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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!*

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

Last year, we first introduced a new academic performance indicator, the “**GPA**” rating system, to rank the highest-performing schools. In the past, the rankings were created based on the percentage of students scoring at the proficient or advanced level on each assessment. Generally, when discussing academic achievement on the Benchmark exams, policymakers focus on this figure. However, this indicator suffers from being an “all-or-nothing” measure, in which a student is either proficient or not.

The percent proficient and advanced measure disregards real information provided by student scores that are placed into the four different performance categories: below basic, basic, proficient, and advanced. Additionally, this mark does not differentiate between a school in which 100% of students score proficient and a school in which 100% of students score advanced. Both of these schools would show 100% of students performing at proficient and advanced levels; however, in the latter school, students actually performed at a significantly higher level. Thus, a slightly more informative indicator gives the most credit to students who score at the advanced level and the least credit to students who score at the below basic level. For such purposes, we have created the “GPA” rating system. In this GPA measure, parallel to the familiar grade point average for individual students, we treat the Benchmark test scores in a similar way, whereby a 4.0 is a perfect score.

Category	GPA Points Awarded
Advanced	4.0
Proficient	3.0
Basic	2.0
Below Basic	1.0

The GPA measure, we believe, is a better representation of student achievement on statewide standardized exams. In this report, we are presenting a list of the top 25 schools in each area. In

some cases, these "top 25 lists" will contain more than 25 schools as some schools' GPA scores will be identical. This is not a new phenomenon, as we also exceeded 25 schools in previous reports when using the percent proficient and advanced metric as an indicator for student achievement; however, there are fewer ties using the more precise GPA measure.

After we present our overall snapshot of high-performing schools, we will release subsequent reports every few weeks focusing on different subsets of schools. For example, 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. Our release schedule is:

- **High-Achieving “Overall” Schools in Arkansas**
- **Beating the Odds – High-Achieving Schools Serving Low-Income Communities**
- **High-Achieving Elementary Schools by Region**
- **High-Achieving Middle Schools by Region**
- **High-Achieving High Schools Across Arkansas**
- **Most Improved Schools**

I. 2013 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 in math and literacy were administered to students in grades 3-8 in April 2013. Each table in this section presents the top 25 schools for the noted subject and school level. In addition, these tables include the region in which the school is located, the grades served at the school, the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2013, and the GPA of the school in that particular subject.

In this report, schools are considered as a whole, as opposed to a grade-by-grade basis. Within schools, there are many individual grade levels with exceptional performance on the Benchmark exam. In the third report, individual grade-level performance will be highlighted for grades 3, 4, and 5. In the fourth report, individual grade level performance will be highlighted for grades 6, 7, and 8. In the third and fourth reports, schools will also be broken down into the five regions, and top regional performance will be highlighted.

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. High schools that also serve middle school grades, e.g. schools that serve grades 7-12, are categorized as middle schools in this report. In the cases where these grades overlap, we used enrollment data to determine whether a school served more elementary or middle school students.

A. Benchmark Scores in Mathematics, 2013

Table 1: Top 25 *Elementary Schools* in Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Math* Achievement

	School (District)	Region ¹	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA ²
1	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	K-5	100%	3.96
2	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	K-6	98%	3.86
3	Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	K-5	97%	3.81
4	Centerpoint Primary School (Centerpoint) ♦	SW	P-3	98%	3.79
4	Pottsville Elementary School (Pottsville) ♦	NW	K-3	95%	3.79
6	Central Park at Morning Star Elementary (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	97%	3.78
6	Elm Tree Elementary School (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	96%	3.78
8	Julia Lee Moore Elementary School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	96%	3.77
9	Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	P-5	94%	3.76
10	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	2-4	100%	3.75
11	Cooper Elementary School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	95%	3.74
11	Willowbrook Elementary School (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	94%	3.74
13	Forest Heights Elementary School (Harrison) ♦	NW	K-4	96%	3.73
13	Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	K-6	97%	3.73
15	Ellen Smith Elementary School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	93%	3.71
16	Brookland Elementary School (Brookland)	NE	P-3	97%	3.70
16	Woodrow Cummins Elementary School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	96%	3.70
16	Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	P-5	95%	3.70
16	Bellview Elementary (Rogers) ♦	NW	K-5	94%	3.70
16	Eagle Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	93%	3.70
16	Skyline Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	92%	3.70
22	College Hill Elementary School (Texarkana)	SW	K-4	95%	3.69
23	Center Valley Elementary School (Russellville)	NW	K-4	95%	3.68
24	Westside Elementary School (Searcy)	NE	K-3	96%	3.67
24	Bob Folsom Elementary School (Farmington)	NW	K-3	94%	3.67

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2011-12.

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

² The GPA rating is a score derived from an average where, an advanced score is counted as a 4.0 like an "A", proficient score as a 3.0, like a "B", basic score as a 2.0, like a "C", and below basic as a 1.0, like a grade of "D".

Table 2: Top 25 *Middle Schools* in Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Math* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas) ♦	NW	8-12	100%	3.88
2	Pottsville Middle Grade (Pottsville) ♦	NW	4-6	92%	3.56
3	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	5-6	87%	3.55
4	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	6-7	92%	3.51
5	Nettleton Middle School (Jonesboro)	NE	6	88%	3.48
5	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	6-8	91%	3.48
7	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood) ♦	NW	6-7	87%	3.45
8	Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside-Garland County) ♦	CN	5-7	88%	3.42
9	Bright Field Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	5-6	89%	3.41
9	St. Joe High School (Ozark)	NW	7-12	88%	3.41
11	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	NE	7-12	90%	3.40
12	Benton Middle School (Benton) ♦	CN	6-7	86%	3.39
12	Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier) ♦	CN	6-7	86%	3.39
12	Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	87%	3.39
15	Cabot Middle School North (Cabot) ♦	CN	5-6	86%	3.36
15	Cabot Middle School South (Cabot) ♦	CN	5-6	85%	3.36
17	Tuckerman High School (Jackson County)	NE	8-12	88%	3.35
18	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	SW	5-8	87%	3.34
18	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	87%	3.34
20	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	NE	7-8	86%	3.33
20	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway) ♦	CN	5-7	85%	3.33
22	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway) ♦	CN	5-7	82%	3.32
23	Ardis Ann Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	5-6	83%	3.31
23	Nashville Elementary School (Nashville)	SW	4-6	83%	3.31
25	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	86%	3.30
25	Brookland Middle School (Brookland)	NE	4-6	85%	3.30

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2011-12.

Elementary and Middle School Math Scores

Sixteen elementary schools and seventeen middle schools on this year's "Top 25 List" for math achievement were repeats from last year's honors.

The statewide math GPA average¹ for elementary and middle schools combined is 3.06, and the statewide math average for students scoring proficient or advanced is 75%. Elementary schools have a higher average than middle schools in both the GPA measure and the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced.

Statewide, the elementary school GPA average for math Benchmark performance is a 3.04, with 74% of elementary students scoring at the proficient or advanced level. Of the 503 schools classified as elementary schools, 354 have a math GPA at or above the statewide average in this category, and 356 schools reached 75% or more students scoring proficient or advanced. Recall that because we ranked using the GPA measure, the number of schools meeting or exceeding the statewide averages for both GPA and percent of students scoring proficient or advanced will not always be equal.

The statewide middle school math GPA average is a 3.05, with 76% of middle school students scoring proficient or advanced. Of 364 middle schools, 128 middle schools in Arkansas meet or exceed the state's average GPA, and 176 middle schools have 75% or more students scoring proficient or advanced.

The Northwest region stood out on the "Top 25 List" for math scores, with 12 schools in the elementary ratings and 10 schools in the middle school ratings. In the elementary ratings, seven schools are from the Central region, four are from the Northeast region, and two are from the Southwest region. The Bentonville School District (Northwest) has four schools on this list and the Harrison School District (Northwest) has three schools on this list. In the middle school ratings, 11 schools are from the Northwest region, and eight schools are from the Central region. The Bentonville School District (Northwest) has four schools on this list.

As was the case in previous years, the schools on "Top 25 List" serve relatively more advantaged student populations. For example, the average free or reduced lunch (FRL) rate for elementary schools in the top 25 list is 38%, as compared to the state average for elementary schools of 68%. Similarly, of the middle schools on the list, the average percentage of FRL students is 41%, while the statewide average for middle schools is 63%. Additionally, the percentages of minority students in the elementary (19%) and middle schools (19%) on the "Top 25 List" are lower than the state average (36% and 30%). Lastly, the average enrollment of the schools on the "Top 25 List" is larger than the statewide average for both elementary and middle schools.

¹ All averages are weighted by the number of students tested.

B. Benchmark Scores in Literacy, 2013

Table 3: Top 25 Elementary Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	K-5	99%	3.87
2	Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	K-5	97%	3.81
3	Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	P-5	96%	3.79
4	Forest Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	99%	3.75
5	Ellen Smith Elementary School (Conway)	CN	K-4	95%	3.73
5	Westside Elementary School (Searcy)	NW	K-3	94%	3.73
5	Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	94%	3.73
5	Pottsville Elementary School (Pottsville) ♦	NW	K-3	93%	3.73
9	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	K-6	98%	3.72
9	Bellview Elementary (Rogers) ♦	NW	K-5	94%	3.72
11	College Hill Elementary School (Texarkana) ♦	SW	K-4	96%	3.71
11	Hunt Elementary School (Springdale) ♦	NW	K-5	96%	3.71
11	Elm Tree Elementary School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	97%	3.71
11	Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	NW	K-6	95%	3.71
11	Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	K-6	95%	3.71
11	Julia Lee Moore Elementary School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	93%	3.71
17	Hardin Elementary School (Redfield)	CN	K-5	94%	3.68
18	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	2-4	98%	3.67
18	Baker Interdistrict Elementary School (Pulaski County Special)	CN	K-5	92%	3.67
20	Elza R. Tucker Elementary School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	93%	3.66
21	Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt) ♦	SE	P-5	95%	3.65
21	Dover Elementary School (Dover) ♦	NW	K-5	94%	3.65
21	Eastside Elementary School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	94%	3.65
21	Jefferson Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	94%	3.65
21	Magness Creek Elementary (Cabot)	CN	K-4	93%	3.65

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2011-12.

Table 4: Top 25 *Middle Schools* in Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Literacy* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas) ♦	NW	8-12	100%	3.94
2	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	NE	7-12	96%	3.61
3	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville) ♦	NW	4-6	94%	3.60
4	Bright Field Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	5-6	93%	3.57
5	Umpire High School (Cossatot River)	SW	7-12	100%	3.53
6	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	6-7	91%	3.50
6	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	92%	3.50
8	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	5-8	93%	3.48
8	Brookland Middle School (Brookland) ♦	NE	4-6	90%	3.48
10	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	90%	3.47
10	Cabot Middle School South (Cabot) ♦	CN	5-6	89%	3.47
12	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	5-6	89%	3.46
12	Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	89%	3.46
14	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	NE	7-8	90%	3.43
15	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia)	CN	8-9	90%	3.42
15	Kirksey Middle School (Rogers)	NW	6-8	88%	3.42
15	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	8-9	88%	3.42
18	Harrison Middle School (Harrison) ♦	NW	5-6	89%	3.41
18	Southwest Middle School (Searcy) ♦	NE	4-6	87%	3.41
20	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Texarkana)	SW	5-8	89%	3.40
20	L.A. Chaffin Junior High School (Forth Smith) ♦	NW	7-9	89%	3.40
22	Bergman Middle School (Bergman)	NW	5-8	90%	3.39
22	Ardis Ann Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	5-6	88%	3.39
22	Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside-Garland County)	CN	5-7	88%	3.39
22	Greenbrier Junior High School (Greenbrier)	CN	8-9	87%	3.39

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2011-12.

Elementary and Middle School Literacy Scores

Fourteen schools and sixteen middle schools on this year's "Top 25 List" for literacy achievement were repeats from last year's honors.

The statewide literacy GPA average for elementary and middle schools combined is 3.18, and the statewide literacy average for students scoring proficient or advanced is 79%. As with math scores, elementary schools have a higher average than middle schools in both the GPA measure and the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced.

Statewide, the elementary school literacy GPA average is 3.24, with 81% of elementary school students scoring proficient or advanced. Of 503 elementary schools, 317 schools have a literacy GPA at or above 3.18, and 339 schools reached 79% of more students scoring proficient or advanced.

The statewide middle school literacy GPA average is a 3.05, with 76% of middle school students scoring proficient or advanced. Of 364 middle schools, 137 schools have a GPA at or above 3.18, and 176 middle schools have 79% or more students scoring proficient or advanced.

Regionally, in the elementary ratings, 11 schools are from the Northwest region, and nine schools are from the Central region. The Little Rock School District (Central) has three schools on this list. In the middle school ratings, there are 14 schools from the Northwest region, five schools from the Central region, and four from the Northeast. The Bentonville School District (Northwest) has five schools on this list.

Again, it is worth noting that many of these schools in the top 25 serve relatively more advantaged student populations. For example, the average free or reduced lunch (FRL) rate for elementary schools in the top 25 list is 40%, as compared to the state average for elementary schools of 68%. Similarly, of the middle schools on the list, the average percentage of FRL students is 40%, while the statewide average for middle schools is 63%. Additionally, the percentages of minority students in the elementary (23%) and middle schools (17%) on the "Top 25 List" are lower than the state average (36% and 30%). Lastly, the average enrollment of the schools on the "Top 25 List" is larger than the statewide average for both elementary and middle schools.

C. Benchmark Scores Combined (Math and Literacy)⁴, 2013

Table 5: Top 25 Elementary Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math and Literacy Achievement

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	K-5	99.5%	3.91
2 Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	K-5	97%	3.81
3 Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	K-6	98%	3.79
4 Pottsville Elementary School (Pottsville) ♦	NW	K-3	94%	3.76
5 Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	P-5	93.5%	3.75
6 Elm Tree Elementary School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	96.5%	3.74
6 Julia Lee Moore Elementary School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	94.5%	3.74
6 Forest Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	97.5%	3.74
6 Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	P-5	95.5%	3.74
10 Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	K-6	96%	3.72
10 Ellen Smith Elementary School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	94%	3.72
12 Central Park at Morning Star Elementary School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	95%	3.71
12 Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	2-4	99%	3.71
12 Bellview Elementary (Rogers) ♦	NW	K-5	94%	3.71
15 College Hill Elementary School (Texarkana) ♦	SW	K-4	95.5%	3.70
15 Westside Elementary School (Searcy)	NE	K-3	95%	3.70
17 Centerpoint Primary School (Centerpoint)	SW	P-3	97%	3.68
18 Hunt Elem. School (Springdale) ♦	NW	K-5	94.5%	3.67
19 Cooper Elementary School (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	93.5%	3.66
20 Willowbrook Elementary School (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	92.5%	3.65
20 Eagle Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	91%	3.65
20 Skyline Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	92.5%	3.65
20 Woodrow Cummins Elementary School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	94%	3.65
20 Magness Creek Elementary (Cabot)	CN	K-4	93.5%	3.65
20 Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt)	SE	P-5	95%	3.65
20 Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	NW	K-6	94%	3.65

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2011-12.

⁴Combined score is a simple average of students earning proficient or advanced on Math and Literacy.

Table 6: Top 25 Middle Schools in Arkansas Based on Math and Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas) ♦	NW	8-12	100%	3.91
2	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville) ♦	NW	4-6	93%	3.58
3	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	NW	7-12	93%	3.51
4	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	6-7	91.5%	3.50
4	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	5-6	88%	3.50
6	Bright Field Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	5-6	91%	3.49
7	Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	88%	3.42
8	Cabot Middle School South (Cabot) ♦	CN	5-6	87%	3.41
9	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	89%	3.40
9	Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside-Garland County) ♦	CN	5-7	88%	3.40
9	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood) ♦	NW	6-7	86.5%	3.40
12	Brookland Middle School (Brookland) ♦	NE	4-6	87.5%	3.39
13	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	NE	7-8	88%	3.38
13	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	7-8	87.5%	3.38
13	Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier) ♦	CN	6-7	87.5%	3.38
16	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	5-8	89%	3.37
16	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Texarkana)	SW	5-8	88%	3.37
16	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	6-8	89%	3.37
16	Nettleton Middle School (Jonesboro)	NE	6	84%	3.37
20	Benton Middle School (Benton) ♦	CN	6-7	86%	3.36
21	Ardis Ann Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	5-6	85.5%	3.35
21	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway) ♦	CN	5-7	85%	3.35
23	Harrison Middle School (Harrison) ♦	NW	5-6	86%	3.34
23	Bergman Middle School (Bergman)	NW	5-8	87%	3.34
23	Cabot Middle School North (Cabot)	CN	5-6	86.5%	3.34

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2011-12.

