

# ASPEN ACADEMY

## 2022-2023 World's Best Workforce Plan



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Under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11, school boards are to adopt a long-term, comprehensive strategic plan to support and improve teaching and learning. This plan addresses the following five goals:

1. All children are ready for school.
2. All third-graders can read at grade level.
3. All racial and economic achievement gaps between students are closed.
4. All students are ready for career and college.
5. All students must graduate from high school.

**Aspen Academy, #4184, is a public charter school serving students in grades K-8.**

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## **2022-2023 Goals**

### **1. All Students Are Ready for School**

#### **2024-2025 ASPEN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL GOAL**

**Each year through FY 2025, 95% of all the School's kindergarten students continuously enrolled since the first day of school will be able to:**

- generate all sounds of the first 26 phonograms (letters a-z) by April 1 of each year.**
- count to 32 by June 1 of each year and**
- identify all 26 upper and lower case letters by February 1 of each year.**

#### **BUILDING SITE GOALS 2022-2023**

**Kindergarten:**

- In the Fall, the target for the Letter Sounds benchmark assessment is 3 correct in 1 minute. In the Fall, 18 scholars scored 0 letter sounds, which is in the “high risk” category. From Fall to Spring, there will be a movement of students from the “high risk” to “some risk” benchmark category of Letter Sounds. In the Spring, scholars scoring 0 Letter Sounds in the fall will score between 27-40 letter sounds in the Spring, moving into the “some” risk category.**
- In the Fall, the target for the Number Sequencing assessment is 4 correct. In the Fall, 21 scholars were below 4, scoring in either the “high or some risk” benchmark category. From Fall to Spring, there will be a movement of students from the “high risk” to the “some risk” benchmark category of Number Sequencing. In the Spring, scholars scoring below 4 in the fall will score between 7-9 in Number Sequencing in the Spring.**

### **2. All Students in Third Grade Achieving Grade-Level Literacy**

#### **2024-2025 ASPEN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL GOAL**

**Every year Aspen Academy will outperform, by overall percentage, the district of Prior Lake/Savage, in science, reading, and math.**

**By the end of the 2024/ 2025 school year, Aspen Academy will score:**

- 3rd grade proficiency rates will be no less than 10 points higher in reading than the state average on the MCAs.**
- No less than 13 percentage points higher than the state average for all students in reading.**

## **BUILDING SITE GOALS 2022-2023**

### **First Grade:**

- On the Nonsense word benchmark assessment in the Fall, 40 students scored below the Fall target of 10, scoring in the “some” to “high risk” category. Students with Fall scores in the "some risk" category will increase an average of at least 3 points on the Nonsense Words benchmark by Winter.
- Students with Fall scores in the "high risk" category in the fall, will increase at least 5 points on the Nonsense Words benchmark assessment by Spring.

### **Second Grade:**

- In the Fall of second grade, the target for Curriculum Based Measurement-Reading (CBM-Reading) is 56 words read correctly in 1 minute. In the Fall of 2022, 31 students were below the target of 56, scoring in either the “some” or “high” risk categories. By Spring there will be an average increase of at least 34 words correct (1 word per week) for students that scored in the “some” or “high” risk categories in the Fall.

### **Third Grade:**

- In the Fall of third grade, the target for CBM-Reading is 87 words read correctly in 1 minute. In the Fall of 2022, 26 students were below the target of 87, scoring in either the “some” or “high” risk categories. By Spring there will be an average increase of at least 34 words correct per (1 word per week) for students that scored in the “some” or “high” risk categories in the Fall.

## **3. Close the Achievement Gap(s) Between Student Groups**

### **2024-2025 ASPEN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL GOALS**

- All racial and economic achievement gaps between students are closed. Each year, for each reading and math, the average number of progress points generated by School students based on changes in their achievement levels, for students identified in the FRP subgroup, will exceed two.
- Each year, the School will demonstrate higher school-wide proficiency rates than the Prior Lake-Savage School District for reading, math, and science (for the same grades as offered by the school) for economic subgroups; and higher than the Shakopee school district for racial subgroups.

## **BUILDING SITE GOALS 2022-2023**

For the 2022-2023 school year, Aspen Academy will close the special education gap in reading by 24% and math by 21% to be on track to close the achievement gap in four years.

2020-2021: Reading: 35.6% proficiency gap

Math: 29% proficiency gap

2021-2022: Reading 35.5% proficiency gap

Math: 31.5% proficiency gap

## **4. All Students Career and College Ready by Graduation**

**2024-2025 ASPEN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL GOAL**

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**BUILDING SITE GOAL 2022-2023**

Each year, the School will administer a nationally-normed assessment in at least grades 4 and 8. For 4th grade students who remain in the School through 8th grade:

- If their 4th grade national percentile ranking was less than 70%, at least 50% of the students will increase their national percentile Ranking.

During Fall 2022 testing in 4th grade Reading, results showed that for...

- aReading, 41 students were below the 70th percentile
- AutoReading, 59 students were below the 70th percentile
- CBM-R, 44 students were below the 70th percentile

During Fall 2022 testing in 4th grade Math, results showed that for...

- aMath: 43 students were below the 70th percentile
- CBM-Math Automaticity: 51 students were below the 70th percentile

In the Fall of:

- 2023 these students will be in 5th grade.
- 2024 these students will be in 6th grade.
- 2025 these students will be in 7th grade.
- 2026 these students will be in 8th grade.