



2008-2009 School Year At A Glance

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Vital Statistics

- ◇ Established: 2007
- ◇ Principal: Mr. James Sciacca
- ◇ Lead Teacher/Director: Mrs. Cheryl Schnell
- ◇ Grade Levels: 07-08
- ◇ Enrollment: 20 students (chosen by lottery)
- ◇ Teacher/student ratio is 1:20

Enrollment/Applications

- ◇ Full enrollment maintained throughout the 2008-2009 year.
- ◇ Three students withdrew during the 2008-2009 year. One less withdrawal than the previous year.
- ◇ Started the school year with four students on the waiting list. Zero students on list by the beginning of 2nd semester.
- ◇ 5% of the 2008-2009 students came from outside Cumberland School District.
- ◇ 70% of the graduating 8th graders remained in the Academy for the full two years.
- ◇ 100% year-to-year retention. Ten students returning for 2009-2010.
- ◇ Projected 2009-2010 enrollment is at maximum with a waiting list of four students.
- ◇ 10% of the 2009-2010 students projected to come from outside Cumberland School District.

Student Academic Performance & School Assessment Ratings

- ◇ Adequate Yearly Progress met as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's guidelines.

WKCE results for Island City Research Academy		State Requirement for Proficient or Advance	ICRA Proficient or Advanced in 2007-08	ICRA Proficient or Advanced in 2008-09
	Math	58%	75%	65%
	Reading	74%	95%	75%

Individual Student Achievements

- ◇ Three students selected as National Junior Honor Society members.
- ◇ Three students honored as Cumberland Middle School 2009 Academic All Stars.

Student Attendance

- ◇ The average daily attendance rates of the Academy's students were higher than their peers.

Average Daily Attendance Rates		2007-08	2008-09
	Island City Research Academy	97.38%	97.2%
	Peers in Cumberland Middle School	95.37%	95.2%

Student Behavior

- ◇ For the 2008-2009 school year, there was one office discipline compared with zero the previous year.

Parent/Family Team Involvement

- ◇ 100% attendance during fall parent teacher conferences; and 95% attendance during spring conferences.
- ◇ 100% family team participation at two of the three major student presentations; and 95% attendance at orientation.
- ◇ 4:1 student to parent ratio typical for field trips (compared to 25:1 ratio for Cumberland Middle School field trips).
- ◇ Parents provided educational activities and consulting on healthy food production, veterinary careers, Lyme disease, finances, and cheese making.
- ◇ A parent committee is organizing a science fair for the spring of 2010.
- ◇ Five parents of current/former students currently serve on the Academy's Board of Directors.

Educational Partners Involvement

- ◇ 25 educational partnerships established with local business, academia, and natural resource agencies.
- ◇ Three educational partners serve on the Academy's Board of Directors.
- ◇ Field trips included four educational partners' locations.

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Educational Partners

- ◇ 3M
- ◇ Ardisam
- ◇ Bangsberg Software Engineering
- ◇ Barron County Soil Office
- ◇ Beaver Dam Lake Management District
- ◇ Cumberland Advocate
- ◇ Cumberland Memorial Hospital
- ◇ Cumberland Veterinary Clinic
- ◇ Educational Global Climate Modeling
- ◇ Foust Design & Construction
- ◇ Friends of Scouts
- ◇ Hunt Hill Audubon Center
- ◇ Johnson Bank
- ◇ Jynx Taxidermy
- ◇ Louie's Finer Meats, Inc.
- ◇ Mountain Movers Construction
- ◇ NASA Glenn Research Center
- ◇ Rice Lake Chronotype
- ◇ St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
- ◇ Tice Computer Solutions
- ◇ UW Barron County
- ◇ UW Stout
- ◇ Wisconsin DNR – Cumberland
- ◇ Wisconsin DNR – Spooner
- ◇ WITC – Rice Lake

Academy Events

- ◇ September 15, 2008 Academy Orientation
- ◇ November 18, 2008 1st Quarter Student Presentations
- ◇ Pre-College Activities with UW Barron County
- ◇ February 11, 2009 Gallery Walk
- ◇ February 16, 2009 ICRA Adult Social
- ◇ February 26, 2009 National Archery in the Schools Volunteer Training
- ◇ April 20, 2009 Student Presentations at UW Barron County Campus
- ◇ April 22, 2009 Poetry Slam at UW Barron
- ◇ May 15, 2009 Lake Superior Youth Symposium at College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN
- ◇ June 9, 2009 ICRA 1ST Annual Picnic

Giving Back to the Community

Students are required to complete one major and three minor community service projects during the year. 45% of the students exceeded these requirements. Community service projects included:

- ◇ Recycling and Energy Saving
- ◇ Talk with Elementary Students
- ◇ Research Garden
- ◇ School and Community Recycling
- ◇ Staples Lake Water Quality Data Collection
- ◇ Volunteer Work with
- Multi-handicapped Classroom
- Senior Extended Care Unit

Student Projects/Training

- ◇ Bird Banding
- ◇ Chemical Rocket Design
- ◇ CPR Training
- ◇ Fish Shocking
- ◇ Greek Cooking
- ◇ House Design
- ◇ Kayak Training
- ◇ Medieval Projects
- ◇ Pay It Forward Competition
- ◇ Nematode Study
- ◇ Simple Machines
- ◇ Space Meal & Shelter

Field Trips

- ◇ Amery Regional Medical Sleep Ctr
- ◇ Bergman's Greenhouse
- ◇ College of St. Scholastica
- ◇ Crex Meadows Wildlife Area
- ◇ Cumberland Inn & Suites
- ◇ Cumberland School District Forest
- ◇ Cumberland Veterinary Clinic
- ◇ Eagle Point Park
- ◇ Hunt Hill Audubon Center
- ◇ Island City Food Coop and Bakery
- ◇ Mountain Movers Construction Spec Home
- ◇ Nature's Edge Therapy Center
- ◇ Science Museum of Minnesota
- ◇ The Potter's Shed
- ◇ UW Barron County
- ◇ WITC – Rice Lake
- ◇ WITC – Rice Lake Spec Home

Major Purchases

- ◇ Archery Bows
- ◇ CPR Equipment
- ◇ Curriculum Materials
- Math and Language Arts (Odyssey)
- Robotics
- ◇ Field Equipment
- ◇ High Definition Video Camera
- ◇ Kayaks & Paddles
- ◇ Lab Tables
- ◇ PFD Life Vests
- ◇ Science Lab Probes
- ◇ Technology Infrastructure
- ◇ Wireless Reading Devices

Fundraisers

- ◇ Louie's Brat Haus
- ◇ Silent Sport Raffle
- ◇ T-shirts & Sweatshirts Sales