Elementary and Middle School Combined Scores

Sixteen elementary schools and eighteen middle schools on this year's "Top 25 List" for combined achievement were repeats from last year's honors.

The statewide combined GPA average is 3.12 for elementary and middle schools combined, and the statewide combined average for students scoring proficient or advanced is 77%. Again, in this measure, the schools that are classified as elementary schools have a higher average than middle schools in both the GPA measure and the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced.

Statewide, the combined elementary school GPA average is a 3.22, with 80% of elementary students scoring proficient or advanced. Of 503 elementary schools, 285 schools have a combined GPA of 3.22 or above, and 300 schools have 80% or more students scoring proficient or advanced.

The statewide middle school combined GPA average is a 2.93, with 71% of middle school students scoring proficient or advanced. Of 364 middle schools, 219 schools have a combined GPA at or above 2.93, and 106 middle schools are at or above the overall statewide average GPA (3.12).

Again, the Northwest and Central regions had the most schools on the "Top 25 List" for combined scores. In the elementary ratings, 12 schools are from the Northwest region, and eight schools are from the Central region. The Bentonville School District has four schools and the Conway School District (Central) has three schools on this list. In the middle school ratings, 14 schools are from the Northwest region, and seven schools are from the Central region. The Bentonville School District (Northwest) has four schools on this list.

Predictably, many of these schools in the top 25 serve relatively more advantaged student populations. For example, the average free or reduced lunch (FRL) rate for elementary schools in the top 25 list is 30%, as compared to the state average of 68% for elementary schools. Similarly, of the middle schools on the list the average percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunch is 36%, while the statewide average for middle schools is 63%. Additionally, the percentages of minority students in the elementary (20%) and middle schools (18%) on the "Top 25 List" are lower than the statewide average (36% and 33%). Lastly, the average enrollment of the schools on the "Top 25 List" is larger than the statewide average for both elementary and middle schools.

Once again, we would like to congratulate **ALL** of the schools on our High-Achieving "Overall" Schools in Arkansas based on performance on the Benchmark Exams. Our next installment will focus on schools that are *Beating the Odds* – that is, top-performing schools with a high population of economically disadvantaged students.

II. 2013 OEP AWARDS: BEATING THE ODDS – HIGH-ACHIEVING SCHOOLS SERVING LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES

This section highlights high-performing “high-poverty” elementary and middle schools based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams in math and literacy were administered to students in grades 3-8 in April 2013. Each table in this section presents the top 25 schools for the noted subject and school level. These tables include the region in which the school is located, the grades served at the school, the percent of students eligible for FRL, the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels, and the GPA of the school in that particular subject. In this report, schools are considered as a whole and on a grade-by-grade basis. For each grade-level, the top five schools are reported.

For the purpose of this report, a school is classified as “high-poverty” if at least two-thirds (66%) of the students in the school were eligible for the Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) program in the 2012-13 school year. The FRL figures listed for each school are based on Provision 2 FRL statistics, not the rounded statistics sometimes reported.²

In 2012-13, approximately 58% of the state’s elementary schools (293 of 503) and approximately 45% of middle schools (167 of 369) served student populations with 66% or more students eligible for FRL. While schools only had to have an FRL rate of 66% to be considered for a “Beating the Odds” award, the average FRL rate of the “high-poverty” schools included in this analysis was 81%.

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. In the cases where these grades overlap, we used enrollment data to determine whether a school served more elementary or middle school students. For a detailed description of the classification of schools, see Appendix B at the end of this document.

²The Provision 2 % FRL represents the actual percent of students qualifying for Free or Reduced lunch in districts with Provision 2 designation. While different information is reported by the Department of Education as the standard FRL measurement, this measurement is more accurate because it tracks the actual number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches.

D. Benchmark Scores in Mathematics, 2013

Table 7: Top 25 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Region ¹	Grades Served	% FRL	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA ²
1	Centerpoint Primary School (Centerpoint) ♦	SE	P-3	71%	98%	3.79
2	Eagle Heights Elementary School (Harrison) ♦	NW	K-4	67%	93%	3.70
3	Salem Elementary School (Salem)	NE	K-6	67%	94%	3.66
4	Eudora Elementary School (Lakeside – Chicot County) ♦	SE	P-3	92%	95%	3.65
4	Woodland Heights Elementary School (Harrison) ♦	NW	K-4	80%	89%	3.65
6	Cowsert Elementary School (Clinton) ♦	NW	K-3	73%	92%	3.63
7	Eastside Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	K-5	75%	94%	3.59
8	Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk) ♦	NW	K-6	82%	93%	3.58
9	Evening Shade Elementary School (Cave City) ♦	NE	K-4	95%	92%	3.57
9	Cherokee Elementary School (Highland) ♦	NE	K-4	74%	91%	3.57
11	DeQueen Elementary School (DeQueen) ♦	SW	3-5	77%	94%	3.56
11	Mammoth Spring Elementary School (Mammoth Spring)	NE	K-6	70%	92%	3.56
12	Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc) ♦	SW	P-6	76%	90%	3.55
13	Green Forest Elementary School (Green Forest) ♦	NW	K-3	87%	89%	3.52
13	Holly Harshman Elementary School (Mena) ♦	SW	3-5	67%	90%	3.52
15	Gardner Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	K-4	89%	89%	3.51
16	Amanda Gist Elementary School (Cotter) ♦	NW	K-6	73%	91%	3.50
17	Morrilton Elementary School (South Conway County) ♦	NW	2-3	72%	87%	3.49
18	Wickes Elementary School (Cossatot River) ♦	SW	P-6	73%	89%	3.48
18	Two Rivers Elementary (Two Rivers)	NW	K-4	86%	90%	3.48
18	Ida Burns Elementary School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	70%	90%	3.48
21	Theodore Jones Elementary School (Conway)	CN	K-4	75%	90%	3.47
21	John Tyson Elementary School (Springdale)	NW	K-4	70%	91%	3.47

	School (District)	Region¹	Grades Served	% FRL	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA²
23	Lincoln Elementary School (Lincoln)	NW	P-4	70%	88%	3.46
24	Cavanaugh Elementary School (Fort Smith)	NW	K-6	73%	88%	3.45
25	Van Cove Elementary School (Cossatot River)	SW	P-6	84%	90%	3.44

◆ Indicates school placed on list in 2011-12.

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

² The GPA rating is a score derived from an average where, an advanced score is counted as a 4.0 like an "A", proficient score as a 3.0 , like a "B", basic score as a 2.0, like a "C" , and below basic as a 1.0, like a grade of "D".

Table 8: Top 25 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	St. Joe High School (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	74%	88%	3.41
2	Nashville Elem. School (Nashville) ♦	SW	4-6	71%	83%	3.31
3	Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	NW	7-12	68%	83%	3.26
3	Helen Tyson Middle School (Springdale) ♦	NW	6-7	67%	81%	3.26
5	Clinton Intermediate School (Clinton) ♦	NW	4-6	73%	80%	3.22
6	DeQueen Middle School (DeQueen) ♦	SW	6-7	72%	81%	3.21
6	Highland Middle School (Highland) ♦	NE	5-7	71%	81%	3.21
8	Newport Junior High School (Newport) ♦	NE	7-8	76%	83%	3.17
9	J.O. Kelly Middle School (Springdale)	NW	6-7	85%	78%	3.16
9	Green Forest Intermediate School (Green Forest) ♦	NW	4-8	81%	80%	3.16
11	Marked Tree Middle School (Marked Tree) ♦	NE	6-8	80%	80%	3.15
12	McRae Middle School (Prescott)	SW	5-6	78%	80%	3.14
13	Kraus Middle School (Clarksville) ♦	NW	5-6	68%	79%	3.11
14	Nevada High School (Nevada)	SW	7-12	74%	77%	3.10
14	Centerpoint Middle School (Centerpoint) ♦	SW	6-12	68%	77%	3.10
16	Swifton Middle School (Jackson County)	NE	5-7	68%	76%	3.08
17	Lincoln Middle School (Lincoln)	NW	5-7	75%	75%	3.07
18	Danville Middle School (Danville) ♦	NW	6-8	77%	78%	3.04
18	Booneville Junior High School (Booneville)	NW	7-9	68%	81%	3.04
20	McCrary High School (McCrary)	NE	7-12	67%	74%	3.03
20	Mena Middle School (Mena)	SW	6-8	66%	75%	3.03
22	Omaha High School (Omaha)	NW	7-12	69%	79%	3.02
22	Central Elementary School (Magnolia)	SW	4-6	69%	72%	3.02
22	Nemo Vista Middle School (Nemo Vista)	NW	6-8	66%	77%	3.02
25	Clarksville Junior High School (Clarksville) ♦	NW	7-9	69%	77%	3.01
25	Horatio High School (Horatio)	SW	7-12	70%	79%	3.01

Elementary and Middle School Math Scores

There is great reason to applaud the top 25 “high-poverty” elementary schools on math performance. The statewide math elementary GPA average is 3.20³, and the average of the top 25 “high-poverty” elementary schools is well above that at 3.54.

Along with these top 25 schools, many other schools are beating the odds. On the math benchmark, 156 out of the 293 “high-poverty” elementary schools have at least 75% of students score proficient or advanced. There are 109 “high-poverty” elementary schools that have a math GPA at or above the statewide elementary math GPA average of 3.20. Two elementary schools are not only among the highest-achieving schools serving disadvantaged student populations, but are also among the highest-performing schools in the state. **Centerpoint Elementary School** (Centerpoint) and **Eagle Heights Elementary School** (Harrison) are also in the Top 25 overall elementary math category.

There is also great reason to praise the top 25 “high-poverty” middle schools in the state. The statewide math middle school GPA average is 2.82, and the average of the top 25 “high-poverty” schools is well above that at 3.14.

On the math benchmark, 30 out of 167 “high-poverty” middle schools have at least 75% of students score proficient or advanced. There are 55 “high-poverty” middle schools with a math GPA at or above the statewide middle school math GPA average of 2.82. This year there are two Top 25 “high-poverty” middle schools that are also on the “Overall Math Top 25 Schools” list. **St. Joe High School** (Ozark Mountain) and **Nashville Elementary School** (Nashville) are among the highest-achieving schools serving disadvantaged student populations and are among the highest-performing schools in the state.

The Northwest region stood out on the “high-poverty” top 25 lists. In the elementary ratings, 10 schools are from the Northwest region, and in the middle school ratings, 12 schools are from the Northwest region. The Northwest region is not generally associated with “high-poverty;” however, there are a number of districts in this category. Many of these schools in Northwest Arkansas have student populations with 66%-75% of students eligible for FRL (though there are some exceptions), while schools in other regions (particularly the Southeast region) have student populations with 80% or more students eligible for FRL.

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 performers by grade in the “high-poverty” schools across the state.

³ All averages are weighted by the number of students tested.

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

School (District)	% FRL	Region	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade				
1 Eagle Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	67%	NW	97%	3.88
2 Deer Elementary School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	69%	NW	100%	3.86
2 Salem Elementary School (Salem)	67%	NE	98%	3.86
4 Caddo Hills Elementary School (Caddo Hills)	83%	SW	95%	3.85
4 Hoxie Elementary School (Hoxie)	77%	NE	98%	3.85
4 Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	82%	NW	100%	3.85
4 Oscar Hamilton Elementary School (Foreman)	74%	SW	97%	3.85
4th Grade				
1 Evening Shade Elementary (Cave City)	95%	NE	94%	3.76
2 Jackson Elementary School (West Memphis)	81%	NE	95%	3.75
2 Mammoth Spring Elementary School (Mammoth Spring)	70%	NE	94%	3.75
4 Bragg Elementary School (West Memphis)	68%	NE	93%	3.71
4 Van-Cove Elementary (Cossatot River)	84%	SW	100%	3.71
5th Grade				
1 Holly Harshman Elementary School (Mena)	67%	SW	93%	3.56
2 Salem Elementary School (Salem)	67%	NE	91%	3.52
3 Acorn Elementary School (Ouachita River)	72%	SW	93%	3.47
4 Eastside Elementary School (Rogers)	75%	NW	94%	3.46
5 Amanda Gist Elementary School (Cotter) ♦	73%	NW	86%	3.41
6th Grade				
1 Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc)	76%	SE	95%	3.73
2 Salem Elementary School (Salem)	67%	NE	93%	3.67
3 Buffalo Is. Central West Elementary (Buffalo Island)	73%	NE	92%	3.63
3 Kingston Elementary School (Jasper)	72%	NW	94%	3.63
5 McCrory Elementary School (McCrory)	66%	NE	93%	3.61
7th Grade				
1 St. Joe High School (Ozark Mountain)	85%	NW	88%	3.41
2 Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	68%	NW	87%	3.35
3 Newport Junior High School (Newport) ♦	76%	NE	88%	3.29
4 Nevada High School (Nevada)	74%	SW	83%	3.27
5 KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	77%	SE	78%	3.24
8th Grade				
1 Marked Tree Middle School (Marked Tree)	80%	NE	88%	3.35
2 Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	68%	NW	80%	3.19
3 Green Forest Intermediate School (Green Forest)	81%	NW	84%	3.11
4 McCrory High School (McCrory)	67%	NE	77%	3.09
5 Cave City Middle School (Cave City)	72%	NE	76%	3.05

E. Benchmark Scores in Literacy, 2013

Table 10: Top 25 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk) ♦	NW	K-6	82%	95%	3.71
2	Eastside Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	K-5	75%	94%	3.65
3	Salem Elementary School (Salem)	NE	K-6	67%	92%	3.63
4	Eagle Heights Elementary School (Harrison) ♦	NW	K-4	67%	89%	3.60
5	St. Paul Elementary School (Huntsville)	NW	K-6	81%	95%	3.59
5	Woodland Heights Elementary School (Harrison) ♦	NW	K-4	80%	93%	3.59
7	Centerpoint Primary School (Centerpoint)	SW	P-3	71%	96%	3.57
8	John Tyson Elementary School (Springdale) ♦	NW	K-5	70%	91%	3.53
8	Paron Elementary School (Bryan)	CN	K-5	68%	94%	3.53
10	Van Cove Elementary School (Cossatot River)	SW	P-6	84%	91%	3.52
11	Prescott Elementary School (Prescott)	SW	K-4	82%	89%	3.51
11	Mammoth Spring Elementary School (Mammoth) ♦	NE	K-6	70%	92%	3.51
13	Bonnie Grimes Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	K-5	82%	90%	3.50
14	Old Wire Elementary School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	82%	94%	3.49
15	DeQueen Elementary School (DeQueen) ♦	SW	3-5	77%	91%	3.47
15	Frank Tillery Elementary School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	76%	90%	3.47
15	Manila Elementary School (Manila)	NE	P-4	66%	88%	3.47
18	Holly Harshman Elementary School (Mena) ♦	SW	3-5	67%	91%	3.46
18	McCrary Elementary School (McCrary)	SW	K-6	66%	89%	3.46
20	Jones Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	K-5	85%	90%	3.45
21	Cavanaugh Elementary School (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	K-6	73%	90%	3.43
21	Atkins Elementary School (Atkins)	NW	K-4	69%	88%	3.43
23	Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc)	SE	P-6	76%	88%	3.42
23	Morrilton Elementary School (Southwest Conway County)	NW	2-3	72%	88%	3.42
25	Cherokee Elementary School (Highland)	NE	K-4	74%	86%	3.41
25	Wickes Elementary School (Cossatot River)	SW	P-6	73%	88%	3.41
25	Nashville Primary School (Nashville) ♦	SW	K-3	68%	86%	3.41
25	Grace Hill Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	K-5	87%	86%	3.41

Table 11: Top 25 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Umpire High School (Cossatot River) ♦	SW	7-12	86%	100%	3.53
2	Clinton Intermediate School (Clinton) ♦	NW	4-6	73%	89%	3.38
3	Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	NW	7-12	68%	89%	3.35
4	McRae Middle School (Prescott) ♦	SW	5-6	78%	82%	3.31
4	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	SW	8-9	74%	87%	3.31
6	Nashville Elementary School (Nashville) ♦	SW	4-6	71%	84%	3.30
7	Kraus Middle School (Clarksville) ♦	NW	5-6	68%	85%	3.29
8	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	SW	7-12	78%	88%	3.28
8	Hector High School (Hector)	NW	7-12	71%	91%	3.28
10	Green Forest Intermediate School (Green Forest) ♦	NW	4-8	81%	84%	3.27
11	DeQueen Middle School (DeQueen)	SW	6-7	72%	85%	3.26
12	Jasper High School (Jasper)	NW	7-12	72%	86%	3.25
12	Nemo Vista Middle School (Nemo Vista) ♦	NW	6-8	66%	86%	3.25
14	Black Rock High School (Lawrence County)	NE	7-12	72%	83%	3.24
15	Lincoln Middle School (Lincoln)	NW	5-7	75%	81%	3.23
15	Cabe Middle School (Gurdon)	SW	5-8	75%	84%	3.23
17	Norfolk High School (Norfolk) ♦	NW	7-12	81%	80%	3.22
17	Omaha High School (Omaha)	NW	7-12	69%	88%	3.22
17	Booneville Junior High School (Booneville)	NW	7-9	68%	83%	3.22
17	Helen Tyson Middle School (Springdale)	NW	6-7	67%	82%	3.22
21	Oakdale Middle School (Rogers)	NW	6-8	69%	84%	3.21
22	Gentry Middle School (Gentry) ♦	NW	6-8	68%	83%	3.20
23	Cave City Middle School (Cave City) ♦	NE	7-8	72%	81%	3.19
23	Clarksville Junior High School (Clarksville) ♦	NW	7-9	69%	84%	3.19
25	Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)	SE	5-8	75%	80%	3.17
25	Yellville-Summit High School (Yellville-Summit)	NW	7-12	66%	81%	3.17

Elementary and Middle School Literacy Scores

There is great reason to applaud the top 25 “high-poverty” elementary schools on literacy performance. The statewide literacy elementary GPA average is 3.24⁴, and the literacy GPA average of the top 25 “high-poverty” schools is well above that at 3.50.

