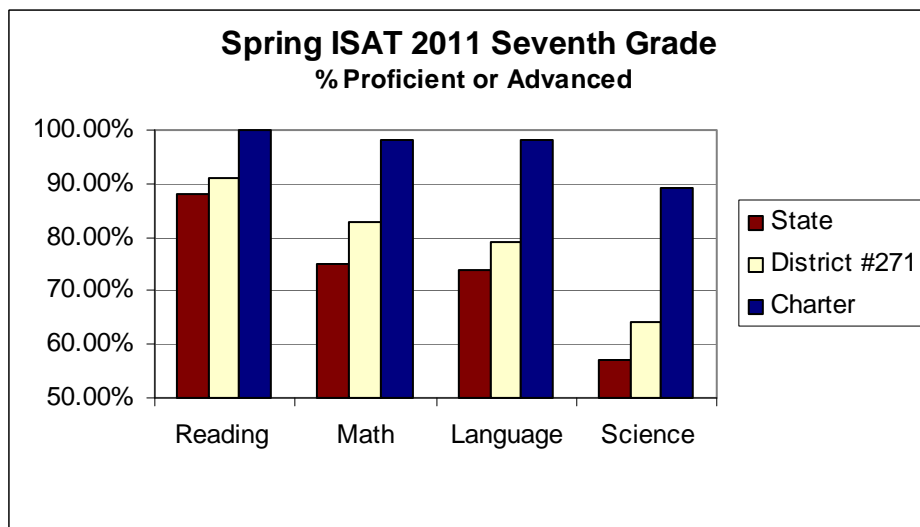
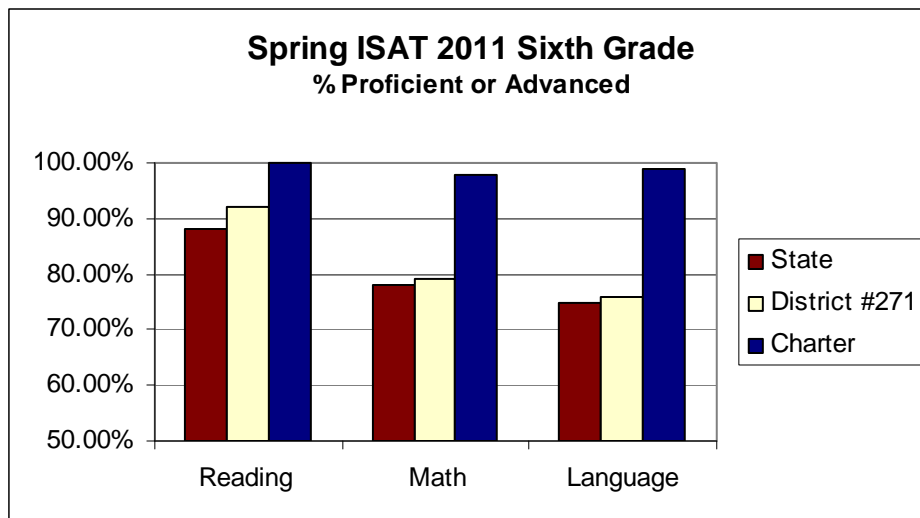
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The Academy's audit is being conducted in late July and early August 2011. As soon as the audit report is received, (approximately September 2011,) it will be forwarded to Coeur d'Alene School District No. 271, as an addendum to this report.

