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# **Hamilton Alternative Academy**

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Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.

## End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

It's hard to believe that the school year is already a fourth over. By now you are getting into the new routine of coming on site for work sessions. Thanks to those of you who have perfect attendance! We've gotten positive feedback stating that it is helpful to have a quiet place to work and to get assistance from Mr. Benton and Mr. O'Reilly. Remember to keep in contact with us and come in every week!

All students are required to come **ON-SITE every WEEK** for at least one work session with our instructors.

This is a requirement from the Ohio Department of Education to be enrolled in the program. Please plan accordingly for this. This is in addition to completing work every week.



Check out our Website for the latest announcements:

www.hamilton-local.k12.oh.us

Look for Schools and then look for the Alternative Academy.

### **Progress Reports Attached**

Attached you will see your latest progress report – as of 10/26/2010. If you have submitted work within the past two weeks, it may not be noted yet. See Mr. Benton or Mr. O'Reilly if you have any questions.

I calculate grade levels at every 5 credits completed: 0-4 Credits = 9<sup>th</sup> Grade 5-9 Credits =  $10^{th}$  Grade 10-14 Credits =  $11^{\text{th}}$  Grade 15-20.5 Credits =  $12^{\text{th}}$  Grade



#### **ALTERNATIVE ACADEMY IS COMMENDED BY** THE OHIO **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

We are pleased to announce that ODE issued us a certificate of commendation for moving into Continuous Improvement on the Local School Report Card. Great work everyone!

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### **DOCUMENTS NEEDED – Complete and Return**



Please return the attached documents (Contact Update and Income Eligibility Form) as soon as possible.

This information is important to us to effectively run our school. Families who qualify for the Income Eligibility help us to hire our instructors and tutors for our students, so it's important you return it to school. All information is kept confidential. It is critical that you update us with any contact information changes, now and throughout the school year as we are accountable to the Ohio Department of Education for this information.

<u>Please note that if you</u> <u>are considering moving</u> <u>out of the Hamilton</u> <u>Local District, your</u> <u>enrollment with the</u> <u>Digital Academy must</u> <u>be approved prior to</u> <u>moving – it is not</u> <u>guaranteed that you</u> <u>will be approved to stay</u> <u>in the program</u>.

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

-Winston Churchill

### **Ohio Graduation Tests**

Thanks to those of you who were here and on time for your OGTs!!

We will receive the results back in early December.

All 1st time 10th graders and those still needing to pass certain sections will take the test the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Make arrangements early to be here for these very important tests.



#### SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR COMPLETING YOUR WORK

-At least attempt to answer all of the questions on an exam before you come in

-Use your study guides and your textbooks to answer questions

-Spend the time reading the material for the exams before you ask for help