Along with these top 25 schools, many other schools are beating the odds. On the literacy benchmark, 141 of the 293 “high-poverty” elementary schools had at least 79% of students score proficient or advanced. There are 103 “high-poverty” elementary schools that have a literacy GPA at or above the statewide elementary literacy GPA average of 3.24. Two elementary schools are not only among the highest-achieving schools serving disadvantaged student populations but are also among the highest-performing schools in the state. **Norfolk Elementary School** (Norfolk) and **Eastside Elementary School** (Rogers) are also in the **Top 25 overall** elementary literacy category.

There is also great reason to praise the top 25 “high-poverty” middle schools in the state. The statewide literacy middle school GPA average is 3.05, and the literacy GPA average of the top 25 “high-poverty” schools is above that at 3.26.

On the literacy benchmark, 47 out of 167 “high-poverty” middle schools have at least 75% of students score proficient or advanced. There are 50 “high-poverty” middle schools with a literacy GPA at or above the statewide middle school literacy GPA average of 3.05. **Umpire High School** (Cossatot River) is also on the **Top 25 overall** middle school literacy category.

One region stood out among the “high-poverty” top 25 lists. The Northwest region has 13 elementary schools and 16 middle schools on this list. The Southwest region stood out as well, having 6 elementary and 7 middle schools on this 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 performers by grade in the “high-poverty” schools across the state.

⁴ All averages are weighted by the number of students tested.

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

School (District)	% FRL	Region	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade				
1 Carnall Elementary School (Fort Smith)	89%	NW	96%	3.80
2 Hoxie Elementary School (Hoxie)	77%	NE	96%	3.79
2 Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk) ♦	82%	NW	100%	3.79
2 St. Paul Elementary School (Huntsville)	81%	NW	96%	3.79
5 County Line Elementary School (County Line)	68%	NW	97%	3.78
4th Grade				
1 Van-Cove Elementary School (Cossatot)	84%	SW	96%	3.84
2 Eastside Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	75%	NW	95%	3.79
3 Kingsland Elementary School (Cleveland)	79%	SE	91%	3.73
4 Woodland Heights Elementary School (Harrison) ♦	80%	NW	100%	3.67
5 Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	82%	NW	94%	3.65
5 McCrory Elementary School (McCrory)	66%	NE	92%	3.65
5th Grade				
1 Weiner Elementary School (Harrisburg)	69%	NE	100%	3.83
1 Kirby Elementary School (Kirby)	69%	SW	100%	3.83
3 Salem Elementary School (Salem)	67%	NE	96%	3.80
4 Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	82%	NW	92%	3.77
5 Holly Harshman Elementary School (Mena)	67%	SW	94%	3.62
6th Grade				
1 Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	82%	NW	92%	3.66
2 Buffalo Is. Central West Elementary (Buffalo Island Central)	73%	NE	92%	3.55
3 Salem Elementary School (Salem)	67%	NE	93%	3.52
4 Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc)	76%	SE	95%	3.46
5 Mammoth Spring Elementary School (Mammoth Spring)	70%	NE	90%	3.43
7th Grade				
1 Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	71%	NW	89%	3.45
2 Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	68%	NW	87%	3.40
3 Nemo Vista Middle School (Nemo Vista)	66%	NW	89%	3.36
4 Helen Tyson Middle School (Springdale)	67%	NW	87%	3.35
5 DeQueen Middle School (DeQueen)	72%	SW	85%	3.34
5 Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	78%	SW	88%	3.34
8th Grade				
1 Umpire High School (Cossatot River)	86%	SW	100%	3.53
2 Marked Tree Middle School (Marked Tree)	80%	NE	88%	3.39
3 Green Forest Intermediate School (Green Forest)	81%	NW	85%	3.34
4 Hector High School (Hector) ♦	71%	NW	92%	3.33
5 Marshall High School (Searcy County)	68%	NW	90%	3.31

F. Beating the Extreme Odds

For this section of the report, we are highlighting schools that have an even higher population of low-income students. Unlike the lists above, which feature only those schools with two-thirds (66%) of their students eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch (FRL), the schools on the following lists are schools with 90% or more FRL-eligible students.

Below are the schools with a 90% or above FRL rate, in which students scored above the statewide proficiency average in the selected subject area assessments. No middle schools are in this category for 2013.

Table 13: “Highest-poverty” Elementary Schools above the state elementary GPA math average (3.20)

School (District)	% FRL	Region	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
Eudora Elementary School (Lakeside – Chicot County) ♦	92%	SE	95%	3.65
Evening Shade Elementary School (Cave City)	95%	NE	92%	3.57
Union Elementary School (Texarkana)	93%	SW	83%	3.30
KIPP Delta Elementary Literacy Academy (KIPP Delta Public Schools) ♦	91%	SE	87%	3.28
Oark Elementary School (Jasper)	92%	NW	75%	3.25
Sunnymede Elementary School (Ft. Smith)	92%	NW	83%	3.22

Table 14: “Highest-poverty” Elementary Schools above the state elementary GPA literacy average (3.24)

School (District)	% FRL	Region	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
Eudora Elementary School (Lakeside – Chicot County) ♦	92%	SE	80%	3.35
Glenview Elementary School (North Little Rock) ♦	96%	CN	81%	3.31
Union Elementary School (Texarkana)	93%	SW	83%	3.26

This concludes the “**Beating the Odds**” Outstanding Educational Performance Awards. We would like to congratulate **ALL** of the schools on our High-Achieving “High-Poverty” Schools in Arkansas Based on Performance on the Benchmark Exams lists. Our next installment, **High-Achieving Elementary Schools**, takes a deeper look at elementary schools and highlights schools by grade levels and by regions.

III. 2013 OEP AWARDS: HIGH-ACHIEVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

This section provides a deeper look at the high-achieving elementary schools and grades within schools based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam.⁵ The Benchmark exams in math and literacy were administered to students in grades 3-8 in April 2013.

Each table presents the high-achieving schools for the noted grade and subject. These tables include the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels, and the GPA of the school in that particular subject. Because we already listed our overall top-performing elementary schools in Section I of the OEP Awards, we move directly into listing the top-performing elementary schools by grade. We then highlight the top-performing elementary schools and grades within schools in each region.⁶

⁵ 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 installment of OEP Awards, High-Achieving Middle Schools by Region, will cover grades six through eight.

⁶ Schools are divided into five regions in Arkansas: Northwest (NW), Northeast (NE), Central (CN), Southwest (SW), and Southeast (SE).

G. Elementary Math by Grade, 2013

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	148	100%	3.95
2	Spring Hill Elementary School (Spring Hill) ♦	SW	29	100%	3.93
3	Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	75	100%	3.91
3	Lisa Academy North Elementary School (Lisa Academy – North Little Rock)	CN	46	100%	3.91
3	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	CN	45	100%	3.91
6	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne)	NE	29	100%	3.90
7	Mt. Vernon/Enola Elementary School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	37	97%	3.89
8	Eagle Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	NW	32	97%	3.88
9	Bergman Elementary School (Bergman)	NW	90	98%	3.87
9	Elm Tree Elementary School (Bentonville)	NW	121	98%	3.87

♦ Indicates school placed on list in 2011-12.

Table 16: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Four **Math** Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	40	100%	4.00
2	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	26	100%	3.88
2	London Elementary School (Russellville)	NW	25	96%	3.88
4	Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	95	98%	3.84
5	Charleston Elementary School (Charleston) ♦	NW	55	99%	3.83
6	Richland Elementary School (West Memphis)	NE	76	97%	3.82
7	Elza R. Tucker Elementary School (Rogers)	NW	84	96%	3.79
8	Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt)		13	100%	3.77
9	Evening Shade Elementary School (Cave City)		17	94%	3.76
9	Hardin Elementary School (White Hall)	CN	37	95%	3.76

Table 17: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Five **Math** Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	17	94%	3.88
2	Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	71	100%	3.77
3	Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville)	NW	115	95%	3.74
4	Bellview Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	100	93%	3.62
5	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville)	NW	123	94%	3.57
6	Holly Harshman Elementary School (Mena)	SW	124	93%	3.56
7	Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	106	85%	3.52
7	Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	71	92%	3.52
7	Salem Elementary School (Salem) ♦	NE	49	91%	3.52
10	Hunt Elementary School (Springdale)	NW	103	89%	3.48

H. Elementary Literacy by Grade, 2013

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	CN	45	98%	3.87
2	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill) ♦	SE	29	96%	3.84
3	Taylor Elementary School (Emerson-Taylor)	SE	23	96%	3.83
4	Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	148	96%	3.82
4	Amorel Elementary School (Amorel) ♦	NE	33	94%	3.82
6	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne)	NE	29	97%	3.80
6	Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	105	97%	3.80
6	Forest Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	NW	83	99%	3.80
6	Carnall Elementary School (Fort Smith)	NW	25	96%	3.80
10	Hoxie Elementary School (Hoxie) ♦	NE	54	96%	3.79
10	Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	NW	33	100%	3.79
10	St. Paul Elementary School (Huntsville)	NW	21	96%	3.79

Table 19: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Four *Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	95	99%	3.91
2	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	40	100%	3.86
3	Van-Cove Elementary School (Cossatot River)	SW	24	96%	3.84
4	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	26	100%	3.81
5	London Elementary School (Russellville)	NW	25	100%	3.80
5	Emerson Elementary School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	20	95%	3.80
7	Eastside Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	98	95%	3.79
8	Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	71	99%	3.78
9	Ellen Smith Elementary School (Conway) ♦	CN	90	96%	3.76
9	John P. Woods Elementary School (Fort Smith)	NW	78	99%	3.76

Table 20: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Five *Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	71	100%	3.85
2	Weiner Elementary School (Harrisburg)	NE	12	100%	3.83
2	Kirby Elementary School (Kirby)	SW	18	100%	3.83
4	Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	71	94%	3.81
5	Salem Elementary School (Salem) ♦	NE	49	96%	3.80
6	Bellview Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	100	95%	3.79
7	Valley View Elementary School (Valley View)	NE	206	97%	3.78
8	Jefferson Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	42	96%	3.77
8	Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	NW	23	92%	3.77
10	Woodlawn Elementary School (Woodlawn)		45	98%	3.76

I. Elementary Combined⁷ Math and Literacy by Grade, 2013

Table 21: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Three *Combined Math and Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	CN	45	99%	3.89
1	Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	148	99%	3.89
1	Spring Hill Elementary School (Spring Hill)	SW	29	98%	3.89
4	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	29	99%	3.85
4	Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	75	98%	3.85
6	Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	105	97%	3.83
7	Hoxie Elementary School (Hoxie)	NE	54	97%	3.82
7	Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	NW	33	100%	3.82
7	Amorel Elementary School (Amorel) ♦	NE	33	94%	3.82
7	Eagle Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	NW	32	95%	3.82

⁷ Combined score is a simple average of Math and Literacy for the % Proficient/Advanced measure and the GPA measure.

Table 22: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Four *Combined Math and Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	40	100%	3.93
2	Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	95	99%	3.88
3	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	26	100%	3.85
4	London Elementary School (Russellville)	NW	25	98%	3.84
5	Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	76	97%	3.78
5	Van-Cove Elementary School (Cossatot River)	SW	24	98%	3.78
7	Emerson Elementary School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	20	98%	3.75
7	Eastside Elementary School (Rogers)	NW	98	94%	3.75
7	Lowell Elementary School (Rogers)	NW	72	96%	3.75
10	Carolyn Lewis Elementary School (Conway)	CN	77	97%	3.74
10	Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	124	94%	3.74

Table 23: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Five *Combined Math and Literacy Achievement*

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	71	100%	3.81
2	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	17	94%	3.79
3	Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville)	NW	115	95%	3.75
4	Bellview Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	100	94%	3.71
5	Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	71	93%	3.67
6	Salem Elementary School (Salem) ♦	NE	49	93%	3.66
7	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville)	NW	123	96%	3.63
8	Valley View Elementary School (Valley View)	NE	206	95%	3.62
9	Jefferson Elementary School (Little Rock)	CN	42	91%	3.61
10	Holly Harshman Elementary School (Mena)	SW	124	94%	3.59
10	Hunt Elementary School (Springdale)	NW	103	92%	3.59

The sections below present the high-achieving schools for the noted grade and subject in each region in 2013.