# MEASURE OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

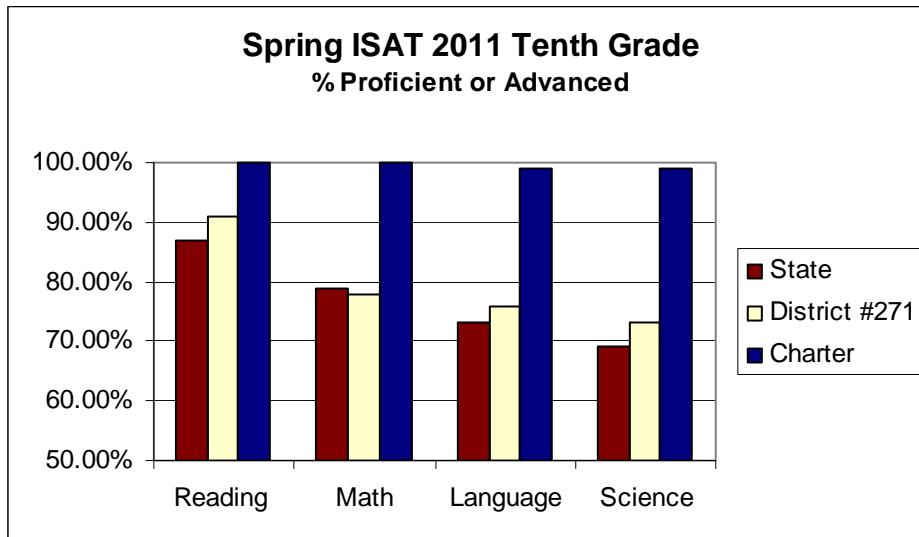
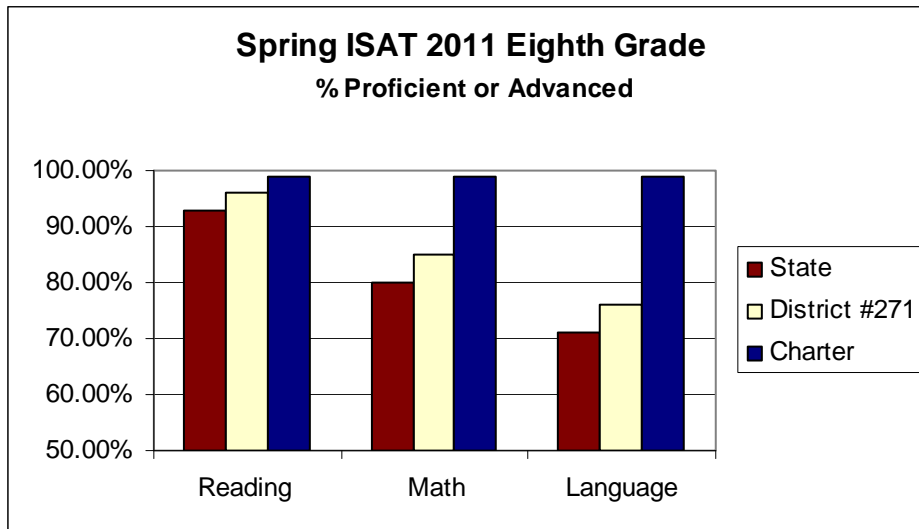
## Idaho Standards Achievement Test - ISAT

The Idaho Standards Achievement Test is the state-mandated test battery used to determine Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) to ensure compliance with No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The ISAT is now a graduation requirement for all students in Idaho public schools; students must show proficiency on the tenth-grade test to qualify for a diploma. Results continue to indicate superior performance by Academy students.



