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## INTRODUCTION

Since our founding in 2003, the mission of the Office for Education Policy has been to look at pressing issues through the lens of academic research and disseminate our findings to educators, policymakers, and other stakeholders around Arkansas. *Every once in a while, however, we think it is okay to stray from issue analysis and simply share some good news!*

So, in this Arkansas Education Report (AER) we aim to highlight excellent performance and give our congratulations. To that end, we are happy to highlight many high performing schools around the state in our now-annual AER entitled the **Outstanding Educational Performance Awards**.

Over a three month period this fall, a new set of **OEP Awards** will be released every couple of weeks to highlight the high performing schools in Arkansas on the Benchmark exam in math and literacy, and End-Of-Course (EOC) exams in Algebra, Geometry, Literacy (Grade 11), and Biology. This first release will begin by featuring high performing elementary and middle schools on Benchmark performance in literacy, math, and combined test score performance.

After we present our overall snapshot of high performing schools, we will release subsequent reports every few weeks focusing on a different subset of schools. In section two of the **OEP Awards AER**, we will feature schools that are beating the odds (that is, schools that have high levels of student achievement while serving a high percentage of low-income students). In the following weeks, we will focus on high performing elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in the various regions across the state. Finally, we will conclude our report by focusing on the schools with the greatest improvement in test scores between 2010 and 2011. Our release schedule is:

- **High Achieving “Overall” Schools in Arkansas**
- **Beating the Odds – High Achieving Schools Serving Low Income Students**
- **High Achieving Elementary Schools by Region**
- **High Achieving Middle Schools by Region**
- **High Achieving High Schools Across Arkansas**
- **Most Improved Schools between 2006 and 2010**
- **Stay tuned over the next ten weeks to see which schools in your area are recognized for our OEP Award!**

## I. 2011 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING “OVERALL” SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS BASED ON PERFORMANCE ON THE BENCHMARK

This section highlights high performing elementary and middle schools across the state based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams were administered to students in grades three through eight in math and literacy in April 2011. Each table in this section presents the top 20 schools for the noted subject and school level, and includes the region in which the school is located, the grades served at the school, and the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2011.

### A. Benchmark Scores in Mathematics, 2011

*Table 1: Top 20 Elementary Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement*

	School (District)	Region <sup>1</sup>	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced <sup>2</sup>
1	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	SE	K-5	100%
2	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana) ♦	SW	K-4	99%
3	Salem Elementary (Bryant) ♦	CN	K-6	98%
3	Viola Elementary (Viola)	NE	K-6	98%
5	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County) ♦	CN	K-5	97%
5	Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	NW	K-4	97%
5	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	97%
5	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	NE	K-4	97%
5	Morrilton Elementary (South Conway County)	NW	2-3	97%
5	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	K-6	97%
5	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	NW	K-3	97%
5	Richland Elementary (West Memphis) ♦	NE	K-6	97%
5	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County)	NE	K-4	97%
5	Woodrow Cummins Elementary (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	97%
15	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	2-4	96%
15	Central Park at Morning Star Elementary (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-5	96%
15	Dover Elementary (Dover)	NW	K-4	96%
15	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	96%
15	Mountain Springs Elementary (Cabot)	CN	K-4	96%
15	Park Magnet (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	K-4	96%

♦ Indicates school placed on same category in 2009-10. The percent proficient/advanced value shown is rounded. Ranks are based on actual values.

<sup>1</sup> Schools are divided into five regions in Arkansas: Northwest (NW), Northeast (NE), Central (CN), Southwest (SW), and Southeast (SE).

<sup>2</sup> Schools are ranked based on the percent of students performing at proficient or advanced levels in the noted subject.

Table 2: Top 20 Middle Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	5-6	96%
2	Ruth Barker Middle (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	93%
3	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	92%
3	Old High Middle (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	92%
3	Ruth Doyle Intermediate (Conway) ♦	CN	5-6	92%
3	Spring Hill Middle (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	92%
3	Swifton Middle (Jackson County) ♦	NE	5-7	92%
3	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	92%
9	East Hills Middle (Greenwood) ♦	NW	6-7	91%
9	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside B) ♦	CN	6-8	91%
9	Pea Ridge Middle (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	6-8	91%
12	Harrison Middle (Harrison)	NW	5-6	90%
12	McNair Middle (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	6-7	90%
12	Southwest Middle (Searcy) ♦	NE	5-6	90%
15	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	5-8	89%
16	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)	NW	5-6	88%
16	Morrilton Intermediate (South Conway County)	NW	4-6	88%
16	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville)	NW	4-6	88%
16	Russellville Middle (Russellville)	NW	5-7	88%
20	Carl Stuart Middle (Conway) ♦	CN	7-8	87%
20	Raymond and Phyllis Simon Intermediate (Conway)	CN	5-6	87%
20	Vilonia Middle (Vilonia)	CN	5-7	87%

♦ Indicates school placed on same category in 2009-10.

For the purposes of this report, elementary schools are defined as schools which primarily serve grades 3-5, and middle schools are defined as schools which primarily serve grades 6-8. For a detailed description of the categorization of schools, see Appendix A at the end of this document.

Ten elementary and 15 middle schools on this year's "Top 20 List" for math achievement were repeats from last year's honors.

In addition to the 42 schools recognized here, there were numerous schools that nearly made the list in mathematics. In fact, 81 elementary schools and 29 middle schools were within 5 percentage points of the last school on the list. Additionally, 383 out of the 487 elementary schools and 117 out of 225 middle schools had at least 75% of students score proficient and advanced in mathematics.

Three regions stood out in the "Top 20 Lists". For elementary schools, central and northeast regions held 8 and 6 spots on the list, respectively. For middle schools, the northwest region held 14 spots on the list. Additionally, 5 of the top 20 middle schools were from the Bentonville School District.

As was the case in 2009-10, the "Top 20 Schools" serve relatively more advantaged student populations. At the elementary school level, the FRL rate (percentage of students receiving free



or reduced lunches) for all Arkansas elementary schools was 64%, while the FRL rate for the top 20 schools was 39%. Similarly, the FRL rate for all Arkansas middle schools was 57%, while the FRL rate for the top 20 schools was 42%.

## B. Benchmark Scores in Literacy, 2011

Table 3: Top 20 Elementary Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Park Magnet (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	K-4	98%
2	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana) ♦	SW	K-4	97%
3	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	2-4	96%
3	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne) ♦	NE	K-6	96%
5	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock) ♦	CN	K-5	95%
5	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	95%
5	Richland Elementary (West Memphis) ♦	NE	K-6	95%
8	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County) ♦	CN	K-5	94%
8	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	K-4	94%
8	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	94%
8	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	NE	K-4	94%
12	Central Park at Morning Star Elementary (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	93%
12	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	93%
12	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	SE	K-5	93%
12	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	NW	K-3	93%
12	Salem Elementary (Bryant) ♦	CN	K-6	93%
12	Valley View Elementary (Valley View)	NE	K-6	93%
12	Viola Elementary (Viola)	NE	K-6	93%
12	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	K-4	93%
20	Chanel Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	K-5	92%
20	Dover Elementary (Dover)	NW	K-4	92%
20	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	92%
20	Hunt Elementary (Springdale) ♦	NW	K-5	92%
20	Imboden Area Charter (Imboden Area Charter)	NE	K-8	92%
20	Morrilton Elementary (South Conway County)	NW	2-3	92%
20	Springhill Elementary (Bryant) ♦	CN	K-5	92%
20	Vandergriff Elementary (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	K-5	92%
20	Williams Magnet Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	K-5	92%
20	Woodrow Cummins Elementary (Conway)	CN	K-4	92%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 4: Top 20 Middle Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	5-6	95%
2	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	5-8	93%
3	Benton Junior High (Benton) ♦	CN	8-9	91%
4	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville)	NW	4-6	90%
4	Southwest Middle (Searcy) ♦	NE	5-6	90%
6	Mountain Home Junior High (Mountain Home) ♦	NW	8	89%
6	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	89%
8	Kirksey Middle (Rogers)	NW	6-8	88%
8	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	88%
8	LISA Academy (LISA Academy) ♦	CN	6-8	88%
8	Ruth Barker Middle (Bentonville)	NW	5-6	88%
8	Ruth Doyle Intermediate (Conway) ♦	CN	5-6	88%
13	Ahlf Junior High (Searcy) ♦	NE	7-8	87%
13	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside B)	CN	6-8	87%
13	McNair Middle (Fayetteville)	NW	6-7	87%
13	Mountain View Middle (Mountain View) ♦	NE	6-8	87%
13	Raymond E. Wells Junior High (Greenwood)	NW	8-9	87%
13	Woodland Junior High (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	87%
19	Cabot Middle School North (Cabot)	CN	5-6	86%
19	Greenbrier Junior High (Greenbrier)	CN	8-9	86%
19	Harrison Middle (Harrison) ♦	NW	5-6	86%
19	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)	NW	5-6	86%
19	LISA Academy North Middle (LISA Academy)	CN	6-8	86%
19	Pea Ridge Middle (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	6-8	86%
19	Vilonia Junior High (Vilonia)	CN	8-9	86%
19	Vilonia Middle (Vilonia)	CN	5-7	86%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Fifteen elementary and 13 middle schools on this year’s “Top 20 List” for literacy achievement were repeats from last year’s honors.

As was the case in math, there were numerous schools that nearly made these lists as well. In fact, 75 elementary schools and 26 middle schools were within 5 percentage points of the 20<sup>th</sup> school on each respective list. Additionally, 314 out of the state’s 487 elementary schools and 117 out of the state’s 225 middle schools had at least 75% of students score proficient and advanced in literacy.

The central and northwest regions had strong showings among elementary schools, with 11 and 10 schools respectively on the list. Schools from the northwest region also held 13 spots on the middle school list.

Again, it is worth noting that many of the schools in the top 20 serve relatively advantaged student populations. The FRL rate for all Arkansas elementary schools was 64% while the FRL rate for the “Top 20 Schools” in literacy was 35%. The FRL rate for all Arkansas middle schools was 57%, while the FRL rate for the “Top 20 Schools” was 37%.

## C. Benchmark Scores Combined (Math and Literacy)<sup>3</sup>, 2011

Table 5: Top 20 Elementary Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math and Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana) ♦	SW	K-4	98%
2	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	SE	K-5	97%
2	Park Magnet (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	K-4	97%
4	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	2-4	96%
4	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County) ♦	CN	K-5	96%
4	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	96%
4	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	NE	K-4	96%
4	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	96%
4	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne) ♦	NE	K-6	96%
4	Richland Elementary (West Memphis) ♦	NE	K-6	96%
11	Morrilton Elementary (South Conway County)	NW	2-3	95%
11	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	NW	K-3	95%
11	Salem Elementary (Bryant) ♦	CN	K-6	95%
11	Viola Elementary (Viola)	NE	K-6	95%
15	Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	NW	K-4	94%
15	Central Park at Morning Star Elementary (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	94%
15	Dover Elementary (Dover)	NW	K-4	94%
15	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock) ♦	CN	K-5	94%
15	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County)	NE	K-4	94%
15	Woodrow Cummins Elementary (Conway)	CN	K-4	94%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

<sup>3</sup> Combined score is a simple average of students proficient or advanced on Math and Literacy.

Table 6: Top 20 Middle Schools in Arkansas Based on Math and Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	5-6	96%
2	Ruth Barker Middle (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	91%
2	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	5-8	91%
4	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	90%
4	Ruth Doyle Intermediate (Conway) ♦	CN	5-6	90%
4	Southwest Middle (Searcy) ♦	NE	5-6	90%
4	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	90%
8	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside B)	CN	6-8	89%
8	McNair Middle (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	6-7	89%
8	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville)	NW	4-6	89%
11	Harrison Middle (Harrison) ♦	NW	5-6	88%
11	Old High Middle (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	88%
11	Pea Ridge Middle (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	6-8	88%
14	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)	NW	5-6	87%
14	Spring Hill Middle (Bentonville)	NW	5-6	87%
16	Cabot Middle North (Cabot)	CN	5-6	86%
16	East Hills Middle (Greenwood) ♦	NW	6-7	86%
16	Kirksey Middle (Rogers)	NW	6-8	86%
16	LISA Academy (LISA Academy) ♦	CN	6-8	86%
16	Morrilton Intermediate (South Conway County)	NW	4-6	86%
16	Vilonia Middle (Vilonia)	CN	5-7	86%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Eleven elementary schools and 13 schools at the middle school level on this year's Top 20 list for combined benchmark achievement were repeats from last year's honors.

In addition to the 41 schools recognized here, several schools nearly made the list in combined math and literacy. In fact, 76 elementary schools and 31 middle schools were within 5 percentage points of the 20<sup>th</sup> school. Additionally, 367 out of the state's 487 elementary schools and 116 out of the state's 225 middle schools had at least 75% of students score proficient and advanced.

The central region had a strong showing among elementary schools with 8 schools on the list. Schools from the northwest region also held 14 of the 20 spots on the middle school list.

As was the case in math and literacy, many of the schools in the top 20 serve relatively advantaged student populations. The FRL rate is 64% for the state's elementary students, while the FRL rate of the students on the top combined lists is 39%. At the middle school level, the FRL rate for the state's middle schools is 57%, while the FRL rate of the students on the top combined list is 38%.

## **II. 2011 OEP AWARDS: BEATING THE ODDS – HIGH ACHIEVING SCHOOLS SERVING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS**

This section highlights the high performing “high-poverty” elementary and middle schools across the state based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams were administered to students in grades three through eight in math and literacy in April 2011. For the purpose of this report, a school is classified as high-poverty if at least two-thirds (66%) of the students were eligible for the Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) program in the 2010-11 year.

In 2010-2011, approximately 57% of the state’s elementary schools (288 of 506) served student populations facing this level of economic disadvantage. While roughly 64% of the state’s students were eligible for FRL, the high-poverty schools served more disadvantaged populations, with 77% of the students in these schools eligible for FRL.

In 2010-2011, approximately 38% of the state’s middle schools (86 of 227) served student populations in which at least two-thirds of the students were economically disadvantaged. While roughly 57% of the state’s students are eligible for FRL, the high-poverty schools served more disadvantaged student populations, with 81% of the students in these schools eligible for FRL.

Each table presents the top 20 high-poverty schools for the noted subject and school level and includes the percent of students eligible for FRL, the region in which the school is located, the grades served at the school, and the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2011.

## A. Benchmark Scores in Mathematics, 2011

Table 7: Top 20 Elementary “High-Poverty” Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	% FRL	Region <sup>4</sup>	Grades Served	% Proficient/ Advanced <sup>5</sup>
1	Viola Elementary (Viola)*	66%	NE	K-6	98%
2	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)*	89%	NE	K-4	97%
2	Morrilton Elementary (South Conway County)*	67%	NW	2-3	97%
4	SMC Elementary at Luxora (South Mississippi County)	98%	NE	K-4	94%
4	Eudora Elem (Lakeside LV)	93%	SE	K-3	94%
4	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)*	74%	NW	K-5	94%
4	Amanda Gist Elementary (Cotter)	74%	NW	K-6	94%
4	Ida Burns Elementary (Conway)	69%	CN	K-4	94%
4	Sidney Deener Elementary (Searcy)	67%	NE	K-4	94%
10	Weaver Elementary (West Memphis)	92%	NE	K-6	93%
10	Grace Hill Elementary (Rogers)*	87%	NW	K-5	93%
10	Holly Harshman Elementary (Mena)	69%	SW	3-5	93%
10	Southside Elementary (Southside)*	66%	NE	K-4	93%
14	Imboden Area Charter (Imboden)*	87%	NE	K-8	92%
14	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)*	87%	NW	K-3	92%
14	Kingston Elementary (Jasper)*	78%	NW	K-6	92%
14	Hector Elementary (Hector)*	77%	NW	K-6	92%
14	Mansfield Elementary (Mansfield)	66%	NW	K-4	92%
14	Nemo Vista Elementary (Nemo Vista)	66%	NW	K-5	92%
20	Nevada Elementary School (Nevada)	81%	SW	K-6	91%
20	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)*	80%	SW	3-5	91%
20	Acorn Elementary (Ouachita River)	78%	SW	K-6	91%
20	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)*	76%	NW	K-4	91%
20	Cowsert Elementary (Clinton)	76%	NW	K-3	91%
20	Cherokee Elementary (Highland)	71%	NE	K-4	91%
20	Marshall Elementary (Searcy County)*	69%	NW	K-6	91%
20	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)*	69%	NW	K-4	91%
20	Florence Mattison Elementary (Conway)	68%	CN	K-4	91%

\* Schools honored in both math and literacy this year.