J. Northwest Region, Elementary Schools, 2013

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville)	K-5	315	97%	3.81
2 Pottsville Elementary School (Pottsville) ♦	K-3	129	95%	3.79
3 Elm Tree Elementary School (Bentonville)	K-4	255	96%	3.78
3 Central Park at Morning Star Elementary (Bentonville) ♦	K-4	284	97%	3.78
5 Cooper Elementary School (Bentonville)	K-4	259	95%	3.74
5 Willowbrook Elementary School (Bentonville)	K-4	233	94%	3.74

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

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Eagle Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	32	97%	3.88
2 Elm Tree Elementary School (Bentonville)	121	98%	3.87
2 Bergman Elementary School (Bergman)	90	98%	3.87
4th Grade			
1 London Elementary School (Russellville)	25	96%	3.88
2 Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	95	98%	3.84
3 Charleston Elementary School (Charleston) ♦	55	99%	3.83
5th Grade			
1 Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville)	115	95%	3.74
2 Bellview Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	100	93%	3.62
3 Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville)	123	94%	3.57

Table 26: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	K-5	315	97%	3.81
2 Forest Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	K-4	152	99%	3.75
3 Pottsville Elementary School (Pottsville)	K-3	129	93%	3.73
4 Bellview Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	K-5	296	94%	3.72
5 Elm Tree Elementary School (Bentonville)	K-4	255	97%	3.71
5 Hunt Elementary School (Springdale) ♦	K-5	306	96%	3.71
5 Norfork Elementary School (Norfork)	K-6	125	95%	3.71

Table 27: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	105	97%	3.80
1 Forest Heights Elementary School (Harrison)	83	99%	3.80
1 Carnall Elementary School (Fort Smith)	25	96%	3.80
4th Grade			
1 Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville) ♦	95	99%	3.91
2 London Elementary School (Russellville)	25	100%	3.80
3 Eastside Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	98	95%	3.79
5th Grade			
1 Bellview Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	100	93%	3.79
2 Norfork Elementary School (Norfork)	23	92%	3.77
3 Vandergriff Elementary School (Fayetteville)	115	94%	3.75



K. Northeast Region, Elementary Schools, 2013

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	K-6	86	98%	3.86
2 Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	K-6	319	97%	3.73
3 Brookland Elementary School (Brookland)	P-3	149	97%	3.70
4 Westside Elementary School (Searcy)	K-3	98	96%	3.67
5 Salem Elementary School (Salem) ♦	K-6	230	94%	3.66

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

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne)	29	100%	3.90
2 Salem Elementary School (Salem)	58	98%	3.86
3 Hoxie Elementary School (Hoxie)	54	98%	3.85
4th Grade			
1 Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	26	100%	3.88
2 Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	76	97%	3.82
3 Evening Shade Elementary School (Cave City)	17	94%	3.76
5th Grade			
1 Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	17	94%	3.88
2 Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	71	100%	3.77
3 Salem Elementary School (Salem) ♦	49	91%	3.52

Table 30: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Westside Elementary School (Searcy) ♦	K-3	98	94%	3.73
2 Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	K-6	86	98%	3.72
3 Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	K-6	319	95%	3.71
4 Valley View Elementary School (Valley View) ♦	P-6	802	95%	3.64
5 Salem Elementary School (Salem) ♦	K-6	230	92%	3.63

Table 31: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Amorel Elementary School (Amorel) ♦	33	94%	3.82
2 Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	29	97%	3.80
2 Hoxie Elementary School (Hoxie) ♦	54	96%	3.79
4th Grade			
1 Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	26	100%	3.81
2 Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	76	96%	3.73
3 Amorel Elementary School (Amorel)	30	97%	3.67
3 Valley View Elementary School (Valley View)	185	98%	3.67
5th Grade			
1 Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	71	100%	3.85
2 Weiner Elementary School (Harrisburg)	12	100%	3.83
3 Salem Elementary School (Salem)	49	96%	3.80



L. Central Region, Elementary Schools, 2013

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	K-5	85	100%	3.96
2 Julia Lee Moore Elementary School (Conway)	K-4	105	96%	3.77
3 Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	P-5	378	94%	3.76
3 Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	2-4	52	100%	3.75
4 Ellen Smith Elementary School (Conway) ♦	K-4	187	93%	3.71
5 Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock)	P-5	217	95%	3.70
5 Woodrow Cummins Elementary School (Conway)	K-4	207	96%	3.70

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

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	148	100%	3.95
2 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	45	100%	3.91
2 Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock)	75	100%	3.91
2 Lisa Academy North Elementary School (Lisa Academy –North Little Rock)	46	100%	3.91
4th Grade			
1 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	40	100%	4.00
2 Hardin Elementary School (White Hall)	37	95%	3.76
3 Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	124	94%	3.75
5th Grade			
1 Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	71	92%	3.52
1 Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	106	85%	3.52
3 Poyen Elementary School (Poyen)	43	84%	3.46

Table 34: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in *Central* Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Literacy* Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	K-5	85	99%	3.87
2 Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	P-5	217	96%	3.79
3 Ellen Smith Elementary School (Conway) ♦	K-4	187	95%	3.73
4 Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	P-5	378	93%	3.73
5 Julia Lee Moore Elementary School (Conway)	K-4	105	93%	3.71
5 Hardin Elementary School (White Hall)	K-5	125	94%	3.68

Table 35: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in *Central* Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Literacy* Achievement

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	45	98%	3.87
2 Don Roberts Elementary School (Little Rock)	148	96%	3.82
3 Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock)	75	96%	3.78
3 Julia Lee Moore Elementary School (Conway)	49	98%	3.78
4th Grade			
1 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	40	100%	3.86
2 Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	71	99%	3.78
3 Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway) ♦	90	96%	3.76
5th Grade			
1 Forest Park Elementary School (Little Rock)	71	94%	3.81
2 Jefferson Elementary School (Little Rock)	42	96%	3.77
3 Magnet Cove Elementary School (Magnet Cove)	54	99%	3.70
3 Perrin Elementary School (Benton) ♦	102	95%	3.70



M. Southwest Region, Elementary Schools, 2013

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Centerpoint Primary School (Centerpoint) ♦	P-3	72	98%	3.79
2 College Hill Elementary School (Texarkana) ♦	K-4	132	95%	3.69
3 Genoa Central Elementary School (Genoa Central)	K-4	138	95%	3.59
4 De Queen Elementary School (De Queen) ♦	3-5	547	94%	3.56
5 Hugh Goodwin Elementary School (El Dorado)	K-4	191	90%	3.54

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

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Spring Hill Elementary School (Spring Hill) ♦	29	100%	3.93
2 Caddo Hills Elementary School (Caddo Hills)	39	95%	3.85
2 Oscar Hamilton Elementary School (Foreman)	32	97%	3.85
4th Grade			
1 Spring Hill Elementary School (Spring Hill)	38	97%	3.73
2 Van-Cove Elementary School (Cossatot River)	24	100%	3.71
3 Emerson Elementary School (Emerson-Taylor)	20	100%	3.70
3 Wickes Elementary School (Cossatot River) ♦	51	94%	3.70
5th Grade			
1 Holly Harshman Elementary School (Mena) ♦	124	93%	3.56
2 Acorn Elementary School (Ouachita River)	40	93%	3.47
3 Parkers Chapel Elementary School (Parkers Chapel) ♦	52	91%	3.45

Table 38: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in Southwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 College Hill Elementary School (Texarkana) ♦	K-4	132	96%	3.71
2 Centerpoint Elementary School (Centerpoint)	P-3	72	96%	3.57
3 Van-Cove Elementary School (Cossatot River)	P-6	105	91%	3.52
4 Prescott Elementary School (Prescott)	K-5	151	89%	3.51
5 Spring Hill Elementary School (Spring Hill) ♦	K-6	158	88%	3.49

Table 39: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Southwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Spring Hill Elementary School (Spring Hill) ♦	29	96%	3.84
2 Taylor Elementary School (Emerson-Taylor)	23	96%	3.83
3 College Hills Elementary School (Texarkana)	67	96%	3.71
4th Grade			
1 Van-Cove Elementary School (Cossatot River)	24	96%	3.84
2 Emerson Elementary School (Emerson-Taylor)	20	95%	3.80
3 Spring Hill Elementary School (Spring Hill)	38	92%	3.71
5th Grade			
1 Kirby Elementary School (Kirby)	18	100%	3.83
2 Holly Harshman Elementary School (Mena) ♦	124	94%	3.62
3 Spring Hill Elementary School (Spring Hill)	45	94%	3.59



N. Southeast Region, Elementary Schools, 2013

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Eudora Elementary School (Lakeside-Chicot County) ♦	P-3	20	95%	3.65
2 Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt) ♦	P-5	40	95%	3.64
3 Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc) ♦	P-6	166	90%	3.55
4 Woodlawn Elementary School (Woodlawn)	K-6	155	87%	3.33
5 Crossett Elementary School (Crossett)	P-4	301	82%	3.30

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

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt) ♦	16	94%	3.82
2 Wilmot Elementary School (Hamburg)	11	100%	3.73
3 DeWitt Elementary School (DeWitt)	83	96%	3.67
4th Grade			
1 Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt) ♦	13	100%	3.77
2 Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc) ♦	39	93%	3.62
3 Noble/Allbritton Elementary School (Hamburg)	132	90%	3.50
3 Marvell-Elaine Elementary School (Marvell)	34	91%	3.50
5th Grade			
1 Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc) ♦	38	94%	3.31
2 Rison Elementary School (Cleveland County) ♦	53	83%	3.28
3 Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt)	11	90%	3.24

Table 42: Top 5 Overall Elementary Schools in *Southeast* Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Literacy* Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt) ♦	P-5	40	95%	3.65
2 Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc) ♦	P-6	166	88%	3.42
3 C.B. Partee Elementary School (Brinkley)	K-6	153	83%	3.36
4 Eudora Elementary School (Lakeside-Chicot County) ♦	P-3	20	80%	3.35
5 Noble/Allbritton Elementary School (Hamburg) ♦	K-5	373	86%	3.32

Table 43: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in *Southeast* Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Literacy* Achievement

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt) ♦	16	94%	3.75
2 C. B. Partee Elementary School (Brinkley) ♦	40	91%	3.61
3 Kingsland Elementary School (Cleveland County)	24	88%	3.53
4th Grade			
1 Kingsland Elementary School (Cleveland County)	11	91%	3.73
2 Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt) ♦	13	100%	3.62
3 C. B. Partee Elementary School (Brinkley)	41	88%	3.54
5th Grade			
1 Woodlawn Elementary School (Woodlawn)	45	98%	3.76
2 Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt) ♦	11	91%	3.55
3 Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc)	38	89%	3.54

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IV. 2013 OEP AWARDS: HIGH-ACHIEVING MIDDLE SCHOOLS

This section provides a deeper look at the high achieving middle schools and grades based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam.⁸ The Benchmark exams in math and literacy were administered to students in grades 3-8 in April 2013.

Each table presents the high-achieving schools for the noted grade and subject. These tables include the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels, and the GPA of the school in that particular subject. Because we already listed our overall top performing middle schools in Section I of the OEP Awards, we move directly into listing the top performing schools by grade. We then highlight the top performing middle schools and grades within schools in each region.⁹

⁸ In this section, we highlight the top performing grade levels for grades six through eight. 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. The next section will cover grades six through eight.

⁹ Schools are divided into five regions in Arkansas: Northwest (NW), Northeast (NE), Central (CN), Southwest (SW), and Southeast (SE).

O. Middle School Math by Grade, 2013

Table 44: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Six **Math** Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	131	98%	3.80
2	Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc)	SE	45	95%	3.73
3	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	14	93%	3.72
4	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	50	92%	3.70
4	Glen Rose Middle School (Glen Rose)	CN	68	94%	3.70
6	Salem Elementary School (Salem) ♦	NE	53	93%	3.67
6	Euper Lane Elementary School (Fort Smith)	NW	56	90%	3.67
6	Rural Special Elementary School (Mountain View)	NW	12	92%	3.67
9	Richland Elementary School (West Memphis)	NE	82	96%	3.65
9	Mt. Vernon/Enola Elementary School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	26	96%	3.65

Table 45: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Seven **Math** Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	198	91%	3.51
2	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	75	95%	3.46
2	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	354	92%	3.46
4	Bergman Middle School (Bergman) ♦	NW	82	89%	3.43
5	Benton Middle School (Benton)	CN	385	88%	3.42
6	St. Joe High School (Ozark Mountain)	NW	17	88%	3.41
6	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	NE	321	88%	3.41
8	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	CN	162	85%	3.39
9	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	SW	98	89%	3.37
10	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	119	91%	3.35
10	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	67	87%	3.35

Table 46: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Eight **Math** Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	NW	49	100%	3.88
2	Tuckerman High School (Jackson County) ♦	NE	49	88%	3.35
2	Marked Tree Middle School (Marked Tree)	NE	43	88%	3.35
4	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	370	87%	3.34
5	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	572	88%	3.30
5	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	201	90%	3.30
7	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	140	85%	3.28
8	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	552	85%	3.27
8	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	61	85%	3.27
10	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	17	77%	3.26

P. Middle School Literacy by Grade, 2013

Table 47: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Six *Literacy* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Rural Special Elementary School (Mountain View)	NE	12	100%	3.75
2	Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	NW	38	92%	3.66
3	Buffalo Is. Central West Elementary (Buffalo Island Central)	NE	38	92%	3.55
3	John P. Woods Elementary School (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	55	91%	3.55
5	Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	82	91%	3.54
6	Salem Elementary School (Salem) ♦	NE	53	93%	3.52
7	Mt. Vernon/Enola Elementary School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	26	89%	3.49
8	Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc)	SE	45	95%	3.46
8	Euper Lane Elementary School (Fort Smith)	NW	56	84%	3.46
10	Bright Field Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	262	90%	3.45

Table 48: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Seven *Literacy* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	NE	198	95%	3.63
2	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	354	94%	3.61
3	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	578	92%	3.51
4	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	SW	98	93%	3.49
5	Kirksey Middle School (Rogers)	NW	284	89%	3.47
5	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	565	89%	3.47
7	Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	NW	18	89%	3.45
7	Lingle Middle School (Rogers)	NW	233	89%	3.45
7	Pottsville Junior High School (Pottsville)	NW	130	90%	3.45
10	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	NE	321	90%	3.44
10	Kingston High School (Jasper)	NW	16	94%	3.44
10	Paris Middle School (Paris)	NW	79	87%	3.44
10	Elmwood Middle School (Rogers)	NW	248	90%	3.44

Table 49: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Eight *Literacy* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	NW	49	100%	3.94
2	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	61	97%	3.64
3	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	NE	201	97%	3.60
4	Benton County School of the Arts (Benton County School of the Arts)	NW	61	92%	3.55
5	Umpire High School (Cossatot River)	SW	15	100%	3.53
6	Bergman Middle School (Bergman)	NW	107	95%	3.50
7	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	552	93%	3.49
8	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	572	91%	3.47
8	Dierks High School (Dierks)	SW	46	92%	3.47
10	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	SW	88	92%	3.45

Q. Middle School Combined¹⁰ Math and Literacy by Grade, 2013

Table 50: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Six *Combined Math and Literacy* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Rural Special Elementary School (Mountain View)	NE	12	96%	3.71
2	Norfolk Elementary School (Norfolk)	NW	38	93%	3.63
3	Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	82	94%	3.60
3	Salem Elementary School (Salem) ♦	NE	53	93%	3.60
3	Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc)	SE	45	95%	3.60
6	Buffalo Is. Central West Elementary (Buffalo Island Central)	NE	38	92%	3.59
7	Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne)	NE	14	97%	3.58
8	Mt. Vernon/Enola Elementary School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	26	93%	3.57
8	Euper Lane Elementary School (Fort Smith)	NW	56	87%	3.57
10	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	131	92%	3.54

¹⁰ Combined score is a simple average of students proficient or advanced on Math and Literacy.

Table 51: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Seven Combined Math and Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	NE	198	93%	3.57
2	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	354	93%	3.54
3	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	SW	98	91%	3.43
3	Bergman Middle School (Bergman) ♦	NW	82	90%	3.43
3	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	NE	321	89%	3.43
6	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	578	89%	3.42
6	Benton Middle School (Benton)	CN	385	89%	3.42
8	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	75	92%	3.41
9	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	CN	162	87%	3.40
10	Kingston High School (Jasper)	NW	16	91%	3.38
10	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	67	87%	3.38

Table 52: Top 10 Arkansas Schools: Grade Eight Combined Math and Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	NW	49	100%	3.91
2	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	61	91%	3.46
3	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	201	94%	3.45
4	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	572	90%	3.39
5	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	552	89%	3.38
5	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	370	88%	3.38
7	Marked Tree Middle School (Marked Tree)	NE	43	88%	3.37
8	Bergman Middle School (Bergman)	NW	107	88%	3.34
9	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	NE	299	87%	3.33
10	Paris Middle School (Paris)	NW	97	89%	3.28
10	Bethel Middle School (Bryant)	CN	258	88%	3.28
10	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	140	88%	3.28
10	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	22	80%	3.28

The sections below present the high achieving middle schools for the noted grade and subject in each region in 2013.