# MEASURE OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

## Idaho Standards Achievement Test - ISAT - Continued

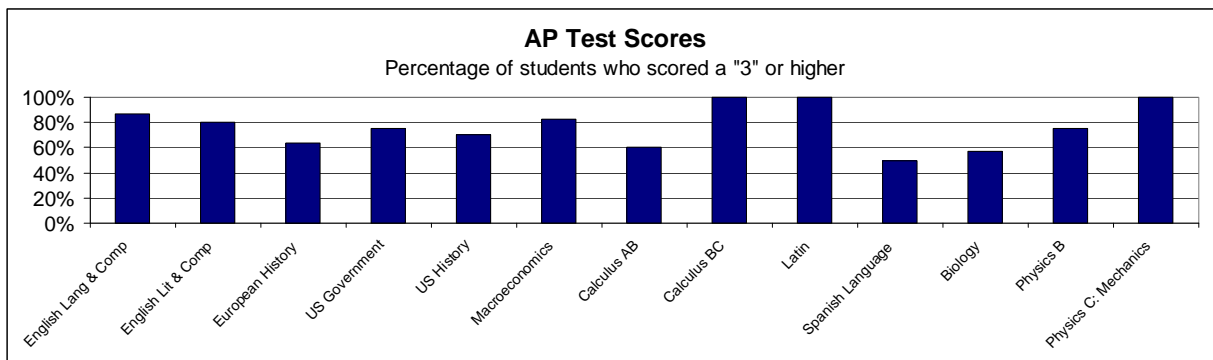


# MEASURE OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

## Academy Advanced Placement - AP

The Advanced Placement test is given to students who wish to obtain college credit for classes taken in high school. Unlike their counterparts in most schools, all students who take AP classes at the Academy are required to take the culminating tests. Academy students took 211 AP exams, resulting in 150 scores high enough to earn college credit, including forty students who achieved the highest possible score of 5.

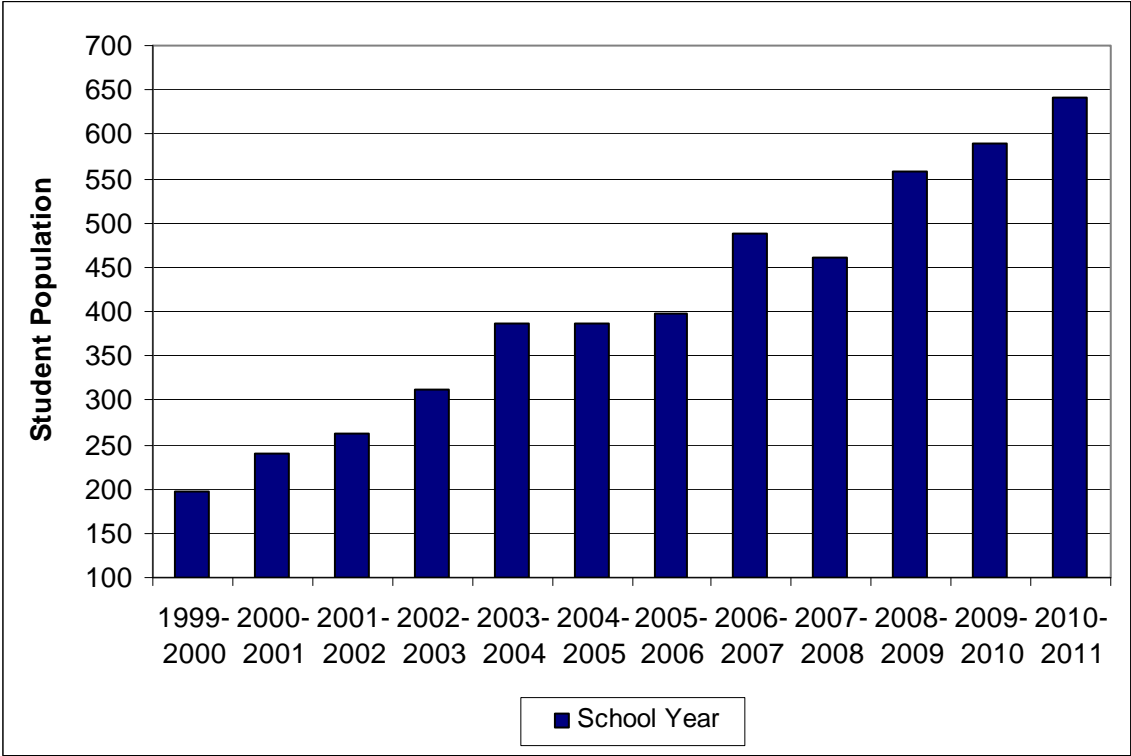
Twenty-seven students were named AP Scholars, including ten “Scholars with Honor,” ten “Scholars with Distinction,” and one “National AP Scholar,” denoting various levels of outstanding performance.



# ENROLLMENT REPORT

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Opening day enrollment was 642, compared to 591 in 2009-2010. Projections for the coming year indicate opening-day enrollment between 650 and 700.



# COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – JENNIFER BRUMLEY, CHAIRMAN AND DR. JAMES SCHAFFER, COLLEGE COUNSELOR

The Scholarship Committee was composed of one board member, two administrators, and two faculty members as follows: Jennifer Brumley, Daniel Nicklay, Jim Schaffer, Rob Bass, and Virginia Hammond.