Along with these top 20 schools, many other schools are beating the odds. In math, 171 out of the 288 high-poverty elementary schools in the state had 75% of students score proficient or

<sup>4</sup> Schools are divided into five regions in Arkansas: Northwest (NW), Northeast (NE), Central (CN), Southwest (SW), and Southeast (SE).

<sup>5</sup> Schools are ranked based on the percent of students performing at proficient or advanced levels in the noted subject



advanced. Three of these schools are not only among the highest achieving schools serving disadvantaged student populations, but are also among the highest performing schools in the state. **Viola Elementary** (Viola), **Evening Shade Math & Science Academy** (Cave City), and **Morrilton Elementary** (South Conway) were also in the Top 20 overall elementary math category, highlighted in Section I above.

*Table 8: Top 20 Middle “High-Poverty” Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement*

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/ Advanced
1	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)*	68%	NW	5-6	88%
1	Morrilton Intermediate (South Conway County)*	67%	NW	4-6	88%
3	Wilson Intermediate (Malvern)	73%	CN	5-6	84%
4	Hoxie Middle (Hoxie)	72%	NE	6-7	83%
5	Clinton Intermediate (Clinton)*	73%	NW	4-6	82%
5	Cave City Intermediate (Cave City)*	71%	NE	5-6	82%
5	Clarksville Junior High (Clarksville)*	68%	NW	7-9	82%
8	J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)	77%	NW	6-7	81%
9	DeQueen Middle (DeQueen)	77%	SW	6-7	80%
9	Highland Middle (Highland)*	66%	NE	5-7	80%
11	Danville Middle (Danville)*	75%	NW	6-8	79%
12	KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory (KIPP Delta)	86%	SE	5	78%
12	Green Forest Intermediate (Green Forest)*	80%	NW	4-8	78%
14	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)*	67%	NE	5-6	77%
15	Hot Springs Intermediate (Hot Springs)	80%	CN	5-6	76%
15	Oakdale Middle (Rogers)*	67%	NW	6-8	76%
17	Mountainburg Middle (Mountainburg)	75%	NW	5-8	75%
17	Trumann Intermediate Gr. 7-8 (Trumann)*	69%	NE	7-8	75%
17	Gentry Middle (Gentry)*	66%	NW	6-8	75%
20	Marked Tree Middle (Marked Tree)	75%	NE	6-8	74%
20	Cave City Middle (Cave City)*	67%	NE	7-8	74%
20	Dardanelle Middle (Dardanelle)*	66%	NW	7-8	74%

\* Schools honored in both Math and Literacy this year.

It is important to note that the top two high-poverty schools on this list, **Kraus Middle** (Clarksville) and **Morrilton Intermediate** (South Conway), were also highlighted in the Top 20 overall middle school math category, presented in Section I above. While this is the first year for Kraus Middle to find a place on the Top 20 overall list, Kraus Middle has climbed six spots from its position on last year's list to be tied at number one with Morrilton Intermediate of the Top 20 "High Poverty" list.

We have been highlighting these schools based on the school-wide average. However, there are several grade levels within these schools that stand out for exceptional performance. The next table will highlight the high achievers by grade in the high-poverty schools across the state.

Table 9: Top 5 Schools by Grade in “High-Poverty” Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	% Proficient/ Advanced
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>				
1	SMC Elementary at Luxora (South Mississippi County)	98%	NE	100%
1	Leslie Elementary (Searcy County)	83%	NW	100%
1	Bruno-Pyatt Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	80%	NW	100%
1	Hector Elementary (Hector)	77%	NW	100%
1	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	76%	NW	100%
1	Deer Elementary (Deer/Mt. Judea)	75%	NW	100%
1	Amanda Gist Elementary (Cotter)	74%	NW	100%
1	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)	69%	NW	100%
1	Kirby Elementary (Kirby)	66%	SW	100%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>				
1	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	89%	NE	100%
1	Viola Elementary (Viola)	66%	NE	100%
2	Wickes Elementary (Cossatot River)	73%	SW	98%
3	Weaver Elementary (West Memphis)	92%	NE	96%
3	Hector Elementary (Hector)	77%	NW	96%
3	Judsonia Elementary (Riverview)	76%	NE	96%
3	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg)	74%	SE	96%
3	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	69%	SE	96%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>				
1	Ode Maddox Elementary (Ouachita River)	78%	SW	100%
1	Jasper Elementary (Jasper)	72%	NW	100%
3	Weaver Elementary (West Memphis)	92%	NE	98%
4	Acorn Elementary (Ouachita River)	78%	SW	97%
4	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)	74%	NW	97%
4	Midland Elementary (Midland)	73%	SE	97%
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>				
1	St. Joe Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	85%	NW	100%
1	Viola Elementary (Viola)	66%	NE	100%
3	Midland Elementary (Midland)	73%	NE	94%
3	Marshall Elementary (Searcy County)	69%	NW	94%
5	Weaver Elementary (West Memphis)	92%	NE	93%
5	Mt. Judea Elementary (Deer/Mt. Judea)	89%	NW	93%
5	Danville Middle (Danville)	75%	NW	93%
5	Calico Rock Elementary (Calico Rock)	66%	NE	93%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>				
1	Green Forest Intermediate (Green Forest)	80%	NW	88%
1	Clarksville Junior High (Clarksville)	68%	NW	88%
3	Clinton Junior High (Clinton)	66%	NW	87%
4	Hoxie Middle (Hoxie)	72%	NE	83%
4	Cave City Middle (Cave City)	67%	NE	83%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>				
1	Pleasant View Jr. High (Mulberry-Pleasant View)	73%	NW	76%
1	Clarksville Junior High (Clarksville)	68%	NW	76%
2	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	73%	NW	69%
2	Trumann Intermediate Gr. 7-8 (Trumann)	69%	NE	69%
2	Oakdale Middle (Rogers)	67%	NW	69%

## B. Benchmark Scores in Literacy, 2011

Table 10: Top 20 Elementary “High-Poverty” Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/ Advanced
1	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)*	89%	NE	K-4	94%
1	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)*	69%	NW	K-4	94%
3	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)*	76%	NW	K-4	93%
3	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)*	74%	NW	K-5	93%
3	Viola Elementary (Viola)*	66%	NE	K-6	93%
6	Imboden Area Charter (Imboden)*	87%	NE	K-8	92%
6	Morrilton Elementary (South Conway County)*	67%	NW	2-3	92%
8	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)*	87%	NW	K-3	91%
8	Arrie Goforth Elementary (Norfolk)	85%	NW	K-6	91%
8	Sallie Cone Elementary (Conway)	81%	CN	K-4	91%
8	Kingston Elementary (Jasper)*	78%	NW	K-6	91%
8	Gurdon Primary (Gurdon)	76%	SW	K-4	91%
13	Hector Elementary (Hector)*	77%	NW	K-6	90%
14	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)*	80%	SW	3-5	89%
15	Prescott Elementary (Prescott)	82%	SW	K-4	89%
15	Southside Elementary (Southside)*	66%	NE	K-4	89%
17	Grace Hill Elementary (Rogers)*	87%	NW	K-5	88%
17	Bonnie Grimes Elementary (Rogers)	82%	NW	K-5	88%
17	Marshall Elementary (Searcy County)*	69%	NW	K-6	88%
17	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	69%	NW	K-5	88%
17	Cutter-Morning Star Elementary (Cutter Morning Star)	67%	CN	K-6	88%

\* Schools honored in both math and literacy this year.

Along with these top 20 schools, many other schools are beating the odds. In fact, 123 out of 288 high-poverty elementary schools boasted literacy achievement levels above 75% or more of students proficient or advanced.

Seven of these schools are not only among the highest achieving schools serving disadvantaged student populations, but are also among the highest performing schools in the state. **Eagle Heights Elementary** (Harrison), **Evening Shade Math & Science Academy** (Cave City), **Woodland Heights Elementary** (Harrison), **Viola Elementary** (Viola), **Eastside Elementary** (Rogers), **Imboden Area Charter** (Imboden), and **Morrilton Elementary** (South Conway) were also in the Top 20 overall in elementary literacy category, highlighted in Section I above.

Table 11: Top 20 Middle “High-Poverty” Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	% <i>FRL</i>	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/ Advanced
1	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)* Morrilton Intermediate (South Conway County)*	68%	NW	5-6	86%
2	Gentry Middle (Gentry)*	67%	NW	4-6	85%
3	Clarksville Junior High (Clarksville)*	66%	NW	6-8	84%
4	Dardanelle Middle (Dardanelle)*	68%	NW	7-9	83%
5	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	66%	NW	7-8	81%
6	Danville Middle (Danville)*	70%	SW	8-9	80%
7	Eureka Springs Middle (Eureka Springs)	75%	NW	6-8	79%
8	Oakdale Middle (Rogers)*	69%	NW	5-8	78%
8	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	67%	NW	6-8	78%
10	Clinton Intermediate (Clinton)*	74%	NE	7-8	77%
11	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)*	73%	NW	4-6	76%
12	Green Forest Intermediate (Green Forest)*	67%	NE	5-6	76%
12	Highland Middle (Highland)*	80%	NW	4-8	76%
12	Highland Middle (Highland)*	66%	NE	5-7	76%
15	Cave City Intermediate (Cave City)*	71%	NE	5-6	75%
15	Trumann Intermediate Gr. 7-8 (Trumann)*	69%	NE	7-8	75%
15	Cave City Middle (Cave City)* Buffalo Is. Central Junior High (Buffalo Island Central)	67%	NE	7-8	75%
15	Central)	70%	NE	7-8	75%
15	Cabe Middle (Gurdon)	69%	SW	5-8	75%
15	George Junior High (Springdale)	73%	NW	8-9	75%

\* Schools honored in both Math and Literacy this year.

It is important to note that the top high-poverty school on this list, **Kraus Middle** (Clarksville), was also highlighted in the Top 20 overall middle school literacy category, presented in Section I above.

We have been highlighting these schools based on the school-wide average. However, there are several grade levels within schools that stand out for exceptional performance. The next table will highlight the high achieving grades in high-poverty schools across the state.

Table 12: Top 5 Schools by Grade in “High-Poverty” Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	% Proficient/ Advanced
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>				
1	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	89%	NE	100%
1	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)	69%	NW	100%
3	Viola Elementary School (Viola)	66%	NE	97%
4	Sallie Cone Elementary (Conway)	81%	CN	93%
4	Nemo Vista Elementary (Nemo Vista)	66%	NW	93%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>				
1	St. Paul Elementary (Huntsville)	89%	NW	100%
2	Hector Elementary (Hector)	77%	NW	96%
2	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	76%	SE	96%
2	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	76%	NW	96%
2	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)	74%	NW	96%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>				
1	Acorn Elementary (Ouachita River)	78%	SW	100%
1	Union Elementary (El Dorado)	67%	SW	100%
3	Hazen Elementary (Hazen)	74%	SE	93%
3	Cutter-Morning Star Elementary (Cutter Morning Star)	67%	CN	93%
5	Riverside East Elementary (Riverside)	73%	NE	92%
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>				
1	Umpire Elementary (Cossatot River)	86%	SW	100%
1	St. Joe Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	85%	NW	100%
3	Arrie Goforth Elementary (Norfork)	85%	NW	94%
4	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	71%	NW	92%
5	Viola Elementary (Viola)	66%	NE	90%
5	Weiner Elementary (Harrisburg)	66%	NE	90%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>				
1	Gentry Middle (Gentry)	66%	NW	85%
2	Dardanelle Middle (Dardanelle)	66%	NW	83%
3	Eureka Springs Middle (Eureka Springs)	69%	NW	79%
4	Clarksville Junior High (Clarksville)	68%	NW	78%
5	Oakdale Middle (Rogers)	67%	NW	77%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>				
1	Buffalo Is. Central Junior High (Buffalo Island Central)	70%	NE	90%
2	Clarksville Junior High (Clarksville)	68%	NW	88%
3	Trumann Intermediate Gr. 7-8 (Trumann)	69%	NE	86%
4	Riverview Jr. High (Riverview)	74%	NE	83%
4	Oakdale Middle (Rogers)	67%	NW	83%

Among the high-poverty schools in the state, many schools obtained the accomplishment of being on two lists, either Top 20 math and literacy for "high-poverty" schools or of being both Top 20 on the "high-poverty" and the overall lists in one subject. **Morrilton Intermediate** (South Conway) was on three lists in the Top 20 in math for high-poverty schools and the Top 20 math and combined overall. Three elementary schools--**Viola Elementary** (Viola), **Evening Shade Math & Science Academy** (Cave City), **Morrilton Elementary** (South Conway County), and one middle school, **Kraus Middle** (Clarksville)--earned the highest achievement of being in the Top 20 on all five lists (Literacy "High Poverty", Math "High Poverty", Literacy Overall, Math Overall, and Overall Combined) in their level.

### III. 2011 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

This section provides a deeper look at the high achieving elementary schools and grades<sup>6</sup> within schools based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams were administered to students in grades three through eight in math and literacy in April 2011.

Each table presents the high achieving schools for the noted grade and subject and includes the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, and the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2011. Because we already listed our overall top performing elementary schools in Section I (pages 3-10 of this report), we move directly into listing the top performing elementary schools by grade.

#### A. Elementary Math by Grade, 2011

*Table 13: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Three Math Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
1	Amanda Gist Elementary (Cotter)	NW	48	100%
1	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	21	100%
1	Bruno-Pyatt Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	NW	13	100%
1	Deer Elementary (Deer/Mt. Judea)	NW	11	100%
1	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	37	100%
1	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	SE	13	100%
1	Hector Elementary (Hector)	NW	37	100%
1	Kirby Elementary (Kirby)	SW	22	100%
1	Leslie Elementary (Searcy County)	NW	15	100%
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	19	100%
1	Park Magnet (Hot Springs)	CN	70	100%
1	SMC Elementary at Luxora (South Mississippi County)	NE	21	100%
1	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)	SW	31	100%
1	Taylor Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	15	100%
1	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	21	100%

<sup>6</sup> In this section, we highlight the top performing grade levels for grades three through five. We did not distinguish between elementary or middle school, but simply highlight the top grade levels overall. Therefore, a middle school may be listed if it includes one of these grades. The next section will cover grades six through eight.