R. Northwest Region, Middle School Schools, 2013

Table 53: Top 5 Overall Middle School Schools in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	8-12	49	100%	3.88
2 Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville)	4-6	378	92%	3.56
3 McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	6-7	689	92%	3.51
4 Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	6-8	390	91%	3.48
5 East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)	6-7	591	87%	3.45

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

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
6th Grade			
1 Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	131	98%	3.80
2 Euper Lane Elementary School (Fort Smith)	56	90%	3.67
3 Kingston Elementary School (Jasper)	16	94%	3.63
7th Grade			
1 Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs) ♦	75	95%	3.46
1 McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	354	92%	3.46
3 Bergman Middle School (Bergman)	82	89%	3.43
8th Grade			
1 Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	49	100%	3.88
2 Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	370	87%	3.34
3 Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	572	88%	3.30

Table 55: Top 5 Overall Middle School Schools in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	8-12	49	100%	3.94
2 Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville) ♦	4-6	378	94%	3.60
3 Bright Field Middle School (Bentonville)	5-6	557	93%	3.57
4 McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	6-7	689	91%	3.50
4 Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	1,130	92%	3.50

Table 56: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
6th Grade			
1 Norfolk Elementary School (Norfork)	38	92%	3.66
2 John P. Woods Elementary School (Fort Smith)	55	91%	3.55
3 Euper Lane Elementary School (Fort Smith)	56	84%	3.46
7th Grade			
1 McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	354	94%	3.61
2 Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	578	92%	3.51
3 Kirksey Middle School (Rogers)	284	89%	3.47
3 Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	565	89%	3.47
8th Grade			
1 Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	49	100%	3.94
2 Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs) ♦	61	97%	3.64
3 Benton County School of the Arts (Benton County School of the Arts)	61	92%	3.55



S. Northeast Region, Middle School Schools, 2013

Table 57: Top 5 Overall Middle School Schools in *Northeast* Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Math* Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Nettleton Middle School (Nettleton)	6	266	88%	3.48
2 Valley View High School (Valley View)	7-12	399	90%	3.40
3 Tuckerman High School (Jackson County) ♦	8-12	49	88%	3.35
4 Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	7-8	620	86%	3.33
5 Brookland Middle School (Brookland) ♦	4-6	446	85%	3.30

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

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
6th Grade			
1 Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Melbourne) ♦	14	93%	3.72
2 Rural Special Elementary School (Mountain View)	12	92%	3.67
2 Salem Elementary School (Salem)	53	93%	3.67
7th Grade			
1 Valley View High School (Valley View)	198	91%	3.51
2 Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	321	88%	3.41
3 Melbourne High School (Melbourne)	61	86%	3.34
8th Grade			
1 Tuckerman High School (Jackson County) ♦	49	88%	3.35
1 Marked Tree Middle School (Marked Tree)	43	88%	3.35
3 Valley View High School (Valley View)	201	90%	3.30

Table 59: Top 5 Overall Middle School Schools in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	7-12	399	96%	3.61
2 Brookland Middle School (Brookland) ♦	4-6	446	90%	3.48
3 Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	7-8	620	90%	3.43
4 Southwest Middle School (Searcy) ♦	4-6	989	87%	3.41
5 Armorel High School (Armorel)	7-12	80	89%	3.38

Table 60: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Northeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
6th Grade			
1 Rural Special Elementary School (Mountain View)	12	100%	3.75
2 Buffalo Is. Central West Elementary (Buffalo Island Central)	38	92%	3.55
3 Richland Elementary School (West Memphis) ♦	82	91%	3.54
7th Grade			
1 Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	198	95%	3.63
2 Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	321	90%	3.44
3 Armorel High School (Armorel)	42	86%	3.39
8th Grade			
1 Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	201	97%	3.60
2 Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	299	90%	3.41
3 Marked Tree Middle School (Marked Tree)	43	88%	3.39



T. Central Region, Middle School Schools, 2013

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	5-6	103	87%	3.55
2	Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside – Garland County) ♦	5-7	696	88%	3.42
3	Benton Middle School (Benton) ♦	6-7	762	86%	3.39
3	Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier) ♦	6-7	506	86%	3.39
5	Cabot Middle School South (Cabot)	5-6	756	85%	3.36
5	Cabot Middle School North (Cabot)	5-6	850	86%	3.36

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

	School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
6th Grade				
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	50	92%	3.70
1	Glen Rose Middle School (Glen Rose)	68	94%	3.70
3	Mt. Vernon/Enola Elementary School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	26	96%	3.65
7th Grade				
1	Benton Middle School (Benton)	385	88%	3.42
2	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	162	85%	3.39
3	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway) ♦	213	85%	3.33
8th Grade				
1	Bethel Middle School (Bryant)	258	84%	3.22
2	Lisa Academy North Middle School (Lisa Academy - North Little Rock)	49	88%	3.21
3	Benton Junior High School (Benton)	350	82%	3.13

Table 63: Top 5 Overall Middle School Schools in Central Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Cabot Middle School South (Cabot) ♦	5-6	756	89%	3.47
2	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	5-6	103	89%	3.46
3	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia)	8-9	228	90%	3.42
4	Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside – Garland County)	5-7	696	88%	3.39
4	Greenbrier Junior High School (Greenbrier)	8-9	269	87%	3.39

Table 64: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Central Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
6th Grade				
1	Mt. Vernon/Enola Elementary School (Mt. Vernon-Enola) ♦	26	89%	3.49
2	Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier)	246	90%	3.42
3	Cabot Middle School South (Cabot)	392	86%	3.36
3	eStem Middle School (eStem Middle Public Charter)	123	86%	3.36
7th Grade				
1	Lisa Academy (Lisa Academy) ♦	183	89%	3.43
2	Benton Middle School (Benton)	385	89%	3.41
2	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	162	88%	3.41
8th Grade				
1	Lisa Academy (Lisa Academy) ♦	144	90%	3.44
2	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia)	228	90%	3.42
3	Greenbrier Junior High School (Greenbrier)	269	87%	3.39



U. Southwest Region, Middle School Schools, 2013

Table 65: Top 5 Overall Middle School Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Math* Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central) ♦	5-8	349	87%	3.34
2	Nashville Elementary School (Nashville) ♦	4-6	409	83%	3.31
3	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	7-12	41	81%	3.27
4	De Queen Middle School (De Queen) ♦	6-7	351	81%	3.21
5	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	52	82%	3.17

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

	School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
6th Grade				
1	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central) ♦	93	88%	3.56
2	Parkers Chapel Elementary School (Parkers Chapel) ♦	41	83%	3.49
3	De Queen Middle School (De Queen)	188	89%	3.48
7th Grade				
1	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	98	89%	3.37
2	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	24	84%	3.28
3	Nevada High School (Nevada)	36	83%	3.27
8th Grade				
1	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	17	77%	3.26
2	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	22	77%	3.18
3	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	59	85%	3.14

Table 67: Top 5 Overall Middle School Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Literacy* Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Umpire High School (Cossatot River) ♦	7-12	15	100%	3.53
2 Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	5-8	349	89%	3.40
3 Dierks High School (Dierks)	7-12	83	86%	3.35
4 McRae Middle School (Prescott)	5-6	139	82%	3.31
4 De Queen Junior High (De Queen)	8-9	168	87%	3.31
4 Acorn High School (Ouachita River)	7-12	64	88%	3.31

Table 68: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in *Southwest* Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Literacy* Achievement

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
6th Grade			
1 Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central) ♦	93	85%	3.30
2 Umpire Elementary School (Cossatot River)	15	80%	3.27
3 Sparkman Elementary School (Harmony Grove – Ouachita County)	15	73%	3.26
7th Grade			
1 Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	98	93%	3.49
2 Kirby High School (Kirby)	31	91%	3.40
3 Acorn High School (Ouachita River)	34	88%	3.38
8th Grade			
1 Umpire High School (Cossatot River)	15	100%	3.53
2 Dierks High School (Dierks) ♦	46	92%	3.47
3 Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	88	92%	3.45



V. Southeast Region, Middle School Schools, 2013

Table 69: Top 5 Overall Middle School Schools in *Southeast* Arkansas Based on Benchmark *Math* Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Monticello Middle School (Monticello) ♦	6-8	512	74%	3.00
2	Meekins Middle School (Stuttgart)	5-6	261	72%	2.98
3	KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta Public Schools) ♦	5-8	210	70%	2.97
4	Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central) ♦	5-8	289	72%	2.95
4	Rison High School (Cleveland County)	7-12	149	71%	2.95

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

	School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
6th Grade				
1	Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc)	45	95%	3.73
2	Hermitage Elementary School (Hermitage)	39	90%	3.51
3	Woodlawn Elementary School (Woodlawn)	38	89%	3.37
7th Grade				
1	KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	50	78%	3.24
2	Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)	95	85%	3.22
3	Warren Middle School (Warren)	133	84%	3.21
8th Grade				
1	Hamburg Middle School (Hamburg)	146	68%	2.84
2	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)	167	71%	2.82
2	Hazen Elementary School (Hazen)	53	78%	2.82

Table 71: Top 5 Overall Middle School Schools in Southeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central) ♦	7-12	289	80%	3.17
2 Meekins Middle School (Stuttgart)	6-8	261	77%	3.15
3 KIPP Delta College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	6-8	302	81%	3.14
4 KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta Public Schools) ♦	5-8	210	79%	3.13
5 Monticello Middle School (Monticello) ♦	5-8	512	78%	3.05

Table 72: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level in Southeast Arkansas Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
6th Grade			
1 Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc)	45	95%	3.46
2 Hermitage Elementary School (Hermitage)	39	77%	3.13
2 McGehee Elementary School (McGehee)	79	78%	3.13
7th Grade			
1 KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	50	90%	3.32
2 Hazen Elementary School (Hazen)	167	91%	3.23
3 Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central) ♦	52	81%	3.20
8th Grade			
1 Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)	58	85%	3.25
1 KIPP Delta College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	74	86%	3.25
3 Hazen Elementary School (Hazen)	53	83%	3.19

This concludes the **High-Achieving Middle School Schools** Outstanding Educational Performance Awards. We would like to congratulate **ALL** of the schools on our high-achieving lists. Our next installment, **High-Achieving High Schools**, takes a deeper look at high schools and highlights schools by grade levels and by regions.

V. 2013 OEP AWARDS: HIGH-ACHIEVING HIGH SCHOOLS

This section highlights high-achieving high schools across Arkansas based on End-of-Course (EOC) examinations in Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and the Grade 11 Literacy exam from the 2012-13 academic year¹¹.

This section is divided into subsections based the four exams. Schools are ranked using the GPA performance measure (explained in the Introduction) in each subject. Because the exams are not “grade-specific,” schools in each of the subsections are categorized differently to account for school performance based on grade levels served; this is explained further in the introduction text in each subsection. Furthermore, each subsection includes the top schools, the top “high-poverty” schools, and the top five schools by region¹². In the subsections, the tables present the high-achieving schools for the noted category and subject using the GPA performance measure. These tables include the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels, and the GPA of the school in that particular subject.

Two of these exams are “high-stakes” exams. The Algebra EOC became a high-stakes exam in 2009-10. The Grade 11 Literacy exam became a high-stakes test during the 2012-13 school year. It now functions as an exit exam, meaning that students must score proficient or advanced (or pass some alternative exam) in order to graduate.¹³

¹¹ The Algebra, Biology, and Geometry EOC exams are given twice annually: in January and again in April. The Grade 11 Literacy Exam is administered in March.

¹² Schools are divided into five regions in Arkansas: Northwest (NW), Northeast (NE), Central (CN), Southwest (SW), and Southeast (SE).

¹³ 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) 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.

W. Algebra End-of-Course Exam, 2013

In 2012-13, 77% of students scored proficient or advanced on the Algebra EOC exam, with an average GPA of 3.07.

Algebra is generally taken during the ninth grade; however, some students may elect to take this course earlier if they have taken prerequisite classes. Thus, most advanced students take the course and the test in the 7th or 8th grade. Because of the likely academic differences between students who take algebra in the 8th and 9th grades, middle and junior high schools tend to have higher proficiency levels than do schools which serve 9th grade students. Due to these differences, these awards are split into three categories:

- High School (schools that serve 9th grade and above)
- Junior High and Comprehensive High School (schools that serve 8th and 9th grade)
- Middle School (schools that serve 8th grade and below)

For the purposes of this report, all school types (high schools, junior high and comprehensive high schools, middle schools) were considered for the “High-Poverty”¹⁴ awards and the awards by region.

Table 73: Top 10 Arkansas High Schools¹⁵ Based on *EOC Algebra* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Bergman High School (Bergman) ♦	NW	9-12	83	98%	3.57
2	Huntsville High School (Huntsville) ♦	NW	9-12	105	94%	3.56
3	Gentry High School (Gentry)	NW	9-12	92	92%	3.47
4	Bentonville High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	9-12	774	90%	3.41
5	Gravette High School (Gravette)	NW	9-12	88	93%	3.38
6	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle) ♦	NW	9-12	113	93%	3.35
7	Berryville High School (Berryville) ♦	NW	9-12	103	86%	3.31
7	Mountainburg High School (Mountainburg) ♦	NW	9-12	43	91%	3.31
9	Glen Rose High School (Glen Rose)	CN	9-12	36	88%	3.30
10	Fountain Lake High School (Fountain Lake)	CN	9-12	64	91%	3.27

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2012-13.

¹⁴ “High-Poverty” schools have 66% or more students receiving a free or reduced lunch (FRL) in the grades they serve.

¹⁵ A school was designated High School if it served students in the 9th grade and did not serve 8th grade students.

Table 74: Top 10 Arkansas Junior High Schools and Comprehensive High Schools¹⁶ Based on EOC Algebra Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas) ♦	NW	8-12	47	100%	3.98
2	Benton Junior High School (Benton) ♦	CN	8-9	347	99%	3.74
3	Charleston High School (Charleston)	NW	7-12	54	100%	3.74
4	Rural Special High School (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	13	100%	3.69
5	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	73	96%	3.59
6	Greenbrier Junior High School (Greenbrier)	CN	8-9	224	97%	3.58
7	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	8-9	271	95%	3.58
8	West Junior High School (West Memphis)	NE	7-9	148	91%	3.57
8	Lakeside High School (Lakeside-Garland County) ♦	CN	8-12	246	96%	3.53
10	Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	7-12	34	97%	3.50

¹⁶ A school was designated a Junior High School or Comprehensive High School if it serves students in 8th and 9th grades.

Table 75: Top 10 Arkansas Middle Schools¹⁷ Based on *EOC Algebra* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	NE	7-8	43	100%	4.00
1	Atkins Middle School (Atkins)	NW	5-8	19	100%	4.00
1	Gentry Middle School (Gentry) ♦	NW	6-8	11	100%	4.00
1	Heber Springs Middle School (Heber Springs)	NE	6-8	19	100%	4.00
1	Huntsville Middle School (Huntsville) ♦	NW	6-8	20	100%	4.00
1	Kirksey Middle School (Rogers)	NW	6-8	23	100%	4.00
1	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	82	100%	4.00
1	Malvern Middle School (Malvern) ♦	CN	7-8	21	100%	4.00
1	Oakdale Middle School (Rogers)	NW	6-8	17	100%	4.00
1	Randall G. Lynch Middle School (Farmington) ♦	NW	6-8	30	100%	4.00
1	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	124	100%	4.00
1	White Hall Middle School (White Hall)	CN	6-8	18	100%	4.00

¹⁷ A school was designated 8th Grade Middle School if it served students in grades 8 (and/or any grades below).

Table 76: Top 10 Arkansas “High-Poverty” High Schools¹⁸ Based on EOC Algebra Achievement

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mountainburg High School (Mountainburg)	66%	NW	9-12	43	91%	3.31
2	Marked Tree High School (Marked Tree) ♦	78%	NE	9-12	44	87%	3.19
3	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheatley) ♦	99%	NE	9-12	44	87%	3.15
4	Izard County Cons. High School (Izard County Cons.)	66%	NE	9-12	31	74%	3.13
5	Cave City High School (Cave City)	68%	NE	9-12	86	84%	3.12
6	Cedarville High School (Cedarville) ♦	69%	NW	9-12	70	80%	3.11
7	Harrisburg High School (Harrisburg) ♦	73%	NE	9-12	79	80%	3.09
8	Green Forest High School (Green Forest)	74%	NW	9-12	59	75%	2.94
9	KIPP Delta Collegiate High School (KIPP Delta)	86%	SE	9-12	16	69%	2.88
9	Warren High School (Warren) ♦	77%	SE	9-12	84	75%	2.88

¹⁸ A school was designated High School if it served students in the 9th grade and did not serve 8th grade students.

Table 77: Top 10 Arkansas Junior High Schools and Comprehensive High Schools¹⁹ Based on EOC Algebra Achievement

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/ Advanced	GPA
1	Marshall Junior High School (Searcy County) ♦	68%	NW	7-12	73	96%	3.59
1	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	78%	SW	7-12	41	93%	3.45
3	Booneville Junior High School (Booneville)	68%	NW	7-9	91	88%	3.34
4	England High School (England)	69%	CN	7-12	54	89%	3.32
5	Westside High School (Westside) ♦	67%	NW	7-12	28	96%	3.31
6	McCrary High School (McCrary)	67%	NE	7-12	47	85%	3.28
6	DeQueen Junior High School (DeQueen) ♦	74%	SW	8-9	182	92%	3.26
8	Omaha High School (Omaha)	69%	NW	7-12	36	83%	3.22
9	Jasper High School (Jasper)	72%	NW	7-12	32	87%	3.21
10	East Poinsett County High School (East Poinsett County)	73%	NE	7-12	47	88%	3.18

¹⁹ A school was designated a Junior High School or Comprehensive High School if it serves students in 8th and 9th grades.

