

Harvest Prep beats state in reading and math

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North Minneapolis' Harvest Preparatory School is the only "high poverty school" in Minnesota that has exceeded the state average in reading (79%) and math (81%). The innovative education institution tops the list of the high poverty yet high performing schools in Minnesota. A high poverty school is defined as one whose students' families meet criteria for poverty. A school with 85% of students meeting the criteria for poverty is called a high poverty school. At Harvest Preparatory School, a staggering 91% of the families are within the poverty guidelines.

Yet, Harvest Preparatory School is the number one school in Minnesota in closing the achievement gap. This is the second year in a row that Harvest Preparatory School exceeded the state average in reading and math.

Harvest Prep's Best Academy also exceeded state average in math but not in reading.

With these achievements, Harvest Preparatory School has brought more African American students to proficiency than any other school in the state of Minnesota.

In 2012, the state average for reading was 76% and the state average for math was 62%.

Best Academy, comprised of 99% African American boys, for the second year in a row outperformed the state white average in reading and math. See graph.

Harvest Prep co founder, Eric Mahmoud was recently inducted into the National Charter School Hall of Fame.