*Table 14: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Four Math Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	70	100%
<b>1</b>	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	NE	19	100%
<b>1</b>	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	SE	17	100%
<b>1</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	16	100%
<b>1</b>	Viola Elementary (Viola)	NE	36	100%
<b>6</b>	Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	NW	89	99%
<b>6</b>	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	71	99%
<b>6</b>	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	78	99%
<b>9</b>	Mountain Springs Elementary (Cabot)	CN	97	98%
<b>9</b>	Wickes Elementary (Cossatot River)	SW	47	98%
<b>9</b>	Woodrow Cummins Elementary (Conway)	CN	85	98%

*Table 15: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Five Math Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Buffalo Is. Central West Elementary (Buffalo Is. Central)	NE	29	100%
<b>1</b>	Guy-Perkins Elementary (Guy-Perkins)	CN	37	100%
<b>1</b>	Jasper Elementary (Jasper)	NW	24	100%
<b>1</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	23	100%
<b>1</b>	Ode Maddox Elementary (Ouachita River)	SW	17	100%
<b>1</b>	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	59	100%
<b>7</b>	Weaver Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	50	98%
<b>8</b>	Acorn Elementary (Ouachita River)	SW	32	97%
<b>8</b>	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)	NW	69	97%
<b>8</b>	Midland Elementary (Midland)	NE	34	97%
<b>8</b>	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	CN	82	97%

## B. Elementary Literacy by Grade, 2011

Table 16: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Three Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	37	100%
1	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	NE	14	100%
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	19	100%
4	Fox Meadow Intermediate (Nettleton)	NE	102	97%
4	Riverside West Elementary (Riverside)	NE	29	97%
4	Viola Elementary (Viola)	NE	35	97%
7	Bergman Elementary (Bergman)	NW	78	96%
7	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	69	96%
7	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)	CN	99	96%
7	Park Magnet (Hot Springs)	CN	70	96%
7	Vandergriff Elementary (Fayetteville)	NW	121	96%

*Table 17: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Four Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	CN	28	100%
<b>1</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	16	100%
<b>1</b>	Park Magnet (Hot Springs)	CN	46	100%
<b>1</b>	St. Paul Elementary (Huntsville)	NW	17	100%
<b>5</b>	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	70	98%
<b>5</b>	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	78	98%
<b>5</b>	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	CN	81	98%
<b>8</b>	Mt. Vernon/Enola Elementary (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	33	97%
<b>8</b>	Reagan Elementary (Rogers)	NW	72	97%
<b>10</b>	Atkins Elementary (Atkins)	NW	66	96%
<b>10</b>	Bernice Young Elementary (Springdale)	NW	78	96%
<b>10</b>	Crestwood Elementary (North Little Rock)	CN	71	96%
<b>10</b>	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)	NW	84	96%
<b>10</b>	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	71	96%
<b>10</b>	Hector Elementary (Hector)	NW	45	96%
<b>10</b>	Joe T. Robinson Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	40	96%
<b>10</b>	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	SE	24	96%
<b>10</b>	Skyline Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	81	96%
<b>10</b>	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County)	NE	59	96%
<b>10</b>	Walker Elementary (Springdale)	NW	88	96%
<b>10</b>	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	23	96%

*Table 18: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Five Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Acorn Elementary (Ouachita River)	SW	32	100%
<b>1</b>	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	21	100%
<b>1</b>	Union Elementary (El Dorado)	SW	22	100%
<b>4</b>	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	CN	82	96%
<b>5</b>	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	CN	56	95%
<b>5</b>	Chanel Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	95	95%
<b>5</b>	Gibbs Magnet Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	44	95%
<b>5</b>	Hurricane Creek Elementary (Bryant)	CN	97	95%
<b>5</b>	Jefferson Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	59	95%
<b>5</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	23	95%
<b>5</b>	Salem Elementary (Salem)	CN	59	95%
<b>5</b>	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs)	NW	77	95%
<b>5</b>	Valley View Elementary (Valley View)	NE	202	95%

## C. Elementary Combined (Math and Literacy)<sup>7</sup> by Grade, 2011

Table 19: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Three Combined (Math and Literacy) Achievement

	School (District)	Region	% Proficient/ Advanced
1	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	100%
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	100%
3	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)	CN	98%
3	Park Magnet (Hot Springs)	CN	98%
5	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	97%
5	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	NE	97%
5	Riverside West Elementary (Riverside)	NE	97%
5	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)	SW	97%
5	Viola Elementary (Viola)	NE	97%
10	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	96%
10	Bergman Elementary (Bergman)	NW	96%
10	Dover Elementary (Dover)	NW	96%
10	Fox Meadow Intermediate (Nettleton)	NE	96%
10	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	SE	96%
10	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway)	CN	96%
10	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	96%
10	Rose Bud Elementary (Rose Bud)	NE	96%
10	Springhill Elementary (Bryant)	CN	96%
10	Vandergriff Elementary (Fayetteville)	NW	96%
10	Woodlawn Elementary (Woodlawn)	SE	96%

<sup>7</sup> Combined score is a simple average of students proficient or advanced on Math and Literacy.

*Table 20: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Four Combined (Math and Literacy) Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	100%
<b>2</b>	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	CN	99%
<b>2</b>	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	99%
<b>2</b>	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	99%
<b>5</b>	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	98%
<b>5</b>	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	CN	98%
<b>7</b>	Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	NW	97%
<b>7</b>	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	SE	97%
<b>7</b>	Skyline Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	97%
<b>7</b>	St. Paul Elementary (Huntsville)	NW	97%

*Table 21: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Five Combined (Math and Literacy) Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Acorn Elementary (Ouachita River)	SW	99%
<b>2</b>	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	98%
<b>2</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	98%
<b>2</b>	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	98%
<b>5</b>	Buffalo Is. Central West Elementary (Buffalo Is. Central)	NE	97%
<b>5</b>	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	CN	97%
<b>7</b>	Valley View Elementary (Valley View)	NE	96%
<b>8</b>	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	CN	95%
<b>8</b>	Jefferson Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	95%
<b>10</b>	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)	NW	94%
<b>10</b>	Cord-Charlotte Elementary (Cedar Ridge)	NE	94%
<b>10</b>	Cutter-Morning Star Elementary (Cutter Morning Star)	CN	94%
<b>10</b>	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)	NW	94%
<b>10</b>	Gary E. Cobb Middle (Genoa Central)	SW	94%
<b>10</b>	Jasper Elementary (Jasper)	NW	94%
<b>10</b>	Perrin Elementary (Benton)	CN	94%
<b>10</b>	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	94%

The sections below present the high achieving schools for the noted grade and subject in each region and include the grades served in the school and the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2011.



## D. Northwest Region, 2011

Table 22: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	K-4	97%
1	Morrilton Elementary (South Conway County)	2-3	97%
1	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	K-3	97%
4	Central Park at Morning Star (Bentonville) ♦	K-4	96%
4	Dover Elementary (Dover)	K-4	96%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 23: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Amanda Gist Elementary (Cotter)	K-6	100%
1	Bruno-Pyatt Elementary (Ozark Mountain) ♦	K-6	100%
1	Deer Elementary (Deer/Mt. Judea)	K-6	100%
1	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	100%
1	Hector Elementary (Hector)	K-6	100%
1	Leslie Elementary (Searcy County)	K-6	100%
1	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	100%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	K-4	99%
2	Skyline Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	97%
3	Hector Elementary (Hector)	K-6	96%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Jasper Elementary School (Jasper)	K-6	100%
2	Eastside Elementary School (Rogers)	K-5	97%
3	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	96%
3	Nemo Vista Elementary School (Nemo Vista)	K-5	96%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 24: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	94%
<b>2</b>	Central Park at Morning Star (Bentonville)	K-4	93%
<b>2</b>	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	93%
<b>2</b>	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	K-3	93%
<b>2</b>	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	93%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 25: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	100%
<b>2</b>	Bergman Elementary (Bergman)	K-4	96%
<b>2</b>	Vandergriff Elementary (Fayetteville)	K-5	96%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	St. Paul Elementary (Huntsville)	K-6	100%
<b>2</b>	Reagan Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	97%
<b>3</b>	Atkins Elementary (Atkins)	K-4	96%
<b>3</b>	Bernice Young Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	96%
<b>3</b>	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	96%
<b>3</b>	Hector Elementary (Hector)	K-6	96%
<b>3</b>	Skyline Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	96%
<b>3</b>	Walker Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	96%
<b>3</b>	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	96%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs)	K-4	95%
<b>2</b>	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville)	K-3	93%
<b>2</b>	Raymond F. Orr Elementary (Fort Smith)	K-6	93%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.





## E. Northeast Region, 2011

Table 26: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Viola Elementary (Viola)	K-6	98%
2	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	K-4	97%
2	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne) ♦	K-6	97%
2	Richland Elementary (West Memphis) ♦	K-6	97%
2	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County) ♦	K-4	97%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 27: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne) ♦	K-6	100%
1	SMC Elementary at Luxora (South Mississippi County)	K-4	100%
3	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County)	K-4	99%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City) ♦	K-4	100%
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	K-6	100%
1	Viola Elementary (Viola)	K-6	100%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Buffalo Is. Central West Elementary (Buffalo Is. Central)	K-6	100%
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne) ♦	K-6	100%
1	Salem Elementary (Salem) ♦	K-6	100%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 28: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne) ♦	K-6	96%
<b>2</b>	Richland Elementary (West Memphis) ♦	K-6	95%
<b>3</b>	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	K-4	94%
<b>4</b>	Valley View Elementary (Valley View) ♦	K-6	93%
<b>4</b>	Viola Elementary (Viola)	K-6	93%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 29: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	K-4	100%
<b>1</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne) ♦	K-6	100%
<b>3</b>	Fox Meadow Intermediate (Nettleton)	K-2	97%
<b>3</b>	Riverside West Elementary (Riverside)	K-6	97%
<b>3</b>	Viola Elementary (Viola)	K-6	97%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne) ♦	K-6	100%
<b>2</b>	Richland Elementary (West Memphis) ♦	K-6	98%
<b>3</b>	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County)	K-4	96%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne) ♦	K-6	95%
<b>1</b>	Salem Elementary (Salem) ♦	K-6	95%
<b>1</b>	Valley View Elementary (Valley View)	K-6	95%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.



## F. Central Region, 2011

Table 30: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Central Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Salem Elementary (Bryant) ♦	K-6	98%
2	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County) ♦	K-5	97%
2	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)	K-4	97%
2	Woodrow Cummins Elementary (Conway) ♦	K-4	97%
5	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	2-4	96%
5	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway)	K-4	96%
5	Mountain Springs Elementary (Cabot)	K-4	96%
5	Park Magnet (Hot Springs) ♦	K-4	96%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 31: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Central Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	K-4	100%
1	Park Magnet (Hot Springs)	K-5	100%
3	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway) ♦	K-4	99%
3	Julia Lee Moore Elementary (Conway)	K-4	99%
3	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	K-6	99%
3	Springhill Elementary (Bryant) ♦	K-5	99%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	K-5	99%
2	Mountain Springs Elementary (Cabot)	K-4	98%
2	Woodrow Cummins Elementary (Conway)	K-4	98%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Guy-Perkins Elementary (Guy-Perkins)	K-6	100%
2	Salem Elementary (Bryant) ♦	K-6	97%
3	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County) ♦	K-5	95%
3	Cutter-Morning Star Elementary (Cutter Morning Star)	K-6	95%
3	Jefferson Elementary (Little Rock)	K-5	95%
3	Perrin Elementary (Benton)	K-5	95%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 32: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Central Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Park Magnet (Hot Springs) ♦	K-4	98%
<b>2</b>	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	2-4	96%
<b>3</b>	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock) ♦	K-5	95%
<b>3</b>	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway) ♦	K-4	95%
<b>5</b>	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	K-5	94%
<b>5</b>	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)	K-4	94%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 33: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Central Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)	K-4	96%
<b>1</b>	Park Magnet (Hot Springs) ♦	K-4	96%
<b>3</b>	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	K-5	95%
<b>3</b>	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway)	K-4	95%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	2-4	100%
<b>1</b>	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	K-4	100%
<b>3</b>	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	K-5	98%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	K-5	100%
<b>2</b>	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	K-5	96%
<b>3</b>	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	5-6	95%
<b>3</b>	Chanel Elementary (Pulaski County)	K-5	95%
<b>3</b>	Gibbs Magnet Elementary (Little Rock)	K-5	95%
<b>3</b>	Hurricane Creek Elementary (Bryant)	K-5	95%
<b>3</b>	Jefferson Elementary (Little Rock)	K-5	95%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.



## G. Southwest Region, 2011

Table 34: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Southwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana) ♦	K-4	99%
2	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel) ♦	K-6	93%
2	Holly Harshman Elementary (Mena)	3-5	93%
4	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	K-6	92%
5	Acorn Elementary (Ouachita River)	K-6	91%
5	Nevada Elementary (Nevada)	K-6	91%
5	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen) ♦	3-5	91%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 35: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Southwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Kirby Elementary (Kirby)	K-6	100%
2	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill) ♦	K-6	100%
2	Taylor Elementary (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	K-6	100%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana) ♦	K-4	100%
2	Wickes Elementary (Cossatot River)	K-6	98%
3	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	K-6	95%
3	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel)	K-6	95%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Oden Maddox Elementary (Ouachita River)	K-6	100%
2	Acorn Elementary (Ouachita River)	K-6	97%
3	Gary E. Cobb Middle (Genoa Central) ♦	5-8	96%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 36: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Southwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
1	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana) ♦	K-4	97%
2	Gurdon Primary (Gurdon) ♦	K-4	91%
3	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill) ♦	K-6	90%
4	De Queen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	89%
4	Prescott Elementary (Prescott)	K-4	89%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 37: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Southwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>			
1	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana) ♦	K-4	96%
2	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill) ♦	K-6	93%
3	Caddo Hills Elementary (Caddo Hills) ♦	K-6	92%
3	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel)	K-6	92%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana) ♦	K-4	98%
2	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel)	K-6	95%
3	De Queen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	93%
3	Gurdon Primary (Gurdon)	K-4	93%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Acorn Elementary (Ouachita River) ♦	K-6	100%
1	Union Elementary (El Dorado)	K-6	100%
3	Mount Ida Elementary (Mount Ida)	K-6	94%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.



## H. Southeast Region, 2011

Table 38: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Southeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	K-5	100%
2	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside A) ♦	K-3	94%
3	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg) ♦	3-5	89%
4	Drew Central Elementary (Drew Central) ♦	K-4	88%
5	Jimmy Brown Elementary (Star City)	K-6	84%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 39: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Southeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt) ♦	K-5	100%
2	Woodlawn Elementary (Woodlawn)	K-6	98%
3	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg)	3-5	96%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	K-5	100%
2	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg) ♦	3-5	96%
2	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	K-6	96%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Drew Central Middle (Drew Central) ♦	K-4	87%
2	Kingsland Elementary (Cleveland County) ♦	K-6	84%
3	Rison Elementary (Cleveland County)	K-6	84%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 40: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Southeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	K-5	93%
2	Portland Elementary (Hamburg) ♦	K-5	85%
3	C. B. Partee Elementary (Brinkley)	K-6	83%
4	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg) ♦	3-5	82%
5	Drew Central Elementary (Drew Central)	K-4	79%
5	Woodlawn Elementary (Woodlawn) ♦	K-6	79%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 41: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Southeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Woodlawn Elementary (Woodlawn)	K-6	93%
2	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt) ♦	K-5	92%
3	C. B. Partee Elementary (Brinkley)	K-6	90%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Portland Elementary (Hamburg) ♦	K-5	96%
2	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	K-5	94%
3	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg) ♦	3-5	91%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Hazen Elementary (Hazen) ♦	K-8	93%
2	Portland Elementary (Hamburg) ♦	K-5	89%
3	Wilmot Elementary (Hamburg)	K-5	85%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

In the next section, we will focus on the same factors in middle schools in each region. We will highlight high performing middle schools, as well as grade levels within schools for grades six through eight.



## IV. 2011 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING MIDDLE SCHOOLS

This section provides a deeper look at high achieving middle schools and grades<sup>8</sup> within schools based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams were administered to students in grades three through eight in math and literacy in April 2011.

Each table presents the high achieving schools for the noted grade and subject and includes the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, and the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2011. Because we already listed our overall top performing middle schools in Section I (pages 3-9 of this report), we move directly into listing the top performing middle schools by grade.

### A. Middle School Math by Grade, 2011

Table 42: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Six Math Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	St. Joe Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	NW	11	100%
1	Viola Elementary (Viola)	NE	21	100%
3	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	55	99%
4	Hardin Elementary (White Hall)	CN	44	98%
5	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	81	97%
6	Elmer H. Cook Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	73	96%
6	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside)	CN	242	96%
6	Pea Ridge Middle (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	134	96%
6	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	55	96%
10	Swifton Middle (Jackson County)	NE	44	95%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

<sup>8</sup> In this section, we highlight the top performing grade levels for grades six through eight. We did not distinguish between elementary, middle, or high school, but simply highlight the top grade levels overall. Therefore, an elementary or high school may be listed if it includes one of these grades.