Table 78: Top 10 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools²⁰ Based on *EOC Algebra* Achievement

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/ Advanced	GPA
1	Gentry Middle School (Gentry) ♦	68%	NW	6-8	11	100%	4.00
1	Malvern Junior High School (Malvern) ♦	72%	CN	7-8	21	100%	4.00
1	Oakdale Middle School (Rogers)	69%	NW	6-8	17	100%	4.00
4	Owl Creek School (Fayetteville)	68%	NW	K-7	26	100%	3.96
5	Mena Middle School (Mena)	66%	SW	6-8	30	100%	3.93
6	Blytheville Middle School (Blytheville) ♦	83%	NW	7-8	25	100%	3.92
7	Yerger Junior High School (Hope) ♦	82%	SW	7-8	17	100%	3.76
8	Newport Junior High School (Newport) ♦	76%	NE	7-8	12	100%	3.75
9	Mabelvale Middle School (Little Rock)	84%	CN	6-8	17	100%	3.71
10	Hazen Elementary School	72%	SE	P-8	19	100%	3.69

²⁰ A school was designated 8th Grade Middle School if it served students in grades 8 (and/or any grades below).

Tables 79-83: Top 5 High Schools²¹ in Arkansas by Region, *EOC Algebra* Achievement



Table 79: Top 5 High Schools in *Northwest* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Bergman High School (Bergman)	9-12	83	98%	3.57
2	Huntsville High School (Huntsville) ♦	9-12	105	94%	3.56
3	Gentry High School (Gentry)	9-12	92	92%	3.47
4	Bentonville High School (Bentonville)	9-12	774	90%	3.41
5	Gravette High School (Gravette)	9-12	88	93%	3.38



Table 80: Top 5 High Schools in *Northeast* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Searcy High School (Searcy) ♦	9-12	204	87%	3.26
1	Wynne High School (Wynne) ♦	9-12	201	87%	3.26
3	Marked Tree High School (Marked Tree) ♦	9-12	44	87%	3.19
4	Beebe High School (Beebe)	9-12	163	80%	3.17
5	Manila High School (Manila) ♦	9-12	86	81%	3.16

²¹ A school was designated High School if it served students in the 9th grade and did not serve 8th grade students.



Table 81: Top 5 High Schools in *Central* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Glen Rose High School (Glen Rose)	9-10	36	88%	3.30
2	Fountain Lake High School (Fountain Lake)	9-12	64	91%	3.27
3	Sheridan High School (Sheridan) ♦	9-12	262	85%	3.26
4	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony – Saline County)	9-12	41	95%	3.22
4	Lisa NLR High School (Lisa Academy-North Little Rock) ♦	9-12	50	84%	3.22
4	White Hall High School (White Hall)	9-12	173	86%	3.22



Table 82: Top 5 High Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Fouke High School (Fouke) ♦	9-12	98	80%	3.11
2	Ashdown High School (Ashdown) ♦	9-12	126	63%	2.84
3	Mena High School (Mena) ♦	9-12	84	67%	2.78
4	Gurdon High School (Gurdon)	9-12	45	65%	2.69
5	Genoa Central High School (Genoa Central)	9-12	63	60%	2.66



Table 83: Top 5 High Schools in *Southeast* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Hazen High School (Hazen) ♦	9-12	50	86%	3.16
2	Stuttgart High School (Stuttgart) ♦	9-12	105	80%	3.15
3	KIPP Delta Collegiate High School (KIPP Delta)	9-12	16	69%	2.88
4	Warren High School (Warren) ♦	9-12	84	75%	2.88
5	DeWitt High School (DeWitt)	9-12	43	74%	2.84

Tables 84-88: Top 5 Improved Junior High Schools and Comprehensive High Schools²² in Arkansas by Region, **EOC Algebra** Achievement



Table 84: Top 5 Junior High Schools and Comprehensive High Schools in Northwest Arkansas Based on **EOC Algebra**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas) ♦	8-12	47	100%	3.98
2	Charleston High School (Charleston)	7-12	54	100%	3.74
3	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	7-12	73	96%	3.59
3	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	8-9	271	95%	3.58
5	Wonderview High School (Wonderview)	7-12	22	91%	3.43



Table 85: Top 5 Junior High Schools and Comprehensive High Schools in Northeast Arkansas Based on **EOC Algebra**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Rural Special High School (Mountain View)	7-12	13	100%	3.69
2	West Junior High School (West Memphis) ♦	7-9	148	91%	3.57
3	Corning High School (Corning)	7-12	64	95%	3.48
4	Pocahontas Junior High School (Pocahontas) ♦	7-9	134	91%	3.48
5	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	7-12	184	90%	3.40

²² A school was designated 8th and 9th Grade Junior High School if it served students in grades 8 and 9.



Table 86: Top 5 Junior High Schools and Comprehensive High Schools in *Central* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Benton Junior High School (Benton) ♦	8-9	347	99%	3.74
2	Greenbrier Junior High School (Greenbrier) ♦	8-9	224	97%	3.58
3	Lakeside High School (Lakeside-Garland County) ♦	8-12	246	96%	3.53
4	Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	7-12	34	97%	3.50
5	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia) ♦	8-9	211	95%	3.49



Table 87: Top 5 Junior High Schools and Comprehensive High Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida) ♦	7-12	27	96%	3.48
2	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers)	7-12	39	94%	3.48
3	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	7-12	19	100%	3.47
4	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	7-12	41	93%	3.45
5	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	23	91%	3.39



Table 88: Top 5 Junior High Schools and Comprehensive High Schools in *Southeast* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Rison High School (Cleveland County) ♦	7-12	61	83%	3.20
2	Clarendon High School (Clarendon) ♦	7-12	40	76%	3.01
3	Hermitage High School (Hermitage) ♦	7-12	25	64%	2.76
4	McGehee High School (McGehee) ♦	7-12	117	63%	2.70
5	Dumas Junior High School (Dumas)	7-9	105	58%	2.67

Tables 89-93: Top 5 Middle Schools²³ in Arkansas by Region, **EOC Algebra** Achievement



Table 89: Top 5 Middle Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas Based on **EOC Algebra**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Atkins Middle School (Atkins)	5-8	19	100%	4.00
1	Gentry Middle School (Gentry) ♦	6-8	11	100%	4.00
1	Huntsville Middle School (Huntsville) ♦	6-8	20	100%	4.00
1	Kirksey Middle School (Rogers)	6-8	23	100%	4.00
1	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	82	100%	4.00
1	Oakdale Middle School (Rogers)	6-8	17	100%	4.00
1	Randall G. Lynch Middle School (Farmington) ♦	6-8	30	100%	4.00
1	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	124	100%	4.00



Table 90: Top 5 Middle Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas Based on **EOC Algebra**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	7-8	43	100%	4.00
1	Heber Springs Middle School (Heber)	6-8	19	100%	4.00
3	Blytheville Middle School (Blytheville)	7-8	25	100%	3.92
4	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View) ♦	6-8	27	100%	3.85
5	Newport Junior High School (Newport) ♦	7-8	12	100%	3.75

²³ A school was designated 8th Grade Middle School if it served students in grades 8 (and/or any grades below).



Table 91: Top 5 Middle Schools in *Central* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Malvern Middle School (Malvern) ♦	7-8	21	100%	4.00
1	White Hall Middle School (White Hall)	6-8	18	100%	4.00
3	Lonoke Middle School (Lonoke) ♦	6-8	23	100%	3.96
4	Bismarck Middle School (Bismarck)	5-8	15	100%	3.93
4	Mann Magnet Middle School (Little Rock)	6-8	41	100%	3.93



Table 92: Top 5 Middle Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mena Middle School (Mena) ♦	6-8	30	100%	3.93
2	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central) ♦	5-8	22	100%	3.91
3	Goza Middle School (Arkadelphia) ♦	6-8	59	100%	3.80
4	Yerger Junior High School (Hope) ♦	7-8	17	100%	3.76
5	Barton Junior High School (El Dorado)	7-8	108	97%	3.60



Table 93: Top 5 Middle Schools in *Southeast* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Stuttgart Junior High School (Stuttgart) ♦	7-8	24	100%	3.83
2	Monticello Middle School (Monticello) ♦	6-8	40	100%	3.71
3	Hazen Elementary School (Hazen)	P-8	19	95%	3.69
4	KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta)	5-8	22	100%	3.64
5	Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)	5-8	23	96%	3.53

X. Geometry End-of-Course Exam, 2013

In 2012-13, 73% of students scored proficient or advanced on the Geometry EOC exam, with an average GPA of 2.96.

Geometry is generally taken during the tenth grade; however, some students may elect to take the course earlier if they have taken prerequisite classes. This typically results in the most advanced students taking the exam in 8th or 9th grade. Because of the likely academic differences between students who take geometry in earlier grades, junior high schools tend to have higher proficiency levels than do schools which serve only 10th grade students. For this reason, schools have been split into two groups:

- High School: primarily 9th -12th grades (includes Comprehensive High Schools serving 7th-12th grades)
- Junior High School: primarily 8th-9th grades (and/or any grades below)

For the purposes of this report, only high schools were considered for the “High-Poverty”²⁴ awards and the awards by region.

²⁴ “High-Poverty” schools have 66% or more students receiving a free or reduced lunch (FRL) in the grades they serve.

Table 94: Top 20 Arkansas High Schools²⁵ Based on *EOC Geometry* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas) ♦	NW	8-12	75	98%	3.79
2	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	18	94%	3.66
3	Manila High School (Manila)	NE	9-12	19	94%	3.60
4	Benton High School (Benton) ♦	CN	10-12	267	94%	3.56
5	Bentonville High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	9-12	832	93%	3.49
6	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle) ♦	NW	9-12	111	98%	3.48
7	Flippin High School (Flippin)	NW	9-12	16	94%	3.44
7	Searcy High School (Searcy) ♦	NE	9-12	252	92%	3.44
7	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	NE	7-12	163	91%	3.44
10	Benton County School of the Arts High School (Benton County School of the Arts)	NW	9-12	57	90%	3.39
11	Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola) ♦	CN	7-12	32	91%	3.38
12	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	61	92%	3.36
12	Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida)	SW	7-12	40	91%	3.36
12	Oark High School (Jasper)	NW	7-12	11	100%	3.36
15	Sheridan High School (Sheridan)	CN	9-12	210	92%	3.35
16	St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	NW	7-12	12	92%	3.34
17	Viola High School (Viola)	NE	7-12	30	90%	3.33
18	Greenbrier High School (Greenbrier) ♦	CN	10-12	232	89%	3.32
18	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	SW	7-12	19	79%	3.32
20	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove – Saline County) ♦	CN	9-12	84	87%	3.31
20	Marked Tree High School (Marked Tree)	NE	9-12	36	89%	3.31

²⁵ A school was designated High School if it primarily serves students in grades 9 – 12.

Table 95: Top 10 Arkansas Junior High Schools²⁶ Based on EOC Geometry Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	22	100%	4.00
1	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	23	100%	4.00
3	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	8-9	137	100%	3.98
4	L. A. Chaffin Junior High School (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	51	100%	3.96
5	Sheridan Middle School (Sheridan)	CN	6-8	16	100%	3.94
6	Conway Junior High School (Conway)	CN	8-9	150	100%	3.87
7	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia) ♦	CN	8-9	70	100%	3.86
8	Ramsey Junior High School (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	7-9	36	98%	3.81
8	Russellville Junior High School (Russellville)	NW	8-9	142	99%	3.81
10	Cabot Junior High South (Cabot)	CN	7-8	61	98%	3.80

²⁶ A school was designated a Junior High School if it serves students in grades primarily 7-8 (maximum grade of 9)

Table 96: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools²⁷ Based on EOC Geometry Achievement

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/ Advanced	GPA
1	Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	68%	NW	7-12	61	92%	3.36
1	Oark High School (Jasper)	77%	NW	7-12	11	100%	3.36
3	St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	79%	NW	7-12	12	92%	3.34
4	Marked Tree High School (Marked Tree)	78%	NE	9-12	36	89%	3.31
5	Cave City High School (Cave City)	68%	NE	9-12	88	85%	3.24
6	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills) ♦	78%	SW	7-12	45	91%	3.22
7	Hoxie High School (Hoxie)	68%	NE	7-12	59	90%	3.19
8	McCrary High School (McCrary)	67%	NE	7-12	42	78%	3.14
9	Centerpoint High School (Centerpoint)	68%	SW	6-12	79	81%	3.13
10	Westside High School (Westside) ♦	67%	NW	7-12	51	80%	3.11

²⁷ A school was designated High School if it primarily serves students in grades 9 – 12.

Table 97: Top 10 “High-Poverty” Junior High Schools²⁸ Based on *EOC Geometry* Achievement

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/ Advanced	GPA
1	Hot Springs Middle School (Hot Springs) ♦	82%	CN	7-8	14	100%	3.79
2	Clinton Junior High School (Clinton) ♦	68%	NW	7-9	32	100%	3.69
3	Booneville Junior High School (Booneville)	68%	NW	7-9	24	100%	3.67
4	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen) ♦	74%	SW	8-9	41	98%	3.57
5	Magnolia Junior High School (Magnolia)	69%	SW	7-9	90	96%	3.34
6	Dora Kimmons Junior High School (Fort Smith) ♦	93%	NW	7-9	45	87%	3.25
7	William O. Darby Junior High School (Fort Smith) ♦	94%	NW	7-9	70	90%	3.23
8	Fuller Middle School (Pulaski County Special School)	73%	CN	6-8	13	92%	3.15
9	KIPP Delta College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta)	87%	SE	5-8	20	85%	3.10
10	Jack Robey Junior High School (Pine Bluff)	83%	CN	8-9	46	87%	3.07

²⁸ A school was designated a Junior High School if it serves students in grades primarily 7-8 (maximum grade of 9)

Tables 98-102: Top 5 High Schools²⁹ in Arkansas by Region, **EOC Geometry** Achievement



Table 98: Top 5 High Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas Based on **EOC Geometry**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas) ♦	8-12	75	98%	3.79
2	Bentonville High School (Bentonville)	9-12	832	93%	3.49
3	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle) ♦	9-12	111	98%	3.48
4	Flippin High School (Flippin)	9-12	16	94%	3.44
5	Benton County School of the Arts High School (Benton County School of the Arts)	9-12	57	90%	3.39



Table 99: Top 5 High Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas Based on **EOC Geometry**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Manila High School (Manila)	9-12	19	94%	3.60
2	Searcy High School (Searcy) ♦	9-12	252	92%	3.44
3	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	7-12	163	91%	3.44
4	Viola High School (Viola)	7-12	30	90%	3.33
5	Marked Tree High School (Marked Tree)	9-12	36	89%	3.31



Table 100: Top 5 High Schools in **Central** Arkansas Based on **EOC Geometry**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Benton High School (Benton) ♦	10-12	267	94%	3.56
2	Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola) ♦	7-12	32	91%	3.38
3	Sheridan High School (Sheridan)	9-12	210	92%	3.35
4	Greenbrier High School (Greenbrier) ♦	10-12	232	89%	3.32
5	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove – Saline County) ♦	9-12	84	87%	3.31

²⁹ A school was designated High School if it primarily serves students in grades 9 – 12.