We received twenty-eight applications from seniors. The committee awarded ten \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors who demonstrated both superior academic achievement and commitment to the Academy's mission. This year's recipients were Cyrus Bowlin, Caleb Drechsel, Lewis Ellis, Steven Hallgren, Kate Johnson, Paige Kelly, Raul Mondragon, Elisabeth Moore, Kristen Ratcliff, Shanay Tetherow.

The Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy Class of 2011 received scholarship offers totaling approximately \$3.2 million; an amazing accomplishment and a great reflection of Charter's mission.

# COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE REPORT – C. ROBERT NELSON, CHAIRMAN

Academic Excellence Committee (AEC) is a Charter-mandated advisory group open to all who have an interest in nurturing the academic excellence of the Academy. Our diverse group meets as the need arises to discuss relevant matters as they relate to the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy (CCA) Charter, listen, and serve as an advisory conduit to the Board of Directors. What we report becomes part of the Board meeting minutes.

AEC's mission is to advance the fulfillment of CCA's mission by monitoring progress and advocating appropriately. Certain topics of particular interest are ongoing:

- Assembling parallel data for evaluation through the years (Annual Family Survey)
- Program development in Speech, Debate, Drama, Music, Foreign Language, Math and Science
- Pre-college testing philosophy and strategy
- Dual enrollment
- Quality development
- Keeping parents aware of education and Board issues and actions
- Maintaining Academy standards
- College costs
- Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy growth issues
- Researching successful schools operating with goals comparable to ours
- Communication at Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy

The most static factor involved is the Charter; putting it into practice with people is a dynamic process.

# ACCREDITATION REPORT

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## NAAS Accreditation

The Academy completed its three-year provisional accreditation through the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools. An on-site visitation is scheduled for spring, 2012.

# EXHIBITS

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Exhibit A –School Calendars 2010-2011 and 2011-2012

## Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy 2010-2011 School Calendar

August				
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<b>KEY:</b>	
Significant Dates	○
Dismissed Early	△
No School	■

### SIGNIFICANT DATES

- August 23..... Teachers start
- August 30..... First day of school
- September 6..... Labor Day - **No School**
- October 8..... Staff Development - **No School**
- November 4..... Parent Teacher Conferences:  
**6th Grade No School (Nov. 4 & 5)**  
**7-12 Grades Dismissed at 12:30 PM**
- November 24-26..... Thanksgiving Break - **No School**
- Dec. 20-Dec 31..... Christmas/New Year's Break - **No School**
- January 3..... School resumes
- January 17..... Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **No School**
- January 18-20..... Finals: **All grades dismissed at 12:30 PM**
- January 21..... Staff Development - **No School**
- February 21..... Presidents' Day - **No School**
- March 28-April 1..... Spring Break - **No School**
- May 25..... Class of 2011 Graduation
- May 30..... Memorial Day - **No School**
- June 13-15..... Finals: **All grades dismissed at 12:30 PM**
- June 15..... Last Day of School
- June 17..... Last Day for Teachers

### GRADING PERIODS / PROGRESS REPORTS

- September 24** - Mid-Quarter Progress Reports = 19 days
- October 29** - End of 1st Quarter = 43 days
- December 3** - Mid-Quarter Progress Reports = 65 days
- January 20** - End of 1st Semester = 88 days
- February 23** - Mid-Quarter Progress Reports = 110 days
- March 25** - End of 3rd Quarter = 132 days
- May 6** - Mid Quarter Progress Reports = 157 days
- June 15** - End of 2nd Semester = 184 days

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- November 23-25 ..... Thanksgiving Break - **No School**
- December 19-30..... Christmas Break - **No School**
- January 2 ..... School resumes
- January 16 ..... Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **No School**
- January 17-19..... Finals: **All grades dismissed at 12:30 PM**
- January 20..... Staff Development - **No School**
- February 20..... Presidents' Day - **No School**
- March 26-30..... Spring Break - **No School**
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