Table 43: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Seven Math Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	NE	11	100%
2	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	NW	96	95%
3	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	486	94%
3	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	512	94%
5	Marshall High (Searcy County)	NW	58	93%
5	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	71	93%
7	McNair Middle (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	299	92%
7	Pea Ridge Middle (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	114	92%
7	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill) ♦	SW	39	92%
7	Swifton Middle (Jackson County)	NE	62	92%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 44: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Eight Math Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	NW	57	93%
2	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	SW	44	91%
3	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	471	90%
4	Kingston High (Jasper)	NW	19	89%
4	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	484	89%
6	Charleston High (Charleston)	NW	75	87%
7	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	NE	14	86%
8	Monticello Middle (Monticello)	SE	177	85%
8	Mt. Vernon/Enola High (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	33	85%
8	Pea Ridge Middle (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	124	85%
8	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	71	85%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

## B. Middle School Literacy by Grade, 2011

Table 45: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Six Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	St. Joe Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	NW	11	100%
1	Umpire Elementary (Cossatot)	SW	16	100%
3	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	55	96%
3	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	81	96%
5	Arrie Goforth Elementary (Norfolk)	NW	32	94%
5	Euper Lane Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	56	94%
5	International Studies Magnet (Jonesboro)	NE	54	94%
8	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	30	93%
9	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	27	92%
10	Elmer H. Cook Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	73	91%
10	John P. Woods Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	56	91%
10	Southwest Middle (Searcy) ♦	NE	295	91%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 46: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Seven Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	NE	11	100%
2	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	71	96%
3	Taylor High (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	24	92%
4	Hector High (Hector)	NW	46	89%
4	McNair Middle (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	299	89%
4	Western Yell Co. High (Western Yell County)	NW	45	89%
7	Kirksey Middle (Rogers)	NW	298	88%
7	LISA Academy (LISA Academy) ♦	CN	108	88%
9	Vilonia Middle (Vilonia)	CN	243	87%
10	Dierks High (Dierks)	SW	35	86%
10	Melbourne High (Melbourne)	NE	58	86%
10	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	512	86%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 47: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Eight Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Kingston High (Jasper)	NW	19	100%
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	NW	57	98%
3	Benton County School of the Arts Elem./Mid. (Benton County School of the Arts)	NW	59	94%
3	Bergman Middle (Bergman)	NW	83	94%
3	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville)	NW	471	94%
3	LISA Academy (LISA Academy) ♦	CN	102	94%
3	LISA Academy North Middle (LISA Academy-North Little Rock)	CN	57	94%
3	Oden High (Ouachita River)	SW	17	94%
9	Pea Ridge Middle (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	124	93%
9	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	NE	14	93%
9	Washington Junior High (Bentonville)	NW	484	93%
9	Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	SE	53	93%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

### C. Middle School Combined (Math and Literacy)<sup>9</sup> by Grade, 2011

Table 48: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Six Combined (Math and Literacy) Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	St. Joe Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	NW	11	100%
2	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	55	98%
3	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	81	97%
4	Viola Elementary (Viola)	NE	21	95%
5	Elmer H. Cook Elementary (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	73	94%
5	Umpire Elementary (Cossatot River)	SW	16	94%
7	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	27	92%
7	Hardin Elementary (White Hall)	CN	44	92%
7	International Studies Magnet (Jonesboro)	NE	54	92%
7	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside)	CN	242	92%
7	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	30	92%
7	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	55	92%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

<sup>9</sup> Combined score is a simple average of students proficient or advanced on Math and Literacy.

*Table 49: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Seven Combined (Math and Literacy) Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	NE	11	100%
<b>2</b>	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	71	95%
<b>3</b>	McNair Middle (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	299	91%
<b>4</b>	Taylor High (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	24	90%
<b>4</b>	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	512	90%
<b>6</b>	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	486	89%
<b>6</b>	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill) ♦	SW	39	89%
<b>8</b>	Marshall High (Searcy County)	NW	58	88%
<b>9</b>	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	NW	96	87%
<b>9</b>	Melbourne High (Melbourne)	NE	58	87%
<b>9</b>	Vilonia Middle (Vilonia)	CN	243	87%
<b>9</b>	Western Yell Co. High (Western Yell County)	NW	45	87%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 50: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Eight Combined (Math and Literacy) Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	NW	57	96%
<b>2</b>	Kingston High (Jasper)	NW	19	95%
<b>3</b>	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	471	92%
<b>4</b>	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	SW	44	91%
<b>4</b>	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	NW	484	91%
<b>6</b>	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	NE	14	90%
<b>7</b>	LISA Academy (LISA Academy) ♦	CN	102	89%
<b>7</b>	Pea Ridge Middle (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	124	89%
<b>7</b>	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	71	89%
<b>10</b>	Mt. Vernon/Enola High (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	33	88%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.



## D. Northwest Region, 2011

Table 51: Top 5 Overall Middle Schools in NW Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Ruth Barker Middle (Bentonville)	5-6	93%
2	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	92%
2	Old High Middle (Bentonville)	5-6	92%
2	Spring Hill Middle (Bentonville)	5-6	92%
2	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	92%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 52: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level<sup>10</sup> in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	St. Joe Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	K-6	100%
2	Elmer H. Cook Elementary (Fort Smith)	K-6	96%
2	Pea Ridge Middle (Pea Ridge) ♦	6-8	96%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	5-8	95%
2	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	94%
2	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	94%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	8-12	93%
2	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	90%
3	Kingston High (Jasper)	7-12	89%
3	Washington Junior High (Bentonville)	7-8	89%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2008-09.

<sup>10</sup> In this section, we highlight the top performing grade levels for grades six through eight in each region. We did not distinguish between elementary or middle school, but simply highlight the top grade levels overall. Therefore, an elementary or high school may be listed if it includes one of these grades.

*Table 53: Top 5 Middle Schools in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs) ♦	5-8	93%
<b>2</b>	Pottsville Middle (Pottsville)	4-6	90%
<b>3</b>	Mountain Home Junior High (Mountain Home)	8	89%
<b>3</b>	Washington Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	89%
<b>5</b>	Kirksey Middle (Rogers)	6-8	88%
<b>5</b>	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	88%
<b>5</b>	Ruth Barker Middle (Bentonville)	5-6	88%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 54: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	St. Joe Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	K-6	100%
<b>2</b>	Euper Lane Elementary (Fort Smith)	K-6	94%
<b>2</b>	Arrie Goforth Elementary (Norfork)	K-6	94%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs)	5-8	96%
<b>2</b>	McNair Middle (Fayetteville)	6-7	89%
<b>2</b>	Hector High (Hector)	7-12	89%
<b>2</b>	Western Yell Co. High (Western Yell County)	7-12	89%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Kingston High (Jasper)	7-12	100%
<b>2</b>	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	8-12	98%
<b>3</b>	Benton County School of the Arts Elem./Mid. (Benton County)	K-8	94%
<b>3</b>	Bergman Middle (Bergman)	6-8	94%
<b>3</b>	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville)	6-7	94%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.



## E. Northeast Region, 2011

Table 55: Top 5 Overall Middle Schools in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Swifton Middle (Jackson County) ♦	5-8	92%
2	Southwest Middle (Searcy) ♦	5-6	90%
3	Hoxie Middle (Hoxie)	6-7	83%
3	Nettleton Middle (Nettleton) ♦	6	83%
5	Ahlf Junior High (Searcy)	7-8	82%
5	Cave City Intermediate (Cave City)	5-6	82%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 56: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Viola Elementary (Viola)	K-6	100%
2	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	K-6	97%
3	Salem Elementary (Salem)	K-6	96%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	7-12	100%
2	Swifton Middle (Jackson County)	5-7	92%
3	West Side High (West Side)	7-12	91%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	7-12	86%
2	Tuckerman High (Jackson County)	8-12	82%
3	Mountain View Middle (Mountain View)	6-8	79%
3	Valley View High (Valley View)	7-12	79%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.



*Table 57: Top 5 Middle Schools in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Southwest Middle (Searcy) ♦	5-8	90%
<b>2</b>	Ahlf Junior High (Searcy) ♦	7-8	87%
<b>2</b>	Mountain View Middle (Mountain View) ♦	6-8	87%
<b>4</b>	Greene County Tech Junior High (Greene County Tech)	6-7	82%
<b>5</b>	Nettleton Middle (Nettleton)	6	80%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 58: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	K-6	96%
<b>2</b>	International Studies Magnet (Jonesboro)	1-6	94%
<b>3</b>	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	K-6	93%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	7-12	100%
<b>2</b>	Melbourne High (Melbourne)	7-12	86%
<b>3</b>	Mountain View Middle (Mountain View) ♦	6-8	84%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	7-12	93%
<b>2</b>	Ahlf Junior High (Searcy) ♦	7-8	90%
<b>2</b>	Buffalo Is. Central Junior High (Buffalo Island Central)	7-9	90%
<b>2</b>	Concord High (Concord)	7-12	90%
<b>2</b>	Mountain View Middle (Mountain View)	6-8	90%
<b>2</b>	Quitman High (Quitman)	7-12	90%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.



## F. Central Region, 2011

Table 59: Top 5 Middle Schools in Central Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	5-6	96%
2	Ruth Doyle Intermediate (Conway) ♦	5-6	92%
3	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside) ♦	5-7	91%
4	Carl Stuart Middle (Conway) ♦	7-8	87%
4	Raymond and Phyllis Simon Intermediate (Conway)	5-6	87%
4	Vilonia Middle (Vilonia)	5-7	87%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 60: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Central Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	5-6	99%
2	Hardin Elementary (White Hall)	K-6	98%
3	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside)	5-7	96%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Greenbrier Middle (Greenbrier)♦	6-7	90%
2	Carl Stuart Middle (Conway)	7-8	89%
3	Bethel Middle (Bryant)	6-8	87%
3	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside)	5-7	87%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Mt. Vernon/Enola High (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	7-12	89%
2	Carl Stuart Middle (Conway) ♦	7-8	84%
3	LISA Academy (LISA Academy) ♦	6-8	83%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 61: Top 5 Overall Middle Schools in Central Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	5-6	95%
2	Benton Jr. High (Benton) ♦	8-9	91%
3	LISA Academy (LISA Academy) ♦	6-8	88%
3	Ruth Doyle Intermediate (Conway)♦	5-6	88%
4	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside) ♦	5-7	87%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 62: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Central Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	5-6	96%
2	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside)	5-7	88%
2	Moody Elementary (White Hall)	K-6	88%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	LISA Academy (LISA Academy)♦	6-8	88%
2	Vilonia Middle (Vilonia)	5-7	87%
3	Bethel Middle (Bryant)	6-8	83%
3	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside)	5-7	83%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	LISA Academy (LISA Academy) ♦	6-8	94%
1	LISA Academy North Middle (LISA Academy North Little Rock)	6-8	94%
3	Benton Junior High (Benton)	8-9	91%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.



## G. Southwest Region, 2011

*Table 63: Top 5 Overall Middle Schools in Southwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	4-6	86%
2	Gary E. Cobb Middle (Genoa Central) ♦	5-8	84%
3	Mena Intermediate (Mena) ♦	6	82%
4	DeQueen Middle (DeQueen)	6-7	80%
5	Goza Middle (Arkadelphia)	6-8	79%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 64: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Southwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	K-6	94%
2	Centerpoint High (Centerpoint)	6-12	93%
3	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel) ♦	K-6	92%
3	Taylor Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	K-6	92%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)♦	7-12	92%
2	Gary E. Cobb Middle (Genoa Central)	5-8	88%
3	Taylor High (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	87%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	7-12	91%
2	Emerson High (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	84%
3	Mena Middle (Mena)	7-8	76%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 65: Top 5 Middle Schools in Southwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Gary E. Cobb Middle (Genoa) ♦	5-8	83%
<b>2</b>	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	8-9	80%
<b>3</b>	Mena Middle (Mena) ♦	7-8	79%
<b>4</b>	Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	4-6	78%
<b>4</b>	Barton Junior High (El Dorado)	7-8	78%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 66: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Southwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Umpire Elementary (Cossatot)	K-6	100%
<b>2</b>	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)♦	K-6	88%
<b>3</b>	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)♦	K-6	86%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Taylor High (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	92%
<b>2</b>	Dierks High (Dierks)	7-12	86%
<b>3</b>	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)♦	7-12	85%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
<b>1</b>	Oden High (Ouachita River)	7-12	94%
<b>2</b>	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	7-12	91%
<b>3</b>	Mena Middle (Mena)	8-7	89%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.



## H. Southeast Region, 2011

Table 67: Top 5 Middle Schools in Southeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Monticello Middle (Monticello)♦	6-8	78%
2	KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory (KIPP Delta Public)	5	75%
3	Star City Middle (Star City)♦	6-8	74%
3	Drew Central Middle (Drew Central)♦	5-8	74%
5	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	5-6	73%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 68: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Southeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Marvell Primary (Marvell)	K-6	86%
2	Monticello Middle (Monticello)♦	6-8	85%
3	Star City Middle (Star City) ♦	6-8	81%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Star City Middle (Star City)♦	6-8	81%
2	Rison High (Cleveland County)	7-12	80%
3	Monticello Middle (Monticello)♦	6-8	79%
3	Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	7-12	79%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Monticello Middle (Monticello) ♦	6-8	85%
2	Woodlawn High (Woodlawn) ♦	7-12	73%
3	Star City Middle (Star City) ♦	6-8	71%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 69: Top 5 Middle Schools in Southeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Monticello Middle (Monticello)♦	6-8	78%
2	Star City Middle (Star City)♦	6-8	75%
3	KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory (KIPP Delta Public)	5	74%
3	Drew Central Middle (Drew Central)		74%
5	KIPP Delta College Preparatory (KIPP Delta Public)♦	5-8	73%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

*Table 70: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Southeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	KIPP Delta College Preparatory (KIPP Delta Public)	5-8	82%
2	Kingsland Elementary (Cleveland County)	K-6	80%
2	Monticello Middle (Monticello)♦	6-8	80%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Star City Middle (Star City)	6-8	70%
2	Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)♦	7-12	69%
3	Rison High (Cleveland County)	7-12	67%
3	KIPP Delta College Preparatory (KIPP Delta Public)	5-8	67%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1	Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	7-12	93%
2	Monticello Middle (Monticello) ♦	6-8	88%
3	Rison High (Cleveland County)	7-12	86%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

The schools on these lists were a mix of K-6 elementary schools, middle schools, and 7-12 high schools. The type of school most common was highly dependent on the region of the state with the Northeast and Southwest regions having more K-6/7-12 schools than the other regions. This is purely a function of the school configurations common in each region. It is important to remember that even if a school is called a high school, the data to determine rankings was based on the benchmark exams; therefore, students above grade 8 had no impact on the rankings.

As was the case for the elementary schools, there is some overlap between the top five performing middle schools in math and literacy in each region. Additionally, there were 59 unique instances where a middle school received an OEP award two years in a row in a given category. We would like to congratulate all of the schools on these lists, specifically those who are showing a repeat performance of high achievement.

## V. 2011 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING HIGH SCHOOLS

This section highlights high-performing high schools across Arkansas based on End-of-Course (EOC) examinations in Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and the Grade 11 Literacy from the 2010-11 academic year.<sup>11</sup> This section is divided into subsections based on scores from each of the four tests. Subsections are divided as follows: the top 20 high schools, top 10 “high poverty” high schools, and top five high schools by region.

Two of these exams are “high stakes” tests. The EOC for Algebra I became high stakes in 2009-10. The Grade 11 Literacy examination will become high stakes in 2013. This means they will function as exit exams such that students must score proficient or advanced (or pass some alternative exam) to receive a high school diploma.<sup>12</sup>

### A. Algebra End-of-Course Exam, 2011

Junior high and high schools with the highest performance in Algebra are given below in Table 53.<sup>13</sup> At least 92% of their students scored proficient or higher on the exam.

These are not the only schools reaching high levels of achievement in Algebra. In all, 254 of the 398 schools with students taking the Algebra EOC had 75% or more students score proficient or advanced. Of these 254 schools, 135 are middle or junior high schools, while 119 are regular high schools.

The geographical distribution of these top 20 schools is uneven. With 10 schools on the list, the Northwest region has almost half of the schools represented. The state’s Southwest, Northeast, and Central regions are evenly represented by 4 or 5 schools on the list. The Southeast has no schools in the top 20 for performance on the Algebra I EOC exam.

Algebra I is generally taken during the ninth grade; however, some students may elect to take this course earlier if they have the prerequisite knowledge. This may result in a small number of the most advanced students taking the exam in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For this reason, schools have been split into groups based on whether the school serves 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Because of significant differences between students who take algebra in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades, middle schools tend to have higher proficiency levels than do schools which serve 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. In fact, 54 middle or junior high schools had 100% of students score proficient or advanced, as presented in Table 54 below in this section.