Table 101: Top 5 High Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas Based on *EOC Geometry*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	18	94%	3.66
2	Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida)	7-12	40	91%	3.36
3	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	7-12	19	79%	3.32
4	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony – Ouachita County)	7-12	67	87%	3.23
5	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills) ♦	7-12	45	91%	3.22



Table 102: Top 5 High Schools in *Southeast* Arkansas Based on *EOC Geometry*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Hazen High School (Hazen)	9-12	55	84%	3.15
2	Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	7-12	45	73%	3.04
3	Star City High School (Star City)	9-12	150	81%	3.01
4	Hermitage High School (Hermitage)	7-12	39	74%	2.92
5	Rison High School (Cleveland County) ♦	7-12	42	77%	2.91

Tables 103-107: Top 5 Junior High Schools³⁰ in Arkansas by Region, **EOC Geometry** Achievement



Table 103: Top 5 Junior High Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas Based on **EOC Geometry**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	7-8	22	100%	4.00
1	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	7-8	23	100%	4.00
3	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	8-9	137	95%	3.98
4	L. A. Chaffin Junior High School (Fort Smith) ♦	7-9	51	87%	3.96
5	Ramsey Junior High School (Fort Smith) ♦	7-9	36	83%	3.81
5	Russellville Junior High School (Russellville) ♦	8-9	142	81%	3.81



Table 104: Top 4 Junior High Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas Based on **EOC Geometry**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Batesville Junior High School (Batesville) ♦	7-9	33	97%	3.79
2	Greene County Tech Junior High School (Greene County) ♦	8-9	58	99%	3.72
3	Marion Junior High School (Marion) ♦	8-9	66	97%	3.67
4	Pocahontas Junior High School (Pocahontas) ♦	7-9	80	96%	3.47

³⁰ A school was designated a Junior High School if it serves students in grades primarily 7-8 (maximum grade of 9)



Table 105: Top 5 Junior High Schools in *Central* Arkansas Based on *EOC Geometry*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Sheridan Middle School (Sheridan)	6-8	16	100%	3.94
2	Conway Junior High School (Conway)	8-9	150	100%	3.87
3	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia) ♦	8-9	70	100%	3.86
4	Cabot Junior High South (Cabot)	7-8	61	98%	3.80
5	Hot Springs Middle School (Hot Springs)	7-8	14	100%	3.79



Table 106: Top 3 Junior High Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas Based on *EOC Geometry*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen) ♦	8-9	41	98%	3.57
2	Nashville Junior High School (Nashville) ♦	7-9	13	100%	3.46
3	Magnolia Junior High School (Magnolia) ♦	7-9	90	96%	3.34



Table 107: Top Junior High School in *Southeast* Arkansas Based on *EOC Geometry*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	KIPP Delta College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta) ♦	5-8	20	85%	3.10

Y. Biology End-of-Course Exam, 2013

In 2012-13, 44% of students scored proficient or advanced on the Biology EOC exam, with an average GPA of 2.37.

Biology is generally taken during the tenth grade; however, some students may elect to take the course earlier if they have taken prerequisite classes. This typically results in the most advanced students taking the exam in 8th or 9th grade. Because of the likely academic differences between students who take biology in earlier grades, junior high schools tend to have higher proficiency levels than do schools which serve only 10th grade students. For this reason, schools have been split into two groups:

- High School: primarily 9th -12th grades (includes Comprehensive High Schools serving 7th-12th grades)
- Junior High School: primarily 8th-9th grades (and/or any grades below)

For the purposes of this report, only high schools were included for the “High-Poverty”³¹ awards and the awards by region.

Compared to other EOC exams, proficiency rates in biology are significantly lower. The Biology EOC is a much newer test than the others (it was first administered in 2008), and most likely students and schools are still adapting to its requirements. Due to this, relatively lower rates for the schools included in this section come as no surprise.

³¹ “High-Poverty” schools have 66% or more students receiving a free or reduced lunch (FRL) in the grades they serve.

Table 108: Top 20 Arkansas High Schools³² Based on *EOC Biology* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	NW	8-12	78	100%	3.65
2	Benton County School of the Arts H.S. (Benton County School of the Arts) ♦	NW	9-12	62	82%	3.14
3	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle) ♦	NW	9-12	105	80%	3.09
4	Bentonville High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	9-12	985	74%	3.08
5	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	17	82%	3.05
6	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	SW	7-12	19	69%	3.01
7	Lisa NLR High School (Lisa Academy - North Little Rock) ♦	CN	9-12	23	73%	2.92
8	Bergman High School (Bergman)	NW	9-12	77	69%	2.91
9	Marmaduke High School (Marmaduke)	NE	7-12	55	67%	2.91
9	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	72	68%	2.90
11	Alpena High School (Alpena)	NW	7-12	32	69%	2.85
12	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	NE	7-12	177	68%	2.84
12	Viola High School (Viola) ♦	NE	7-12	28	68%	2.84
14	Hillcrest High School (Hillcrest)	NE	7-12	30	70%	2.83
14	Fayetteville High School East (Fayetteville)	NW	10-12	575	68%	2.83
16	Searcy High School (Searcy)	NE	9-12	281	67%	2.82
16	Mountain View High School (Mountain View)	NE	9-12	90	65%	2.82
18	Greenwood High School (Greenwood)	NW	10-12	272	63%	2.81
18	Southside High School (Fort Smith)	NW	10-12	542	62%	2.81
20	Bauxite High School (Bauxite) ♦	CN	9-12	127	65%	2.78

³² A school was designated High School if it primarily serves students in grades 9 – 12.

Table 109: Top 5 Arkansas Junior High Schools³³ Based on **EOC Biology** Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	8-9	22	95%	3.54
2	Booneville Junior High School (Booneville) ♦	NW	7-9	16	100%	3.50
3	George Junior High School (Springdale) ♦	NW	8-9	43	98%	3.45
4	Conway Junior High School (Conway)	CN	8-9	109	92%	3.36
4	Ramay Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	8-9	31	93%	3.36

Table 110: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools³⁴ Based on **EOC Biology** Achievement

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	68%	NW	7-12	72	68%	2.90
2	Westside High School (Westside)	67%	NW	7-12	43	58%	2.74
3	Black Rock High School (Lawrence County)	72%	NE	7-12	18	56%	2.69
4	Horatio High School (Horatio)	70%	SW	7-12	60	60%	2.62
5	Prescott High School (Prescott)	69%	SW	7-12	21	58%	2.60
5	Omaha High School (Omaha)	69%	NW	7-12	25	52%	2.60
7	Yellville-Summit High School (Yellville-Summit)	66%	NW	7-12	66	52%	2.60
7	St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	79%	NW	7-12	17	53%	2.47
9	Western Yell County High School (Western Yell County) ♦	75%	NW	7-12	39	49%	2.46
9	Hector High School (Hector)	71%	NW	7-12	41	44%	2.46

³³ A school was designated a Junior High School if it serves students in grades primarily 7-8 (maximum grade of 9)

³⁴ A school was designated High School if it primarily serves students in grades 9 – 12.

Tables 111-115: Top 5 High Schools³⁵ in Arkansas by Region, **EOC Biology** Achievement



Table 111: Top 5 High Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas Based on **EOC Biology**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	8-12	78	100%	3.65
2	Benton County School of the Arts H.S. (Benton County School of the Arts) ♦	9-12	62	82%	3.14
3	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle) ♦	9-12	105	80%	3.09
4	Bentonville High School (Bentonville) ♦	9-12	985	74%	3.08
5	Bergman High School (Bergman)	9-12	77	69%	2.91



Table 112: Top 5 High Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas Based on **EOC Biology**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Marmaduke High School (Marmaduke) ♦	7-12	55	67%	2.91
2	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	7-12	177	68%	2.84
2	Viola High School (Viola)	7-12	28	68%	2.84
4	Hillcrest High School (Hillcrest)	7-12	30	70%	2.83
5	Searcy High School (Searcy)	9-12	281	67%	2.82
5	Mountain View High School (Mountain View)	9-12	90	65%	2.82

³⁵ A school was designated High School if it primarily serves students in grades 9 – 12.



Table 113: Top 5 High Schools in **Central** Arkansas Based on **EOC Biology**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Lisa NLR High School (Lisa Academy - North Little Rock) ♦	9-12	23	73%	2.92
2	Bauxite High School (Bauxite) ♦	9-12	127	65%	2.78
3	Cabot High School (Cabot)	10-12	672	64%	2.77
4	Greenbrier High School (Greenbrier)	10-12	245	62%	2.76
4	Bryant High School (Bryant)	9-12	647	60%	2.76



Table 114: Top 5 High Schools in **Southwest** Arkansas Based on **EOC Biology**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	17	82%	3.05
2	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	7-12	19	69%	3.01
3	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove – Ouachita County)	7-12	64	61%	2.73
4	Spring Hill High School (Spring Hill)	7-12	44	57%	2.64
5	Acorn High School (Ouachita River) ♦	7-12	34	53%	2.62
5	Horatio High School (Horatio) ♦	7-12	60	60%	2.62



Table 115: Top 5 High Schools in **Southeast** Arkansas Based on **EOC Biology**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Rison High School (Cleveland County) ♦	7-12	42	59%	2.63
2	Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	7-12	47	47%	2.49
3	Des Arc High School (Des Arc) ♦	7-12	53	40%	2.40
4	Star City High School (Star City)	9-12	124	43%	2.37
5	Monticello High School (Monticello) ♦	9-12	177	41%	2.32

Z. Grade 11 Literacy Exam, 2013

The Grade 11 Literacy Exam is taken by every 11th grade student in Arkansas. In 2012-13, 70% of students scored proficient or advanced on the exam, with an average GPA of 2.89.

In this section, the top 20 high schools on Grade 11 Literacy are presented, followed by the top 10 “High-Poverty”³⁶ schools, and the top 5 schools in each region.

Table 116: Top 20 High Schools in Arkansas Based on **Grade 11 Literacy Achievement**

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	NW	8-12	78	100%	3.73
2	AR School for Math, Science, and the Arts (AR School for Math & Science) ♦	CN	11-12	-	100%	3.61
3	Lisa Academy High (Lisa Academy)	CN	9-12	34	100%	3.55
4	Viola High School (Viola) ♦	NE	7-12	28	100%	3.38
4	Norphlet High School (Norphlet)	SW	7-12	20	91%	3.38
5	Bentonville High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	9-12	985	89%	3.36
6	Benton County School of the Arts H.S. (Benton County School of the Arts)	NW	9-12	62	91%	3.34
7	Valley Springs High School (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	9-12	69	91%	3.31
8	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	NE	7-12	177	90%	3.29
8	Westside High School (Westside)	NW	7-12	43	91%	3.29
10	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	SW	7-12	79	95%	3.28
11	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	SW	7-12	19	100%	3.23
12	Alpena High School (Alpena)	NW	7-12	32	77%	3.22
12	Southside High School (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	10-12	542	84%	3.22
14	Calico Rock High School (Calico Rock) ♦	NE	7-12	23	84%	3.20
15	Fayetteville High School East (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	10-12	575	82%	3.19
15	Prairie Grove High School (Prairie Grove)	NW	9-12	143	85%	3.19
17	Lakeside High School (Lakeside – Garland County)	CN	8-12	243	85%	3.16
18	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	17	78%	3.15
18	Bismarck High School (Bismarck) ♦	CN	9-12	88	83%	3.15
18	Gravette High School (Gravette)	NW	9-12	132	82%	3.15

³⁶ “High-Poverty” schools have 66% or more students receiving free or reduced lunch (FRL) in the grades they serve.

Table 117: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools in Arkansas Based on Grade 11 Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Westside High School (Westside)	67%	NW	7-12	32	91%	3.29
2	Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	68%	NW	7-12	70	81%	3.11
3	Western Grove High School (Ozark Mountain)	68%	NW	7-12	20	85%	3.10
4	Green Forest High School (Green Forest)	74%	NW	9-12	68	81%	3.06
5	Horatio High School (Horatio)	70%	SW	7-12	64	85%	3.04
5	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine/Wheatley) ♦	99%	NE	9-12	40	80%	3.04
7	De Queen High School (DeQueen)	69%	SW	10-12	140	75%	3.03
8	Yellville-Summit High School (Yellville-Summit)	66%	NW	7-12	64	75%	3.01
9	Cave City High School (Cave City)	68%	NE	9-12	83	76%	3.00
9	Timbo High School (Mountain View)	71%	NE	7-12	20	85%	3.00

Tables 118-122: Top 5 High Schools in Arkansas by Region, **Grade 11 Literacy Achievement**



Table 118: Top 5 High Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas Based on **Grade 11 Literacy**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	8-12	70	100%	3.73
2	Bentonville High School (Bentonville) ♦	9-12	901	89%	3.36
3	Benton County School of the Arts H.S. (Benton County School of the Arts)	9-12	46	91%	3.34
4	Valley Springs High School (Valley Springs) ♦	9-12	65	91%	3.31
5	Westside High School (Westside)	7-12	32	91%	3.29



Table 119: Top 5 High Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas Based on **Grade 11 Literacy**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Viola High School (Viola) ♦	7-12	26	100%	3.38
2	Valley View High School (Valley View) ♦	7-12	154	90%	3.29
3	Calico Rock High School (Calico Rock) ♦	7-12	24	84%	3.20
4	Buffalo Is. Central High School (Buffalo Island Central)	10-12	39	82%	3.13
5	Melbourne High School (Melbourne)	7-12	64	86%	3.11
5	Highland High School (Highland)	8-12	94	82%	3.11



Table 120: Top 5 High Schools in **Central** Arkansas Based on **Grade 11 Literacy**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	AR School for Math, Science, and the Arts (AR School for Math & Science) ♦	11-12	109	100%	3.61
2	Lisa Academy High (Lisa Academy)	9-12	38	100%	3.55
3	Lakeside High School (Lakeside – Garland County)	8-12	231	85%	3.16
4	Bismarck High School (Bismarck) ♦	9-12	71	83%	3.15
5	Benton High School (Benton)	10-12	316	81%	3.12



Table 121: Top 5 High Schools in **Southwest** Arkansas Based on **Grade 11 Literacy**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Norphlet High School (Norphlet)	7-12	32	91%	3.38
2	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel) ♦	7-12	36	95%	3.28
3	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	7-12	13	100%	3.23
4	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	27	78%	3.15
5	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove – Ouachita County)	7-12	62	87%	3.08



Table 122: Top 5 High Schools in **Southeast** Arkansas Based on **Grade 11 Literacy**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Rison High School (Cleveland County) ♦	7-12	48	71%	2.94
2	KIPP Delta Collegiate High School (KIPP Delta Public Schools) ♦	9-12	47	72%	2.87
3	Star City High School (Star City) ♦	9-12	110	70%	2.82
3	Monticello High School (Monticello) ♦	9-12	127	69%	2.82
5	Hamburg High School (Hamburg)	9-12	126	71%	2.80

AA. EOC Summary, 2013

This concludes the **High-Achieving High Schools** Outstanding Educational Performance Awards. In this section, we presented the top-achieving high schools on End-of-Course (EOC) exams. As we noted above in the sections reporting Algebra, Geometry, and Biology EOC performance, we presented more specific results for those schools serving EOC exam takers in grades 7 and 8. Recall that students who take these courses early on (grades 7 & 8) are typically more advanced than their peers who take the course in high school. Thus, we found it prudent to separate the results for high school from the results for middle school or junior high. We believe that these categories will allow us to recognize all schools whose students are performing well in these assessments.

It is always a pleasure to recognize successful schools, thus, we would like to congratulate **ALL** of the schools on our high-achieving lists. Our next installment, **Most Improved Schools**, takes a deeper look at Elementary, Middle, and High Schools that have shown considerable growth over the past several years and highlights these schools.

VI. 2013 OEP AWARDS: MOST IMPROVED ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS BETWEEN 2007 AND 2013

In this report, we rank schools by greatest improvement, where our measure of improvement is simply the difference between the ending score and the starting score over this time period. This set of OEP Awards is given to the elementary and middle schools with the greatest improvement in math and literacy. Once again, we also highlight the five most improved elementary and middle schools in each region in the two subject areas.

The score we use in this section is again the GPA rating system described earlier. With the GPA measure, schools are given credit for the number of advanced, proficient, basic, and below basic students.³⁷ We focus on growth in GPA scores over a multi-year span. Thanks to the availability of many years of testing data, we were able to construct a growth score that is less susceptible to the potential instability of year-to-year changes due to an abnormally high or low score in either of the two observed years. To smooth out abnormally high or low scores in one particular year, we use multi-year averages for both the beginning score and the ending score over the five year time period. Specifically, our starting score is the average score from the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years; our ending score is the average of the two most recent school years (2011-12 and 2012-13).