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<sup>11</sup> The Algebra I Biology and Geometry EOC exams are given twice annually in January and again in April; the Grade 11 Literacy Exam is administered in March.

<sup>12</sup> See the OEP Education Policy News, Vol. 6 Is. 3 (<http://www.uark.edu/ua/oep/newsletters/2009/Fall-2009b.pdf>) and Policy Brief, Vol. 5 Is. 8 ([http://www.uark.edu/ua/oep/policy\\_briefs/2008/Stakes-Increase-for-End-of-Course-Exams.pdf](http://www.uark.edu/ua/oep/policy_briefs/2008/Stakes-Increase-for-End-of-Course-Exams.pdf)) for more information on these EOC exams and the new regulations making them high stakes exams. At the time of this publication, the ADE has not released the passing rates on the EOC high stakes exams.

<sup>13</sup> The list includes 23 schools because four schools tied for 20th place, each with 92% proficiency.



Table 53: Top 20 Regular High<sup>14</sup> Schools in Arkansas Based on EOC Algebra Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	26	100%
2	Benton Junior High School (Benton) ♦	CN	8-9	300	98%
2	Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida) ♦	SW	7-12	38	98%
2	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	SW	7-12	43	98%
5	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	SW	7-12	28	96%
5	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	8-12	50	96%
5	Huntsville High School (Huntsville)	NW	9-12	48	96%
5	Raymond E. Wells Junior High School (Greenwood) ♦	NW	P-9	269	96%
5	West Side High School (West Side)	NE	7-12	29	96%
10	Cotter High School (Cotter)	NW	7-12	38	95%
10	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia) ♦	CN	8-9	201	95%
12	Armored High School (Armored)	NE	7-12	36	94%
12	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle) ♦	NW	9-12	100	94%
12	Mammoth Spring High School (Mammoth Spring)	NE	7-12	38	94%
12	Salem High School (Salem)	NE	7-12	63	94%
16	Bigelow High School (East End) ♦	NW	7-12	42	93%
16	Redfield Junior High School (White Hall)	CN	7-9	29	93%
16	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	SW	7-12	14	93%
16	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	8-9	284	93%
20	Benton Co. School of the Arts H.S. (Benton County)	NW	9-12	52	92%
20	Greenbrier Junior High School (Greenbrier)	CN	8-9	236	92%
20	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	88	92%
20	Scranton High School (Scranton)	NW	7-12	35	92%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

We would like to draw special attention to **Huntsville High School, Dardanelle High School, and Benton County School of the Arts High School** for their achievement on the Algebra I EOC. These schools are being evaluated on their students from only grades (9-12). Thus these overall scores do not “benefit” from the performance of high-achieving 7th, and 8th grade students who take the Algebra I EOC early. We commend these schools on this achievement!

<sup>14</sup> A school was designated a regular algebra school if it served students in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

The following 54 schools achieved 100% proficiency among their 7th and 8th grade students taking Algebra I. These schools' performance, while commendable, cannot be fairly compared with performance for schools offering Algebra I in the 9th grade. Most often, students taking Algebra I in the 7th or 8th grade are the most advanced students in the school. Students taking Algebra I in the 9th grade or higher are drawn from all levels of ability and achievement.

*Table 54: Middle and Junior High Schools with 100% Proficient and Advanced Based on EOC Algebra Achievement*

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Atkins Middle School (Atkins) ♦	NW	5-8	16	100%
Benton County School of the Arts Elem./Mid. (Benton County) ♦	NW	K-8	20	100%
Berryville Middle School (Berryville) ♦	NW	6-8	27	100%
Bethel Middle School (Bryant) ♦	CN	6-8	94	100%
Bismarck Middle School (Bismarck) ♦	CN	5-8	30	100%
Blytheville Middle School (Blytheville) ♦‡	NE	7-8	35	100%
Bob Courtway Middle School (Conway) ♦	CN	7-8	68	100%
Cabe Middle School (Gurdon) ♦‡	SW	5-8	24	100%
Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway) ♦	CN	7-8	95	100%
Dardanelle Middle School (Dardanelle) ♦‡	NW	7-8	21	100%
Dover Middle School (Dover) ♦	NW	5-8	29	100%
Eliza Miller Junior High School (Helena/W. Helena) ♦‡	SE	7-8	11	100%
Elmwood Middle School (Rogers) ♦	NW	6-8	97	100%
Flippin Middle School (Flippin)	NW	6-8	22	100%
Fouke Middle School (Fouke)	SW	6-8	26	100%
Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	SW	5-8	22	100%
Glen Rose Middle School (Glen Rose) ♦	CN	5-8	21	100%
Goza Middle School (Arkadelphia)	SW	6-8	57	100%
Gravette Middle School (Gravette) ♦	NW	6-8	56	100%
Green Forest Intermediate School (Green Forest) ‡	NW	4-8	45	100%
Helen Tyson Middle School (Springdale) ♦‡	NW	6-7	41	100%
Hellstern Middle School (Springdale) ♦	NW	6-7	48	100%
Holt Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	5-7	14	100%
Huntsville Middle School (Huntsville) ♦	NW	6-8	17	100%
Jesseville Middle School (Jesseville)	CN	6-8	25	100%
Lakewood Middle School (North Little Rock)	CN	7-8	130	100%
Lamar Middle School (Lamar) ♦	NW	5-8	20	100%
Lavaca Middle School (Lavaca) ♦	NW	5-8	19	100%
Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	139	100%
Lonoke Middle School (Lonoke) ♦	CN	6-8	35	100%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

‡ Indicates high poverty school

*Table 54: Middle and Junior High Schools with 100% Proficient and Advanced Based on EOC Algebra Achievement*

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Malvern Junior High School (Malvern) ♦	CN	7-8	21	100%
Manila Middle School (Manila) ♦	NE	5-8	20	100%
Mann Magnet Middle School (Little Rock)	CN	6-8	64	100%
Mansfield Middle School (Mansfield) ♦	NW	5-8	31	100%
Maumelle Middle School (Pulaski County)	CN	6-8	65	100%
McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	6-7	33	100%
McRae Middle School (Prescott) ‡	SW	5-8	21	100%
Mena Middle School (Mena) ♦	NE	7-8	57	100%
Monticello Middle School (Monticello) ♦	SE	6-8	52	100%
Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View) ♦	NE	6-8	34	100%
Newport Junior High School (Newport) ♦‡	NE	7-8	25	100%
Paris Middle School (Paris) ♦	NW	5-8	24	100%
Pulaski Heights Middle School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	6-8	99	100%
Randall Lynch Middle School (Farmington) ♦	NW	6-8	40	100%
Sheridan Middle School (Sheridan) ♦	CN	6-8	100	100%
Siloam Springs Middle School (Siloam Springs) ♦	NW	6-8	64	100%
Southside Middle School (Southside) ♦	NE	5-8	37	100%
Star City Middle School (Star City) ♦	SE	6-8	22	100%
Stuttgart Junior High School (Stuttgart) ♦	SE	7-8	22	100%
Trumann Intermediate Gr. 7-8 (Trumann) ♦‡	NE	7-8	38	100%
Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	5-8	35	100%
Warren Middle School (Warren) ♦‡	SE	6-8	29	100%
Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	141	100%
Yerger Junior High School (Hope) ♦‡	SW	7-8	15	100%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

‡ Indicates high poverty school

Table 55 includes only schools categorized as “high poverty” (having at least 66% of students receiving free or reduced lunch (FRL) in the grades they serve). One school, **Dermott High School**, made the list with a 100% FRL rate! Note 6 of the top 10 schools in this table are from the Northwest region, with Southwest, Northeast, and Southeast each making the list with one or two schools each. No high-poverty schools in the state’s Central region made the list.

*Table 55: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools Based on EOC Algebra Achievement*

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	81%	SW	7-12	28	96%
2	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	72%	NW	7-12	88	92%
3	Lead Hill High School (Lead Hill)	73%	NW	7-12	19	90%
4	Douglas MacArthur Junior High School (Jonesboro)	72%	NE	7-9	156	89%
5	J. D. Leftwich High School (Magazine)	72%	NW	7-12	41	88%
6	Lincoln High School (Lincoln)	66%	NW	9-12	38	87%
7	Hazen High School (Hazen)	67%	SE	9-12	43	86%
7	Bruno-Pyatt High School (Ozark Mountain)	83%	NW	7-12	14	86%
7	Dermott High School (Dermott)	100%	SE	7-12	21	86%
7	Pleasant View Jr. High School (Riverside)	73%	NW	7-9	29	86%

Again, we would like to draw special attention to two schools: **Lincoln High School** and **Hazen High School** for their achievement on the Algebra I EOC. These schools are being evaluated on their students from only grades (9-12). Thus these overall scores do not “benefit” from the performance of high-achieving 7th and 8th grade students who take the Algebra I EOC early. We commend these schools on this achievement!

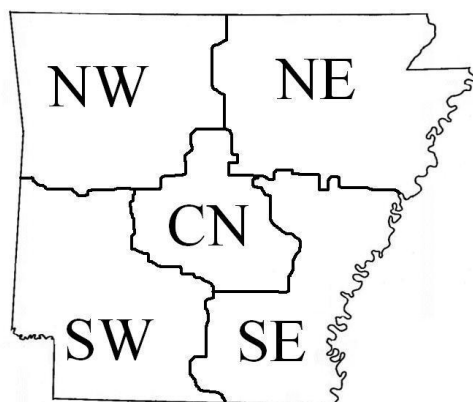
Tables 56-60: Top 5 Regular Algebra Schools in Arkansas by Region, EOC Algebra Achievement

*Northwest Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Prof/Adv
Huntsville High School (Huntsville)	48	96%
Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall) ♦	50	96%
Raymond E. Wells Junior High School (Greenwood) ♦	269	96%
Cotter High School (Cotter)	38	95%
Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle) ♦	100	94%

*Northeast Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Prof/Adv
West Side High School (West Side) ♦	29	96%
Armored High School (Armored)	36	94%
Mammoth Spring High School (Mammoth)	38	94%
Salem High School (Salem)	63	94%
Marion Junior High School (Marion) ♦	253	91%
Pocahontas Junior High School (Pocahontas)	136	91%



*Central Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Prof/Adv
Benton Junior High School (Benton) ♦	300	98%
Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia) ♦	201	95%
Redfield Junior High School (White Hall)	29	93%
Greenbrier Junior High School (Greenbrier)	236	92%
Cabot Junior High South (Cabot)	324	91%

*Southwest Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Prof/Adv
Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	26	100%
Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida) ♦	38	98%
Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	43	98%
Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	28	96%
Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	14	93%

*Southeast Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Prof/Adv
Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	44	88%
Dermott High School (Dermott)	21	86%
Hazen High School (Hazen)	43	86%
Rison High School (Cleveland County) ♦	68	85%
Star City High School (Star City) ♦	87	84%

## B. Geometry End-of-Course Exam, 2011

Top-performing high schools in Geometry are listed below in Table 61. All schools on the list achieved at least 91% proficiency, compared to a statewide average of 73%. These are not the only schools reaching high levels of achievement in Geometry. In all, 130 high schools tested in EOC Geometry had 75% or more students score proficient or advanced. Geometry is generally taken during the tenth grade.

As in Algebra, the top 20 high schools in end-of-course Geometry are unevenly distributed across the state. Regional counts range from 3 schools making the list from the state's Northeast, to 8 schools from the Northwest making the list. None of the top 20 were from the Southeast region.

*Table 61: Top 20 High Schools in Arkansas, Geometry Achievement*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony)	CN	7-12	71	100%
1	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	43	100%
1	Southside High School (Southside)	NE	10-12	68	100%
1	St. Joe High School (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	13	100%
5	Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida)	SW	7-12	26	96%
5	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	SW	7-12	30	96%
7	Benton High School (Benton) ♦	CN	10-12	293	95%
7	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	SW	7-12	38	95%
7	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle) ♦	NW	9-12	117	95%
7	Paris High School (Paris)	NW	9-12	62	95%
7	Spring Hill High School (Spring Hill) ♦	SW	7-12	52	95%
7	West Side High School (West Side) ♦	NE	7-12	22	95%
13	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	NW	8-12	70	94%
14	Eureka Springs High School (Eureka Springs)	NW	9-12	34	93%
15	Bentonville High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	9-12	869	92%
15	Melbourne High School (Melbourne)	NE	7-12	37	92%
15	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	SW	7-12	48	92%
15	Searcy High School (Searcy) ♦	NE	9-12	252	92%
19	Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon/Enola) ♦	CN	7-12	26	91%
19	Valley Springs High School (Valley Springs)	NW	9-12	53	91%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Though Geometry is taken by most students in 10th grade, some students may elect to take these courses earlier if they have the prerequisite knowledge. This *can* result in the most advanced students taking these exams in 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade. For this reason, middle schools may have higher proficiency rates because they have *only* advanced students taking the exam.

Almost every middle or junior high school that tested in Geometry had 75% or more students score proficient or advanced. Furthermore, 31 schools had 100% or more of students scoring proficient or advanced. These 31 schools are presented in Table 62 below.

*Table 62: Middle and Junior High Schools with 100% Proficient and Advanced Based on EOC Geometry Achievement*

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Nashville Junior High School (Nashville)	SW	7-9	46	100%
Batesville Junior High School (Batesville) ♦	NE	7-9	25	100%
Bob Courtway Middle School (Conway) ♦	CN	7-8	15	100%
Booneville Junior High School (Booneville) ♦	NW	7-9	24	100%
Cabot Junior High North (Cabot) ♦	CN	7-9	91	100%
Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway) ♦	CN	7-8	16	100%
Clarksville Junior High School (Clarksville)	NW	7-9	22	100%
Clinton Junior High School (Clinton)	NW	7-9	44	100%
Coleman Junior High School (Van Buren)	NW	7-9	50	100%
Forest Heights Middle School (Little Rock)	CN	6-8	12	100%
Fuller Middle School (Pulaski County) ♦	CN	6-8	25	100%
George Junior High School (Springdale)	NW	8-9	34	100%
Greene County Tech Junior High School (Greene County) ♦	NE	8-9	64	100%
Hot Springs Middle School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	7-8	23	100%
L. A. Chaffin Junior High School (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	65	100%
Lakewood Middle School (North Little Rock)	CN	7-8	28	100%
Lisa Academy North Middle School (Lisa Academy) ♦	CN	6-8	23	100%
Mabelvale Middle School (Little Rock)	CN	6-8	15	100%
Mann Magnet Middle School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	6-8	19	100%
Marion Junior High School (Marion) ♦	NE	8-9	81	100%
Maumelle Middle School (Pulaski County) ♦	CN	6-8	28	100%
Pulaski Heights Middle School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	6-8	14	100%
Ramay Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	8-9	64	100%
Ramsey Junior High School (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	7-9	41	100%
Redfield Junior High School (White Hall)	CN	7-9	11	100%
Russellville Junior High School (Russellville)	NW	8-9	118	100%
Southwest Junior High School (Springdale) ♦	NW	8-9	30	100%
Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia) ♦	CN	8-9	43	100%
White Hall Junior High School (White Hall) ♦	CN	7-9	33	100%
William O. Darby Junior High School (Fort	NW	7-9	44	100%
Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	8-9	104	100%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.



Top-performing high-poverty schools are shown in Tables 63 and 64. These schools have at least 66% of their students receiving free or reduced lunches. Proficiency rates for all schools on the list were above the state average of 73%, ranging from 86% to 100%.

*Table 63: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools Based on EOC Geometry Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	72%	NW	7-12	43	100%
<b>1</b>	St. Joe High School (Ozark Mountain)	78%	NW	7-12	13	100%
<b>3</b>	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	81%	SW	7-12	38	95%
<b>4</b>	J. D. Leftwich High School (Magazine)	72%	NW	7-12	36	89%
<b>5</b>	McGehee High School (McGehee)	74%	SE	7-12	61	87%
<b>5</b>	Decatur High School (Decatur)	71%	NW	7-12	23	87%
<b>7</b>	East Poinsett Co. High School (East Poinsett Co.)	66%	NE	7-12	15	86%
<b>7</b>	Green Forest High School (Green Forest)	73%	NW	9-12	79	86%
<b>7</b>	Dermott High School (Dermott)	100%	SE	7-12	14	86%
<b>7</b>	Hamburg High School (Hamburg)	100%	SE	9-12	119	86%

*Table 64: Top 10 “High-Poverty” Middle and Junior High Schools Based on EOC Geometry Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Clarksville Junior High School	68%	NW	7-9	22	100%
<b>1</b>	Clinton Junior High School (Clinton)	66%	NW	7-9	44	100%
<b>1</b>	Forest Heights Middle School (Little Rock)	84%	CN	6-8	12	100%
<b>1</b>	George Junior High School (Springdale)	73%	NW	8-9	34	100%
<b>1</b>	Hot Springs Middle School (Hot Springs)	78%	CN	7-8	23	100%
<b>1</b>	Mabelvale Middle School (Little Rock)	86%	CN	6-8	15	100%
<b>1</b>	William O. Darby Junior High School (Fort Smith)	93%	NW	7-9	44	100%
<b>8</b>	Henderson Middle School (Little Rock)	89%	CN	6-8	27	97%
<b>9</b>	Dora Kimmons Junior High School (Fort Smith)	92%	NW	7-9	37	95%
<b>9</b>	Magnolia Junior High School	67%	SW	7-9	71	95%

Tables 65-69: Top 5 High Schools in Arkansas by Region, Geometry Achievement

*Northwest Region*

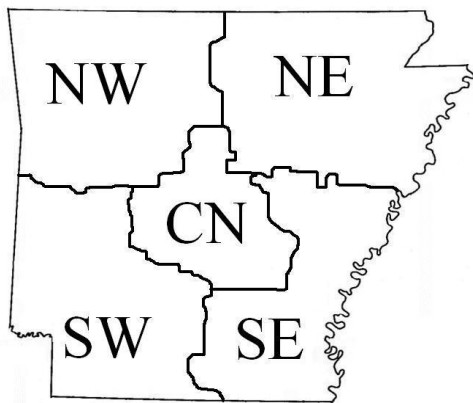
School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Marshall High School (Searcy County)	43	100%
St. Joe High School (Ozark Mountain)	13	100%
Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle) ♦	117	95%
Paris High School (Paris)	62	95%
Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall) ♦	70	94%

*Northeast Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Southside High School (Southside)	68	100%
West Side High School (West Side) ♦	22	95%
Melbourne High School (Melbourne)	37	92%
Searcy High School (Searcy) ♦	252	92%
Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	155	88%

*Central Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Harmony Grove (Harmony Grove B)	71	100%
Benton High School (Benton) ♦	293	95%
Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon/Enola) ♦	26	91%
Lakeside High School (Lakeside B)	190	91%
Bismarck High School (Bismarck) ♦	72	90%
Greenbrier High School (Greenbrier)	198	89%



*Southwest Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida) ♦	26	96%
Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	30	96%
Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	38	95%
Spring Hill High School (Spring Hill) ♦	52	95%
Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel) ♦	48	92%

*Southeast Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Barton High School (Barton-Lexa)	37	87%
McGehee High School (McGehee)	61	87%
Dermott High School (Dermott)	14	86%
Hamburg High School (Hamburg)	119	86%
Star City High School (Star City)	116	80%

Several schools deserve special recognition for overall math achievement. The following schools were in the state's top 20 in both Algebra and Geometry:

- **Benton Junior High School**
- **Mount Ida High School**
- **Parkers Chapel High School**
- **Caddo Hills High School**
- **Haas Hall Academy**
- **West Side High School**
- **Dardanelle High School**
- **Taylor High School**
- **Marshall High School**

**Caddo Hills High School** and **Marshall High School** achieved this high standard even while serving populations with more than 66% of students eligible for free or reduced price lunches. Therefore, they also appear on the Algebra and Geometry “high-poverty” top ten lists. Two other schools appear on both of these “high-poverty” lists: **J.D. Leftwich High School** and **Dermott High School**. *These schools are not allowing poverty to be an obstacle to high achievement and should be proud of their results.*

## C. Biology End-of-Course Exam, 2011

The top 20 high schools in Arkansas on the Biology end-of-course exam are presented Table 70. These schools' proficiency rates range from a high of 100% (**Taylor High School**) to 65% (**Carlisle High School**), all well above the state average of 41% proficiency. The Northwest has 12 of the top 20 schools.<sup>15</sup>

Compared to other EOC exams, proficiency rates in biology are significantly lower. While statewide rates were at least 65% for the other 3 tests, the 2010 statewide proficiency rate for Biology was 41%. This rate follows a 30% proficiency rate in 2008, the test's first year. Relatively lower rates for the schools included in this section thus come as no surprise. The Biology EOC is a much newer test than the others, and most likely students and schools are still adapting to its requirements.

*Table 70: Top 20 High Schools in Arkansas Based on EOC Biology Achievement*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Booneville Junior High School (Booneville)	NW	7-9	16	100%
1	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	SW	7-12	26	100%
3	Ramay Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	35	97%
4	Central Junior High School (Springdale)	NW	8-9	93	92%
4	Lisa Academy (Lisa Academy) ♦	CN	6-8	76	92%
6	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall) ♦	NW	8-12	64	86%
7	Batesville Junior High School (Batesville)	NE	7-9	28	82%
8	Southwest Junior High School (Springdale)	NW	8-9	70	80%
9	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle) ♦	NW	9-12	146	75%
10	Bentonville High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	9-12	938	74%
10	George Junior High School (Springdale)	NW	8-9	92	74%
10	Melbourne High School (Melbourne)	NE	7-12	50	74%
13	Delight High School (South Pike County)	SW	7-12	16	69%
13	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove)	SW	9-12	42	69%
13	Kingston High School (Jasper)	NW	7-12	16	69%
16	Bergman High School (Bergman) ♦	NW	9-12	88	68%
17	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	SE	7-12	48	67%
17	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	15	67%
19	Benton Co. School of the Arts H.S. (Benton)	NW	9-12	56	65%
19	Carlisle High School (Carlisle)	CN	7-12	54	65%
19	Jessieville High School (Jessieville)	CN	9-12	71	65%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

High-performing “high poverty” schools serving 66% or more students eligible for the federal free/reduced lunch program are highlighted in Table 71. Their proficiency rates range from 47% to 74%, all above the state average of 41%. The schools in this table mostly represent two state

<sup>15</sup> 21 schools are included in the list because 3 schools tied for 19th place with 65% proficiency.

regions: Northwest and Southwest. One school from the Central region, **Hot Springs High School**, made the list, while no high-poverty schools from the state’s Southeast or Northeast regions scored high enough to make the top 10.

*Table 71: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools Based on EOC Biology Achievement*

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
<b>1</b>	George Junior High School (Springdale)	73%	NW	8-9	92	74%
<b>2</b>	Delight High School (South Pike County)	76%	SW	7-12	16	69%
<b>3</b>	Acorn High School (Ouachita River)	66%	SW	7-12	30	56%
<b>3</b>	J. D. Leftwich High School (Magazine)	72%	NW	7-12	41	56%
<b>5</b>	Hot Springs High School (Hot Springs)	71%	CN	9-12	178	53%
<b>6</b>	Umpire High School (Cossatot River)	100%	SW	7-12	14	50%
<b>7</b>	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	72%	NW	7-12	61	49%
<b>8</b>	Norfolk High School (Norfolk)	78%	NW	7-12	32	47%
<b>8</b>	St. Joe High School (Ozark Mountain)	78%	NW	7-12	15	47%
<b>8</b>	Western Yell Co. High School (Western Yell County)	74%	NW	7-12	30	47%

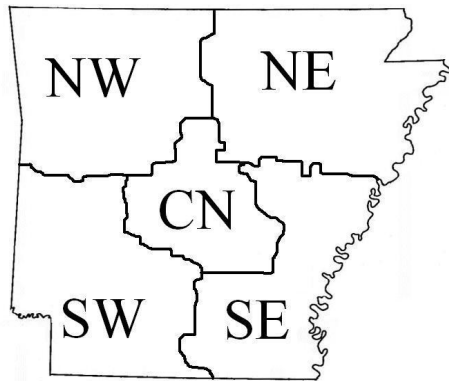
Tables 72-76: Top 5 High Schools in Arkansas by Region, Biology Achievement

*Northwest Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Booneville Junior High (Booneville)	16	100%
Ramay Junior High (Fayetteville)	35	97%
Central Junior High (Springdale)	93	92%
Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall) ♦	64	86%
Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	70	80%

*Northeast Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Batesville Junior High (Batesville)	28	82%
Melbourne High (Melbourne)	50	74%
Pangburn High (Pangburn)	52	63%
Searcy High (Searcy)	273	62%
Marmaduke High (Marmaduke) ♦	64	61%
McCrary High (McCrary)	42	61%



*Central Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Lisa Academy (Lisa Academy) ♦	76	92%
Carlisle High (Carlisle)	54	65%
Jessieville High (Jessieville)	71	65%
Bauxite High (Bauxite) ♦	100	64%
Conway High East (Conway)	614	61%

*Southwest Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Taylor High (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	26	100%
Delight High (South Pike County) ♦	16	69%
Harmony Grove High (Harmony Grove A)	42	69%
Acorn High (Ouachita River)	30	56%
Mount Ida High (Mount Ida)	34	56%

*Southeast Region*

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Des Arc High (Des Arc) ♦	48	67%
Rison High (Cleveland County) ♦	64	55%
Woodlawn High (Woodlawn) ♦	45	51%
DeWitt High School (DeWitt)	82	44%
Hamburg High (Hamburg) ♦	139	44%
KIPP Delta Collegiate High (KIPP Delta)	64	44%

## D. Grade 11 Literacy Exam, 2011

In Literacy, 65% of students statewide scored proficient or advanced on the 2011 end-of-course exam. Table 77 presents the top 20 high schools in Arkansas based on overall Literacy proficiency. All of the top 20 schools scored well above the state average, with proficiency rates ranging from 82% (7 schools) to 100% (Rural Special High School). The state's North and Central regions represent most of the schools on the list, with 20 of 22 schools, while only two schools from the state's Southern regions made the list.

*Table 77: Top 20 High Schools in Arkansas Based on Grade 11 Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	Rural Special High School (Mountain View) ♦	NE	7-12	13	100%
<b>2</b>	AR School for Math, Science, and the Arts (AR School for Math, Science, and the Arts) ♦	CN		117	99%
<b>3</b>	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall) ♦	NW	8-12	54	98%
<b>4</b>	Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	NW	7-12	14	93%
<b>5</b>	Calico Rock High School (Calico Rock)	NE	7-12	24	91%
<b>6</b>	Lisa Academy High (Lisa Academy) ♦	CN	9-12	37	89%
<b>7</b>	St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	NW	7-12	16	88%
<b>8</b>	Lamar High School (Lamar)	NW	9-12	87	87%
<b>9</b>	Charleston High School (Charleston)	NW	7-12	80	86%
<b>9</b>	Cutter-Morning Star High School (Cutter-Morning Star)	CN	7-12	41	86%
<b>11</b>	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	21	85%
<b>12</b>	Bentonville High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	9-12	770	84%
<b>12</b>	Kingston High School (Jasper)	NW	7-12	18	84%
<b>14</b>	Bald Knob High School (Bald Knob)	NE	9-12	79	83%
<b>14</b>	Searcy High School (Searcy)	NE	9-12	249	83%
<b>16</b>	Lakeside High School (Lakeside B)	CN	9-12	227	82%
<b>16</b>	Midland High School (Midland) ♦	NE	7-12	33	82%
<b>16</b>	Mountain Home High School (Mountain Home)	NW	9-12	285	82%
<b>16</b>	Norphlet High School (Norphlet)	SW	7-12	27	82%
<b>16</b>	Quitman High School (Quitman)	NE	7-12	33	82%
<b>16</b>	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	NE	7-12	142	82%
<b>16</b>	West Side High School (West Side)	NE	7-12	39	82%

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2009-10.

Table 78 lists the top 10 high-poverty schools in Grade 11 Literacy. These are schools which had at least 66% of their students receiving free or reduced lunches (FRL) yet performed well on the Literacy EOC. The literacy percentage of students on FRL in these schools ranges from 67% to 88%. These schools' proficiency rates hover closer to the state average than top-performing high-poverty schools in other subjects. Though proficiency rates among the top 10 schools are as high as 88% (**St. Paul High School**), the bottom 4 schools on the list achieved within 5% over the state average of 65% proficiency. *Nonetheless, the fact that these schools did so while serving students in high-poverty is commendable, and these schools should be proud of their achievement.*

*Table 78: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools in Arkansas Based on Grade 11 Literacy Achievement*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Proficient/Advanced</b>
<b>1</b>	St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	79%	NW	7-12	16	88%
<b>2</b>	Harrisburg High School (Harrisburg)	100%	NE	9-12	73	80%
<b>2</b>	Hector High School (Hector)	70%	NW	7-12	46	80%
<b>4</b>	Delight High School (South Pike County)	76%	SW	7-12	18	78%
<b>5</b>	Norfork High School (Norfork)	78%	NW	7-12	39	74%
<b>6</b>	Lincoln High School (Lincoln)	66%	NW	9-12	77	72%
<b>7</b>	Marshall High School (Searcy)	72%	NW	7-12	54	69%
<b>8</b>	Cedarville High School (Cedarville)	100%	NW	9-12	91	67%
<b>8</b>	Van-Cove High School (Cossatot River)	100%	SW	7-12	27	67%
<b>8</b>	Westside High School (Westside)	100%	NW	8-12	46	67%



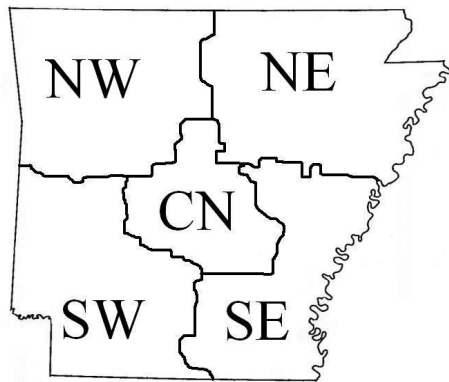
Tables 79-83: Top 5 High Schools in Arkansas by Region, Literacy Achievement

Northwest Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall) ♦	54	98%
Deer High (Deer/Mt. Judea)	14	93%
St. Paul High (Huntsville)	16	88%
Lamar High (Lamar)	87	87%
Charleston High (Charleston)	80	86%

Northeast Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Rural Special High (Mountain View) ♦	13	100%
Calico Rock High (Calico Rock)	24	91%
Bald Knob High (Bald Knob)	79	83%
Searcy High (Searcy)	249	83%
Midland High (Midland) ♦	33	82%
Quitman High (Quitman)	33	82%
Valley View High (Valley View) ♦	142	82%
West Side High (West Side)	39	82%



Central Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
AR School for Math, Science, and the Arts ♦	117	99%
Lisa Academy High (Lisa Academy) ♦	37	89%
Cutter-Morning Star High (Cutter-Morning Star)	41	86%
Lakeside High (Lakeside B)	227	82%
Bauxite High (Bauxite)	104	81%
Guy-Perkins High (Guy-Perkins)	32	81%

Southwest Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Taylor High (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	21	85%
Norphlet High (Norphlet)	27	82%
Smackover High (Smackover)	60	80%
Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	49	79%
Delight High (South Pike County)	18	78%

Southeast Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
DeWitt High (DeWitt) ♦	72	72%
Monticello High (Monticello) ♦	157	67%
Crossett High (Crossett)	115	66%
KIPP Delta Collegiate High (KIPP Delta) ♦	26	65%
Stuttgart High (Stuttgart)	135	63%
Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	41	63%

## E. EOC Summary

There were many schools that demonstrated excellence in academics on each of the examinations. Two schools--**Haas Hall Academy and Taylor High School**--placed in the top 20 on all four EOC tests. Also doing a commendable job were **Dardanelle High School, West Side High School, and Bentonville High School**. These schools were in the top twenty on three of the four examinations.

When examining achievement by region, a few schools stand out in each. In the Northwest region, **Haas Hall Academy** ranked in the top five in all four categories. **Dardanelle High School** also made the list in two categories. In the state's Northeast, **West Side High School** and **Searcy High School** each ranked in the top five in three out of four categories. **Melbourne High School** ranked in two categories. Among schools in the Central region of the state, **Beauxite High School** and **Lisa Academy** placed in two of the region's four lists. In the Southeast region **Woodlawn High School** placed in three of the four lists. Placing in two of the four were **Dermott High School, Rison High School, Star City High School, Hamburg High School, KIPP Delta High School, and DeWitt High School**. In the Southwest, **Taylor High School** was in the top five all four categories, **Mount Ida High School** was in three of four, and **Parkers Chapel High School, Caddo Hills High School, Spring Hill High School, and Delight High School** were each in two.

The Office for Education Policy is happy to recognize the hard work done by high school students and teachers across the state. The staff, parents, and communities of these schools should be commended for their support of the children of Arkansas.

## **VI. OEP AWARDS: MOST IMPROVED SCHOOLS BETWEEN 2010 AND 2011**

This section highlights the Arkansas schools that have improved the most between 2010 and 2011. To identify the “most improved” schools, we simply subtracted the percent of students scoring proficient and advanced in 2010 from the percent of students scoring proficient and advanced in 2011. The schools are ranked based on the percentage point increase, as noted below. As in previous sections, we have also highlighted the region in which the school is located, the grades served at the school, and the percent of students eligible for the Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) program, as well as 2010 and 2011 proficiency rates.

## A. Elementary Schools, Mathematics

Elementary schools with the greatest gains in math proficiency from 2010 to 2011 are listed in Table 83 below. These twenty schools improved their proficiency rates by amounts ranging from 22 percentage points at **Wilson Elementary** to 14 percentage points (**Franklin Incentive, Lynch Drive, Augusta, St. Joe, and Sherwood**). These schools tend to have high rates of students receiving free and reduced-price lunches, with most above the state average and many between 80% and 100%. The state's central region is well-represented on the list with eight of its elementary schools showing high rates of improvement. These schools are all to be commended for the gains they achieved over the last school year.

Tables 84 through 88 list the top five most-improved schools for each of the state's five regions.

*Table 83: Top 20 Most Improved Elementary Schools Based on Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2010 to 2011\**

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Wilson Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	K-5	97%	30%→52%	22%
2	Mayflower Elementary (Mayflower)	CN	K-4	62%	63%→84%	21%
3	Union Elementary (El Dorado)	SW	K-6	67%	55%→75%	20%
4	Wilmot Elementary (Hamburg)	SE	K-5	100%	55%→74%	19%
4	Trusty Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	K-6	96%	45%→64%	19%
4	Sallie Cone Elementary (Conway)	CN	K-4	81%	71%→90%	19%
7	Black Rock Elementary (Lawrence County)	NE	K-6	78%	66%→83%	17%
7	Park Avenue Elementary (Stuttgart)	SE	K-4	66%	65%→82%	17%
9	Marvell Primary (Marvell)	SE	K-6	98%	58%→74%	16%
9	Clarendon Elementary (Clarendon)	SE	K-6	88%	50%→66%	16%
9	Viola Elementary (Viola)	NE	K-6	66%	82%→98%	16%
9	Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter Elementary (Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter)	CN	K-5	62%	68%→84%	16%
13	Seventh Street Elementary (North Little Rock)	CN	K-5	99%	45%→60%	15%
13	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	NE	K-4	89%	82%→97%	15%
13	L. F. Henderson Intermediate (Ashdown)	SW	4-5	65%	67%→82%	15%
16	Franklin Incentive Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	K-5	98%	39%→53%	14%
16	Lynch Drive Elementary (North Little Rock)	CN	K-5	98%	34%→48%	14%
16	Augusta Elementary (Augusta)	NE	K-7	89%	55%→69%	14%
16	St. Joe Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	NW	K-6	85%	68%→82%	14%
16	Sherwood Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	K-5	56%	69%→83%	14%

\*In the event of a tie, schools are in order by highest FRL percentage to lowest.

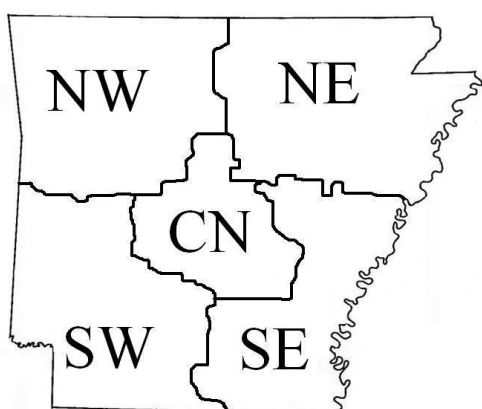
Tables 84-88: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2010 to 2011

*Northwest*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Trusty Elementary (Fort Smith)	45%→64%	19%
St. Joe Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	68%→82%	14%
Mansfield Elementary (Mansfield)	80%→92%	12%
Lead Hill Elementary (Lead Hill)	69%→80%	11%
Asbell Elementary (Fayetteville)	66%→76%	10%

*Northeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Black Rock Elementary (Lawrence County)	66%→83%	17%
Viola Elementary (Viola)	82%→98%	16%
Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	82%→97%	15%
Augusta Elementary (Augusta)	55%→69%	14%
Palestine-Wheatley Elementary (Palestine/Wheatley)	69%→82%	13%



*Central*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Wilson Elementary (Little Rock)	30%→52%	22%
Mayflower Elementary (Mayflower)	63%→84%	21%
Sallie Cone Elementary (Conway)	71%→90%	19%
Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter Elementary (Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter)	68%→84%	16%
Seventh Street Elementary (North Little Rock)	45%→60%	15%

*Southwest*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Union Elementary (El Dorado)	55%→75%	20%
L. F. Henderson Intermediate (Ashdown)	67%→82%	15%
Vera Kilpatrick Elementary (Texarkana)	68%→81%	13%
Centerpoint Intermediate (Centerpoint)	79%→90%	11%
Fairview Elementary (Texarkana)	72%→83%	11%

*Southeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Wilmot Elementary (Hamburg)	54%→74%	20%
Park Avenue Elementary (Stuttgart)	65%→82%	17%
Clarendon Elementary (Clarendon)	50%→66%	16%
Marvell Primary (Marvell)	58%→74%	16%
Eastside Primary (Warren)	73%→81%	8%

## B. Elementary Schools, Literacy

The 22 highest-gaining elementary schools between 2010 and 2011 in literacy based on the state's benchmark exams are listed in Table 89 below. As with the top 20 schools in math, these are largely high-poverty schools, showing high percentages of students receiving free or reduced-price lunches. Of the 22 schools on the list, 17 have FRL rates above 80%. These schools are broadly scattered across the state, with only the southeast being relatively under-represented on the list. These 22 schools' gains range from 15% (**North Heights, Geyer Springs, Fairview, and Vilonia Primary**) to 42% for **Evening Shade Math & Science Academy** in Cave City. These 22 schools have all shown exceptional progress over the last school year, and are to be commended.

Tables 90-94 provide the top five gainers for each of the state's five regions.

*Table 89: Top 22 Most Improved Elementary Schools Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2010 to 2011*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	NE	K-4	89%	52%→94%	42%
2	Sallie Cone Elementary (Conway)	CN	K-4	81%	63%→91%	28%
3	Wilmot Elementary (Hamburg)	SE	K-5	100%	52%→77%	25%
4	Vera Kilpatrick Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	K-4	86%	55%→79%	24%
5	Murrell Taylor Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	K-5	80%	53%→76%	23%
6	Jackson Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	K-6	100%	55%→75%	20%
6	Wilson Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	K-5	97%	27%→47%	20%
8	Trusty Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	K-6	96%	42%→61%	19%
8	Harry C. Morrison Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	K-6	95%	42%→61%	19%
8	Central Elementary (Forrest City)	NE	K-4	81%	42%→61%	19%
11	Lynch Drive Elementary (North Little Rock)	CN	K-5	98%	45%→63%	18%
11	Sloan-Hendrix Elementary (Sloan-Hendrix)	NE	K-4	64%	70%→88%	18%
13	Union Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	K-4	96%	48%→65%	17%
13	Eureka Springs Elementary (Eureka Springs)	NW	K-4	70%	67%→84%	17%
15	Langston Magnet (Hot Springs)	CN	K-4	97%	50%→66%	16%
15	Belwood Elementary (North Little Rock)	CN	K-5	93%	46%→62%	16%
15	James R. Tate Elementary (Van Buren)	NW	K-4	72%	59%→75%	16%
15	Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	NW	K-4	50%	74%→90%	16%
19	No. Heights Elementary (North Little Rock)	CN	K-5	97%	52%→67%	15%
19	Geyer Springs Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	K-5	96%	36%→51%	15%
19	Fairview Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	K-4	91%	66%→81%	15%
19	Vilonia Primary (Vilonia)	CN	K-4	42%	73%→88%	15%

\*In the event of a tie, schools are in order by highest FRL percentage to lowest.

*Tables 90-94: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2010 to 2011*

*Northwest*

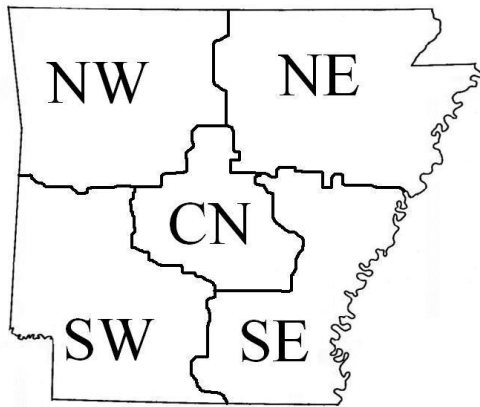
School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Trusty Elementary (Fort Smith)	42%→61%	19%
Harry C. Morrison Elementary (Fort Smith)	42%→61%	19%
Eureka Springs Elementary (Eureka Springs)	67%→84%	17%
Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	74%→90%	16%
James R. Tate Elementary (Van Buren)	59%→75%	16%

*Northeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	52%→94%	42%
Jackson Elementary (West Memphis)	55%→75%	20%
Central Elementary (Forrest City)	42%→61%	19%
Sloan-Hendrix Elementary (Sloan-Hendrix)	70%→88%	18%
Viola Elementary (Viola)	79%→93%	14%

*Central*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Sallie Cone Elementary (Conway)	63%→91%	28%
Murrell Taylor Elementary (Pulaski County)	53%→76%	23%
Wilson Elementary (Little Rock)	27%→47%	20%
Lynch Drive Elementary (North Little Rock)	45%→63%	18%
Belwood Elementary (North Little Rock)	46%→62%	16%
Langston Magnet (Hot Springs)	50%→66%	16%



*Southwest*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Vera Kilpatrick Elementary (Texarkana)	55%→79%	24%
Union Elementary (Texarkana)	48%→65%	17%
Fairview Elementary (Texarkana)	66%→81%	15%
L. F. Henderson Intermediate (Ashdown)	60%→74%	14%
Centerpoint Primary (Centerpoint)	63%→73%	10%
Northwest Elementary (El Dorado)	71%→81%	10%

*Southeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Wilmot Elementary (Hamburg)	52%→77%	25%
Park Avenue Elementary (Stuttgart)	60%→72%	12%
C. B. Partee Elementary (Brinkley)	72%→83%	11%
J. F. Wahl Elementary (Helena/W. Helena)	54%→63%	9%
Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	63%→72%	9%

## C. Middle Schools, Mathematics

Arkansas' top 22 most improved middle schools in math between 2010 and 2011, as measured by the state benchmark exams are presented in Table 95 below. FRL rates for these schools are generally above the state average, but not quite as high as for the most improved elementary schools. The schools in the table are distributed mostly across the state's north, with 15 of the 22 schools coming from either the northeast or northwest regions. These schools' gains in proficiency rates ranged from 19 percentage points for **Osceola Middle** to 6 percentage points for **Central Elementary**, **Butterfield Junior High**, and **Nettleton Junior High**.

Tables 96-100 list the top five most-improved schools for each of the state's regions. All schools in these tables, as well as the overall top 22, are to be commended for their progress in increasing students' math proficiency.

*Table 95: Top 22 Most Improved Middle Schools Based on Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2010 to 2011*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Osceola Middle (Osceola)	NE	6-8	98%	19%→38%	19%
2	Buffalo Is. Central Junior High (Buffalo Island Central)	NE	7-9	70%	59%→71%	12%
3	Flippin Middle (Flippin)	NW	6-8	56%	69%→79%	10%
3	Central Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	40%	59%→69%	10%
5	Wonder Junior High (West Memphis)	NE	7-9	93%	34%→43%	9%
5	Hoxie Middle (Hoxie)	NE	6-7	72%	74%→83%	9%
5	Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	SW	4-6	63%	77%→86%	9%
5	Coleman Junior High (Van Buren)	NW	7-9	52%	59%→68%	9%
9	Highland Middle (Highland)	NE	5-7	66%	72%→80%	8%
9	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	SE	5-6	60%	64%→72%	8%
9	Gravette Middle (Gravette)	NW	6-8	52%	72%→80%	8%
12	Hot Springs Intermediate (Hot Springs)	CN	5-6	80%	69%→76%	7%
12	Poplar Street Middle (North Little Rock)	CN	6	70%	60%→67%	7%
12	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)	NW	5-6	68%	81%→88%	7%
12	Fordyce Middle (Fordyce)	SW	5-8	65%	50%→57%	7%
12	Pocahontas Junior High (Pocahontas)	NE	7-9	60%	74%→81%	7%
12	Marion Middle (Marion)	NE	6-7	57%	71%→78%	7%
12	Brookland Middle (Brookland)	NE	6-8	37%	62%→69%	7%
12	Arkansas Virtual Academy Jr (Arkansas Virtual Academy)	CN	7-8	N/A	64%→71%	7%
20	Central Elementary (Magnolia)	SW	4-6	71%	66%→72%	6%
20	Butterfield Junior High (Van Buren)	NW	7-8	59%	63%→69%	6%
20	Nettleton Junior High (Nettleton)	NE	7-8	51%	68%→74%	6%

\*In the event of a tie, schools are in order by highest FRL percentage to lowest.



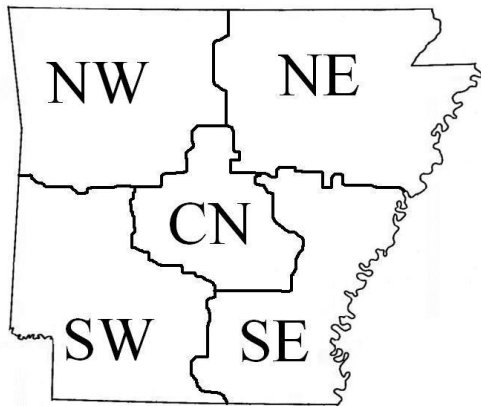
Tables 96-100: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2010 to 2011

*Northwest*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Central Junior High (Springdale)	59%→69%	10%
Flippin Middle (Flippin)	69%→79%	10%
Coleman Junior High (Van Buren)	59%→68%	9%
Gravette Middle (Gravette)	72%→80%	8%
Kraus Middle (Clarksville)	81%→88%	7%

*Northeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Osceola Middle (Osceola)	19%→38%	19%
Buffalo Is. Central Junior High (Buffalo Island Central)	59%→71%	12%
Hoxie Middle (Hoxie)	74%→83%	9%
Wonder Junior High (West Memphis)	34%→43%	9%
Highland Middle (Highland)	72%→80%	8%



*Central*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Arkansas Virtual Academy Jr (Arkansas Virtual Academy)	64%→71%	7%
Hot Springs Intermediate (Hot Springs)	69%→76%	7%
Poplar Street Middle (North Little Rock)	60%→67%	7%
Raymond and Phyllis Simon Intermediate (Conway)	82%→87%	5%
Robert F. Morehead Middle (Dollarway)	45%→50%	5%

*Southwest*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	77%→86%	9%
Fordyce Middle (Fordyce)	50%→57%	7%
Central Elementary (Magnolia)	66%→72%	6%
College Hill (Texarkana)	58%→62%	4%
Ashdown Junior High (Ashdown)	59%→62%	3%

*Southeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	64%→72%	8%
Crossett Middle (Crossett)	60%→65%	5%
Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	49%→52%	3%
Stuttgart Junior High (Stuttgart)	66%→69%	3%
DeWitt Middle (DeWitt)	59%→60%	1%

## D. Middle Schools, Literacy

The state's top 20 most improved schools in middle school literacy are presented in Table 101. These schools' proficiency increases ranged from 12 percentage points for **Southwest Junior High** to 6 percentage points (**East Jr. High, Green Forest, Dumas Jr. High, Hot Springs Middle, Buffalo Island Central Jr. High, Dardanelle Middle, Lonoke Middle, and Lakeside Middle** in Garland County). These schools are quite different from one another, not only scattered quite evenly across the state but also having widely varying levels of poverty and serving different sets of grades. An examination of 2010 proficiency rates shows that some started off quite low, with proficiency rates as low as 39%, while others started off relatively high (above 80%) and improved even further. Whatever their unique characteristics may be, all these schools are to be commended for their progress in proficiency on the 2011 state benchmark literacy exams.

Tables 102-106 give the top five most improved schools in middle school literacy for each of the state's five regions.

*Table 101: Top 20 Most Improved Middle Schools Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2010 to 2011*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	63%	66%→78%	12%
2	Osceola Middle (Osceola)	NE	6-8	98%	39%→50%	11%
3	Fouke Middle (Fouke)	SW	6-8	59%	63%→73%	10%
4	Crossett Middle (Crossett)	SE	5-8	59%	58%→67%	9%
5	Danville Middle (Danville)	NW	6-8	75%	71%→79%	8%
5	Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	SW	4-6	63%	70%→78%	8%
5	White Hall Junior High (White Hall)	CN	7-9	33%	75%→83%	8%
8	Wonder Junior High (West Memphis)	NE	7-9	93%	48%→55%	7%
8	George Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	73%	68%→75%	7%
8	West Fork Middle (West Fork)	NW	5-8	54%	71%→78%	7%
8	Vilonia Middle (Vilonia)	CN	5-7	38%	79%→86%	7%
8	Arkansas Virtual Academy (Arkansas Virtual Academy)	CN	7-8	N/A	73%→80%	7%
13	East Junior High (West Memphis)	NE	7-9	93%	52%→58%	6%
13	Green Forest Intermediate (Green Forest)	NW	4-8	80%	70%→76%	6%
13	Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	SE	7-9	79%	54%→60%	6%
13	Hot Springs Middle (Hot Springs)	CN	7-8	78%	61%→67%	6%
13	Buffalo Is. Central Junior High (Buffalo Island Central)	NE	7-9	70%	69%→75%	6%
13	Dardanelle Middle (Dardanelle)	NW	7-8	66%	75%→81%	6%
13	Lonoke Middle (Lonoke)	CN	6-8	55%	74%→80%	6%
13	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside B)	CN	5-7	40%	81%→87%	6%

\*In the event of a tie, schools are in order by highest FRL percentage to lowest.

*Tables 102-106: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2010 to 2011*

*Northwest*

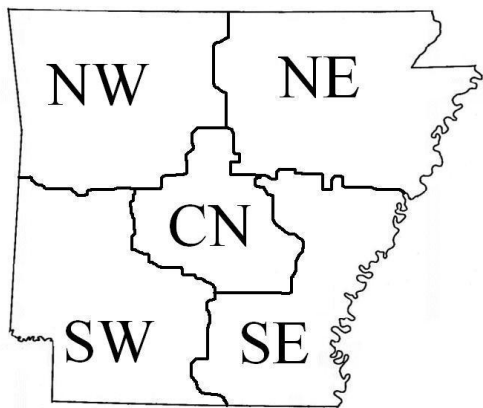
School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	66%→78%	12%
Danville Middle (Danville)	71%→79%	8%
George Junior High (Springdale)	68%→75%	7%
West Fork Middle (West Fork)	71%→78%	7%
Green Forest Intermediate (Green Forest)	70%→76%	6%
Dardanelle Middle (Dardanelle)	75%→81%	6%

*Northeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Osceola Middle (Osceola)	39%→50%	11%
Wonder Junior High (West Memphis)	48%→55%	7%
East Junior High (West Memphis)	52%→58%	6%
Buffalo Is. Central Junior High (Buffalo Island Central)	69%→75%	6%
Douglas MacArthur Junior High (Jonesboro)	62%→67%	5%

*Central*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
White Hall Junior High (White Hall)	75%→83%	8%
Vilonia Middle (Vilonia)	79%→86%	7%
Arkansas Virtual Academy Jr (Arkansas Virtual Academy)	73%→80%	7%
Hot Springs Middle (Hot Springs)	61%→67%	6%
Lonoke Middle (Lonoke)	74%→80%	6%
Lakeside Middle (Lakeside B)	81%→87%	6%



*Southwest*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Fouke Middle (Fouke)	63%→73%	10%
Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	70%→78%	8%
College Hill Middle (Texarkana)	58%→63%	5%
DeQueen Junior (DeQueen)	75%→80%	5%
Ashdown Junior High (Ashdown)	57%→62%	5%

*Southeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Crossett Middle (Crossett)	58%→67%	9%
Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	54%→60%	6%
Lakeside Middle (Lakeside A)	59%→63%	4%
Drew Central Middle (Drew Central)	70%→74%	4%
Eliza Miller Junior (Helena/W. Helena)	52%→55%	3%
Anna Strong Middle (Lee County)	48%→51%	3%

## E. High Schools, Algebra

The state's top 20 most improved high schools and middle schools on the end-of-course Algebra I exam are presented in Table 107. These schools showed very large gains in algebra proficiency between 2010 and 2011, with increases ranging from 39 percentage points at **Norphlet High** to 23 percentage points (Shirley High, Danville High, Fordyce Middle, **Kingston High**, **Arkansas High**, and **Nettleton Jr. High**). These schools' poverty levels varied widely, from 34% of students receiving free or reduced-price lunches at **Woodlawn High** to 94% at **Earle High and Dermott High**. Further, these schools' improvements were made from a wide range of 2010 proficiency rates, with the previous year's proficiency being as low as 18% and as high as 70%. All of these schools are to be commended for their progress in 2011.

Tables 108-112 provide the top five most improved schools on the Algebra I end-of-course exam for each of the state's five regions.

*Table 107: Top 20 Most Improved Schools Based on EOC Algebra Achievement from 2010 to 2011*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Norphlet High (Norphlet)	SW	7-12	43%	49%→88%	39%
2	Lee County High (Lee County)	SE	9-12	87%	31%→69%	38%
3	Emerson High (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	50%	63%→100%	37%
4	Hughes High (Hughes)	NE	7-12	80%	40%→70%	30%
5	Earle High (Earle)	NE	7-12	94%	18%→47%	29%
5	Beebe High (Beebe)	NE	9-12	41%	43%→72%	29%
5	Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	SE	7-12	34%	59%→88%	29%
8	Dermott High (Dermott)	SE	7-12	94%	58%→86%	28%
8	Blytheville High (Blytheville)	NE	9-12	73%	33%→61%	28%
10	Marvell High (Marvell)	SE	7-12	93%	29%→56%	27%
10	Lead Hill High (Lead Hill)	NW	7-12	73%	63%→90%	27%
10	Lincoln High (Lincoln)	NW	9-12	66%	60%→87%	27%
13	Stephens High (Stephens)	SW	7-12	88%	43%→68%	25%
13	Smackover High (Smackover)	SW	7-12	46%	66%→91%	25%
15	Shirley High (Shirley)	NW	7-12	74%	42%→65%	23%
15	Danville High (Danville)	NW	9-12	68%	46%→69%	23%
15	Fordyce Middle (Fordyce)	SW	6-8	65%	70%→93%	23%
15	Kingston High (Jasper)	NW	7-12	62%	68%→91%	23%
15	Arkansas High (Texarkana)	SW	9-12	56%	36%→59%	23%
15	Nettleton Junior High (Nettleton)	NE	7-8	51%	73%→96%	23%

\*In the event of a tie, schools are in order by highest FRL percentage to lowest.

Statewide Algebra I EOC % Proficient/Advanced 2010: 76%

Statewide Algebra I EOC % Proficient/Advanced 2011: 78%

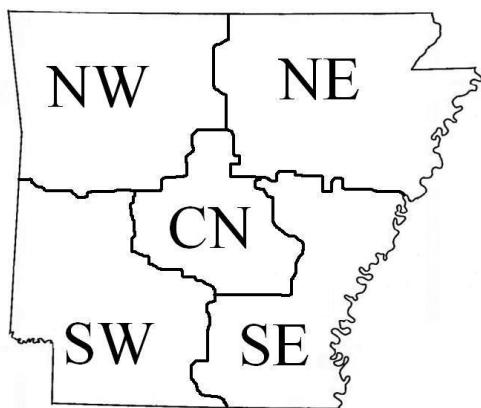
Tables 108-112: Top 5 Most Improved High Schools in Arkansas by Region, Algebra Achievement from 2010 to 2011

*Northwest*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Lead Hill High (Lead Hill)	63%→90%	27%
Lincoln High (Lincoln)	60%→87%	27%
Shirley High (Shirley)	42%→65%	23%
Danville High (Danville)	46%→69%	23%
Kingston High (Jasper)	68%→91%	23%

*Northeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Hughes High (Hughes)	40%→70%	30%
Earle High (Earle)	18%→47%	29%
Beebe High (Beebe)	43%→72%	29%
Blytheville High (Blytheville)	33%→61%	28%
Nettleton Junior High (Nettleton)	73%→96%	23%



*Central*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Henderson Middle (Little Rock)	68%→88%	20%
Jacksonville Middle (Pulaski County)	75%→93%	18%
Central High (Little Rock)	53%→71%	18%
Summit (Hot Springs)	09%→25%	16%
Wilbur D. Mills High (Pulaski County)	29%→44%	15%
eStem Middle (eStem Middle Public Charter)	68%→83%	15%

*Southwest*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Norphlet High (Norphlet)	49%→88%	39%
Emerson High (Earle)	63%→100%	37%
Stephens High (Stephens)	43%→68%	25%
Smackover High (Smackover)	66%→91%	25%
Fordyce Middle (Fordyce)	70%→93%	23%
Arkansas High (Texarkana)	36%→59%	23%

*Southeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Lee County High (Lee County)	31%→69%	38%
Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	59%→88%	29%
Dermott High (Dermott)	58%→86%	28%
Marvell High (Marvell)	29%→56%	27%
Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	52%→70%	18%

## F. High Schools, Literacy

The 23 Arkansas high schools with the greatest improvement in proficiency rates on the Grade 11 Literacy end-of-course exam from 2010 to 2011 are presented in Table 113. These schools improved their proficiency rates by great amounts, ranging from an increase of 42 percentage points at **Cutter-Morning Star High** to 23 percentage points for **Earle High, Riverview High, Hartford High, and Highland High**. These high schools' 2010 proficiency rates ranged from a low of 27% to a high of 59. Additionally, these schools had widely varying poverty rates, with rates of free and reduced-price lunch subscription ranging from 33% to 94%. All of these schools' gains for 2011 are to be commended.

Tables 114-118 provide the top five most improved high schools on Grade 11 Literacy for each of Arkansas' five educational regions.

*Table 113: Top 23 Most Improved Schools Based on EOC Literacy Achievement from 2010 to 2011*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Cutter-Morning Star High (Cutter Morning Star)	CN	7-12	57%	44%→86%	42%
2	St. Paul High (Huntsville)	NW	7-12	79%	50%→88%	38%
3	Hackett High School (Hackett)	NW	7-12	49%	39%→73%	34%
4	Poyen High (Poyen)	CN	7-12	52%	38%→70%	32%
4	Calico Rock High (Calico Rock)	NE	7-12	48%	59%→91%	32%
6	Carlisle High (Carlisle)	CN	7-12	50%	36%→65%	29%
7	Mt. Judea High (Deer/Mt. Judea)	NW	7-12	82%	27%→55%	28%
7	Guy-Perkins High (Guy-Perkins)	CN	7-12	61%	53%→81%	28%
7	Lamar High (Lamar)	NW	9-12	51%	59%→87%	28%
7	Ouachita High (Ouachita)	CN	7-12	48%	43%→71%	28%
11	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	SW	7-12	45%	52%→79%	27%
12	Kingston High (Jasper)	NW	7-12	62%	58%→84%	26%
12	Norphlet High (Norphlet)	SW	7-12	43%	56%→82%	26%
14	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheat/Wheatley)	NE	9-12	86%	40%→65%	25%
14	Bruno-Pyatt High (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	83%	31%→56%	25%
14	Crossett High (Crossett)	SE	9-12	46%	41%→66%	25%
14	Bauxite High (Bauxite)	CN	7-12	33%	56%→81%	25%
18	West Side High (West Side)	NE	7-12	57%	58%→82%	24%
18	El Dorado High (El Dorado)	SW	9-12	52%	50%→74%	24%
20	Earle High (Earle)	NE	7-12	94%	27%→50%	23%
20	Riverview High (Riverview)	NE	9-12	59%	53%→76%	23%
20	Hartford High (Hartford)	NW	7-12	58%	46%→69%	23%
20	Highland High (Highland)	NE	8-12	57%	58%→81%	23%

Statewide Grade 11 Literacy EOC % Proficient/Advanced 2010: 60%  
 Statewide Grade 11 Literacy EOC % Proficient/Advanced 2011: 65%

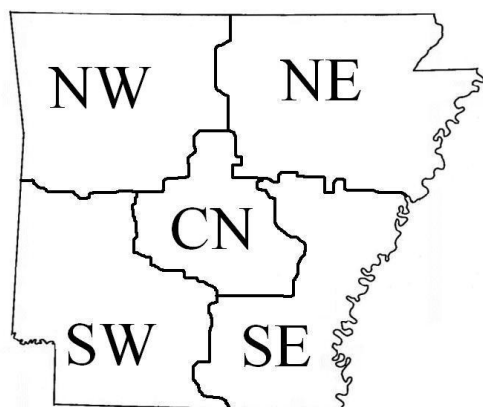
Tables 114-118: Top 5 Most Improved High Schools in Arkansas by Region, Literacy Achievement from 2010 to 2011

*Northwest*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
St. Paul High (Huntsville)	50%→88%	38%
Hackett High (Hackett)	39%→73%	34%
Mt. Judea High (Deer/Mt. Judea)	27%→55%	28%
Lamar High (Lamar)	59%→87%	28%
Kingston High (Jasper)	58%→84%	26%

*Northeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Calico Rock (Calico Rock)	59%→91%	32%
Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine- Wheat/Wheatley)	40%→65%	25%
West Side High (West Side)	58%→82%	24%
Earle High (Earle)	27%→50%	23%
Riverview High (Riverview)	53%→76%	23%
Highland High (Highland)	58%→81%	23%



*Central*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Cutter-Morning Star High (Cutter Morning Star)	44%→86%	42%
Poyen High (Poyen)	38%→70%	32%
Carlisle High (Carlisle)	36%→65%	29%
Guy-Perkins High (Guy-Perkins)	53%→81%	28%
Ouachita High (Ouachita)	43%→71%	28%

*Southwest*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	52%→79%	27%
Norphlet High (Norphlet)	56%→82%	26%
El Dorado High (El Dorado)	50%→74%	24%
Smackover High (Smackover)	62%→80%	18%
De Queen High (DeQueen)	54%→71%	17%

*Southeast*

School (District)	2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Crossett High (Crossett)	41%→66%	25%
Hamburg High (Hamburg)	44%→62%	18%
Marvell High (Marvell)	27%→43%	16%
Hermitage High (Hermitage)	27%→40%	13%
Dermott High (Dermott)	26%→37%	11%

## Final Thought

Since our founding in 2003, the mission of the Office for Education Policy has been to look at pressing issues through the lens of academic research and disseminate our findings to educators, policymakers, and other stakeholders around Arkansas. Every once in a while, however, we think it is okay to stray from issue analysis and simply share some *good news*! Throughout this report over the last three years, we have highlighted *many* outstanding schools in Arkansas. These schools are located all over the state and the students and educators in these schools deserve congratulations for excellent academic performance. We look forward to continued improvement from Arkansas schools and students for many years to come!