Each table presents the most improved schools for the noted grade and subject. The tables include the region in which the school is located, the grades served, region, and level of poverty (Free-and-Reduced Lunch rates), in addition to two measures of academic growth over roughly the past half-decade. To demonstrate academic growth, we not only show the GPA increase used to compile the rankings, but we also show the point increase in the percent of students achieving at the proficient or advanced levels over that same time period.

On the Office for Education Policy website, you can access the complete growth database: <http://www.officeforeducationpolicy.org/arkansas-schools-data/>. This database is especially helpful because it lists each school's annual benchmark results since the 2006-07 academic year. Schools can be compared by Free-and-Reduced Lunch (FRL) status, or by region.

Due to the time span of the data, there are currently operating schools not included in this report, because these schools did not exist in the 2006-07 or 2007-08 school years. Therefore, we have created an additional database that covers growth over a shorter period of time. The three-year database highlights growth by taking the difference between an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years and an average of the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years. We recommend you examine the database and see the growth that Arkansas' elementary and middle schools have made.

³⁷ The GPA rating is a score derived from an average where, an advanced score is counted as a 4.0 like an "A", proficient score as a 3.0, like a "B", basic score as a 2.0, like a "C", and below basic as a 1.0, like a grade of "D".

BB. Elementary Schools, Mathematics

Table 123: Top 20 Most Improved Elementary Schools Based on Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL ³⁸	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End ³⁹	GPA Initial→End ⁴⁰	GPA Growth ⁴¹
State Average	-	-	67%	72%→80%	3.02→3.23	+0.21
1 Wilson Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	P-5	95%	26%→66%	1.88→2.89	+1.01
2 Trusty Elementary School (Ft. Smith) ♦	NW	K-6	96%	24%→64%	1.87→2.81	+0.94
3 Augusta Elementary School (Augusta) ♦	NE	P-7	88%	34%→71%	2.05→2.92	+0.87
4 Marvell Primary School (Marvell) ♦	SE	P-6	99%	40%→77%	2.25→3.11	+0.85
5 Hardin Elementary School (White Hall) ♦	CN	K-6	46%	62%→90%	2.72→3.56	+0.84
6 Union Elementary School (Texarkana)	SW	K-4	93%	46%→79%	2.36→3.19	+0.83
7 Lynch Drive Elementary School (North Little Rock)	CN	K-5	99%	26%→61%	1.86→2.67	+0.81
8 Harry C. Morrison Elementary School (Ft. Smith)	NW	P-6	96%	41%→75%	2.21→3.01	+0.79
9 Fairview Elementary School (Texarkana)	SW	K-4	86%	53%→85%	2.51→3.30	+0.78
10 Brookland Elementary School (Brookland)	NE	P-3	38%	69%→96%	2.92→3.70	+0.77
11 Vera Kilpatrick Elementary School (Texarkana) ♦	SW	K-4	85%	52%→84%	2.56→3.32	+0.76
12 Seventh Street Elementary School (North Little Rock)	CN	K-5	98%	41%→70%	2.20→2.94	+0.73
13 Earle Elementary School (Earle)	NE	K-6	96%	43%→71%	2.26→2.96	+0.70
13 Guy-Perkins Elementary School (Guy-Perkins)	CN	K-6	56%	67%→88%	2.78→3.48	+0.70
15 Jones Elementary School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	85%	63%→88%	2.72→3.42	+0.69
15 Sunnymede Elementary School (Ft. Smith)	NW	K-6	92%	50%→79%	2.47→3.16	+0.69

³⁸ Free-and-reduced lunch rates from the 2012-13 school year

³⁹ Initial Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁴⁰ Initial GPA is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End GPA is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁴¹ Due to rounding of numbers, there may be slight differences between the overall growth GPA and the GPA Initial→End column. Refer to the OEP growth database for exact numbers.

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL ⁴²	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End ⁴³	GPA Initial→End ⁴⁴	GPA Growth ⁴⁵
17 Howard Elementary School (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	P-6	96%	37%→66%	2.15→2.82	+0.67
18 Thirty-Fourth Avenue Elementary School (Pine Bluff) ♦	CN	K-5	92%	39%→66%	2.16→2.81	+0.65
18 Centerpoint Intermediate School (Centerpoint) ♦	SW	4-5	68%	56%→85%	2.57→3.22	+0.65
20 Angie Grant Elementary School (Benton) ♦	CN	K-5	68%	64%→88%	2.77→3.41	+0.64
20 George Elementary School (Springdale)	NW	K-5	86%	51%→77%	2.49→3.13	+0.64

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2011-12.

⁴² Free-and-reduced lunch rates from the 2012-13 school year

⁴³ Initial Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁴⁴ Initial GPA is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End GPA is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁴⁵ Due to rounding of numbers, there may be slight differences between the overall growth GPA and the GPA Initial→End column. Refer to the OEP growth database for exact numbers.

Tables 124-128: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark **Mathematics** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13



Table 124: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas Benchmark **Mathematics** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Trusty Elementary School (Fort Smith) ♦	K-6	96%	24%→64%	1.87→2.81	+0.94
2 Harry C. Morrison Elementary School (Fort Smith) ♦	P-6	96%	41%→75%	2.21→3.01	+0.79
3 Jones Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	K-5	85%	63%→88%	2.72→3.42	+0.69
3 Sunnymede Elementary School (Fort Smith)	K-6	92%	50%→79%	2.47→3.16	+0.69
5 Howard Elementary School (Fort Smith) ♦	P-6	96%	37%→66%	2.15→2.82	+0.67



Table 125: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas Benchmark **Mathematics** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Augusta Elementary School (Augusta) ♦	P-7	88%	34%→71%	2.05→2.92	+0.87
2 Brookland Elementary School (Brookland)	P-3	38%	69%→96%	2.92→3.70	+0.77
3 Earle Elementary School (Earle)	K-6	96%	43%→71%	2.26→2.96	+0.70
4 SMC Elementary at Luxora (South Mississippi County) ♦	P-4	100%	51%→79%	2.52→3.15	+0.62
5 Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City) ♦	K-4	95%	72%→93%	3.07→3.65	+0.58



Table 126: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in **Central** Arkansas
Benchmark **Mathematics** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Wilson Elementary School (Little Rock) ◆	P-5	95%	26%→66%	1.88→2.89	+1.01
2 Hardin Elementary School (White Hall) ◆	K-6	46%	62%→90%	2.72→3.56	+0.84
3 Lynch Drive Elementary School (North Little Rock)	K-5	99%	26%→61%	1.86→2.67	+0.81
4 Seventh Street Elementary School (North Little Rock)	K-5	98%	41%→70%	2.20→2.94	+0.73
5 Guy-Perkins Elementary School (Guy-Perkins)	K-6	56%	67%→88%	2.78→3.48	+0.70



Table 127: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in **Southwest** Arkansas
Benchmark **Mathematics** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Union Elementary School (Texarkana)	K-4	93%	46%→79%	2.36→3.19	+0.83
2 Fairview Elementary School (Texarkana) ◆	K-4	86%	53%→85%	2.51→3.30	+0.78
3 Vera Kilpatrick Elementary School (Texarkana) ◆	K-4	85%	52%→84%	2.56→3.32	+0.76
4 Centerpoint Intermediate School (Centerpoint) ◆	4-5	68%	56%→85%	2.57→3.22	+0.65
5 Bradley Elementary School (Bradley)	K-6	74%	61%→88%	2.78→3.41	+0.63



Table 128: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in **Southeast** Arkansas
Benchmark **Mathematics** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Marvell Primary School (Marvell) ♦	P-6	99%	40%→77%	2.25→3.11	+0.85
2 McGehee Elementary School (McGehee)	K-6	80%	55%→79%	2.60→3.18	+0.58
3 Des Arc Elementary School (Des Arc)	P-6	76%	73%→91%	3.00→3.57	+0.57
4 Wilmot Elementary School (Hamburg)	P-5	69%	45%→67%	2.28→2.82	+0.54
5 C. B. Partee Elementary School (Brinkley) ♦	K-6	81%	64%→87%	2.84→3.37	+0.53

CC. Elementary Schools, Literacy

Table 129: Top 22 Most Improved Elementary Schools Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
State Average	-	-	67%	63%→82%	2.79→3.27	+0.49
1 Lynch Drive Elementary School (North Little Rock) ♦	CN	K-5	99%	21%→74%	1.89→2.97	+1.07
2 SMC Elementary at Luxora (South Mississippi County) ♦	NE	P-4	100%	36%→85%	2.25→3.28	+1.03
3 Lepanto Elementary (East Poinsett) ♦	NE	K-4	81%	42%→85%	2.31→3.33	+1.02
4 Jones Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	K-5	85%	49%→91%	2.46→3.47	+1.00
4 Trusty Elementary School (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	K-6	96%	21%→69%	1.89→2.89	+1.00
6 Oak Grove Elementary School (Pulaski County) ♦	CN	P-5	70%	36%→77%	2.17→3.16	+0.99
6 Vera Kilpatrick Elementary School (Texarkana) ♦	SW	K-4	85%	41%→83%	2.29→3.28	+0.99
8 Union Elementary School (Texarkana)	SW	K-4	93%	36%→77%	2.12→3.10	+0.97
9 Palestine-Wheatley Elementary School (Palestine/Wheatley)	NE	K-4	86%	40%→81%	2.24→3.16	+0.91
10 No. Heights Elementary School (North Little Rock) ♦	CN	K-5	97%	35%→76%	2.18→3.08	+0.90
11 Grace Hill Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	NW	K-5	87%	55%→89%	2.60→3.49	+0.89
12 Lakeside Upper Elementary School (Lakeside)	SE	3-5	84%	37%→79%	2.29→3.17	+0.88
13 Hardin Elementary School (White Hall)	CN	K-6	46%	61%→95%	2.75→3.63	+0.87
14 Seventh Street Elementary School (North Little Rock)	CN	K-5	98%	35%→75%	2.17→3.04	+0.86
14 Joe T. Robinson Elementary School (Pulaski County)	CN	P-5	65%	59%→94%	2.70→3.56	+0.86
16 Westwood Elementary School (Springdale)	NW	K-5	81%	49%→82%	2.38→3.24	+0.85
16 Landmark Elementary School (Pulaski County)	CN	P-5	78%	42%→78%	2.32→3.17	+0.85
16 Glenview Elementary School	CN	K-5	96%	53%→85%	2.52→3.37	+0.85

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School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/ Advanced % Initial→ End	GPA Initial→ End	GPA Growth	
16 Harry C. Morrison Elementary School (Fort Smith)	NW	P-6	96%	33%→75%	2.18→3.0 3	+0.85	
20 Mabelvale Elementary School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	P-5	91%	33%→75%	2.12→2.9 7	+0.84	
20 Guy-Perkins Elementary School (Guy-Perkins)	CN	K-6	56%	52%→88%	2.57→3.4 1	+0.84	

Tables 130-134: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark **Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13



Table 130: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas Benchmark **Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Jones Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	K-5	85%	49%→91%	2.46→3.47	+1.00
1 Trusty Elementary School (Fort Smith) ♦	K-6	96%	21%→69%	1.89→2.89	+1.00
3 Grace Hill Elementary School (Rogers) ♦	K-5	87%	55%→89%	2.60→3.49	+0.89
4 Westwood Elementary School (Springdale)	K-5	81%	49%→82%	2.38→3.24	+0.85
4 Harry C. Morrison Elementary School (Fort Smith)	P-6	96%	33%→75%	2.18→3.03	+0.85



Table 131: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas Benchmark **Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 SMC Elementary at Luxora (South Mississippi County) ♦	P-4	100%	36%→85%	2.25→3.28	+1.03
2 Lepanto Elementary (East Poinsett) ♦	K-4	81%	42%→85%	2.31→3.33	+1.02
3 Palestine-Wheatley Elementary School (Palestine/Wheatley)	K-4	86%	40%→81%	2.24→3.16	+0.91
4 Augusta Elementary School (Augusta)	P-7	88%	36%→75%	2.18→3.01	+0.83
5 Earle Elementary School (Earle)	K-6	96%	40%→81%	2.27→3.09	+0.81



Table 132: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in **Central** Arkansas
Benchmark **Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Lynch Drive Elementary School (North Little Rock) ♦	K-5	99%	21%→74%	1.89→2.97	+1.07
2 Oak Grove Elementary School (Pulaski County) ♦	P-5	70%	36%→77%	2.17→3.16	+0.99
3 No. Heights Elementary School (North Little Rock) ♦	K-5	97%	35%→76%	2.18→3.08	+0.90
4 Hardin Elementary School (White Hall)	K-6	46%	61%→95%	2.75→3.63	+0.87
5 Seventh Street Elementary School (North Little Rock)	K-5	98%	35%→75%	2.17→3.04	+0.86
5 Joe T. Robinson Elementary School (Pulaski County)	P-5	65%	59%→94%	2.70→3.56	+0.86



Table 133: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in **Southwest** Arkansas
Benchmark **Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Vera Kilpatrick Elementary School (Texarkana) ♦	K-4	85%	41%→83%	2.29→3.28	+0.99
2 Union Elementary School (Texarkana)	K-4	93%	36%→77%	2.12→3.10	+0.97
3 C. D. Franks Elementary School (Ashdown) ♦	2-3	69%	47%→77%	2.39→3.19	+0.80
4 Nashville Primary School (Nashville) ♦	K-3	68%	58%→87%	2.66→3.46	+0.80
5 Centerpoint Primary School (Centerpoint)	P-3	71%	55%→90%	2.62→3.42	+0.80



Table 134: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in **Southeast** Arkansas
Benchmark **Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Lakeside Upper Elementary School (Lakeside) ♦	3-5	84%	37%→79%	2.29→3.17	+0.88
2 Marvell Primary School (Marvell)	P-6	99%	38%→76%	2.25→3.03	+0.78
3 McGehee Elementary School (McGehee)	K-6	80%	48%→80%	2.47→3.21	+0.74
4 Park Avenue Elementary (Stuttgart) ♦	K-4	70%	48%→77%	2.43→3.15	+0.72
5 Gillett Elementary School (DeWitt)	P-5	53%	69%→95%	2.97→3.68	+0.71

DD. Middle Schools, Math

Table 135: Top 20 Most Improved Middle Schools Based on Benchmark *Mathematics* Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
	State Average	-	-	61%	59%→71%	2.60→2.90	+0.31
1	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	6-8	44%	57%→92%	2.57→3.52	+0.95
2	Tuckerman High School (Jackson County) ♦	NE	8-12	64%	55%→90%	2.48→3.36	+0.88
3	Newport Junior High School (Newport)	NE	7-8	76%	48%→83%	2.33→3.16	+0.83
4	Omaha High School (Omaha)	NW	7-12	69%	37%→76%	2.18→2.99	+0.81
5	Redfield Junior High School (White Hall)	CN	7-9	52%	47%→77%	2.25→3.04	+0.79
5	Robert F. Morehead Middle School (Dollarway) ♦	CN	6-8	92%	19%→52%	1.63→2.42	+0.79
7	Kirby High School (Kirby)	SW	7-12	63%	40%→71%	2.12→2.87	+0.75
8	Marvell High School (Marvell)	SE	7-12	96%	19%→48%	1.60→2.33	+0.73
9	Kingston High School (Jasper) ♦	NW	7-12	60%	58%→82%	2.48→3.18	+0.70
10	Nevada High School (Nevada)	SW	7-12	74%	43%→74%	2.30→2.99	+0.69
11	Pocahontas Junior High School (Pocahontas) ♦	NE	7-9	57%	53%→80%	2.49→3.17	+0.68
12	Horatio High School (Horatio)	SW	7-12	70%	46%→73%	2.23→2.90	+0.67
13	Gosnell High School (Gosnell) ♦	NE	7-12	64%	49%→79%	2.38→3.04	+0.66
13	Crossett Middle School (Crossett) ♦	SE	5-8	63%	33%→60%	1.97→2.63	+0.66
15	Mammoth Spring High School (Mammoth Spring)	NE	7-12	61%	54%→79%	2.48→3.14	+0.65
15	White Co. Central High School (White County Central)	NE	7-12	57%	52%→80%	2.39→3.05	+0.65
15	Calico Rock High School (Calico Rock)	NE	7-12	60%	54%→84%	2.44→3.10	+0.65
18	East Poinsett Co. High School (East Poinsett)	NE	7-12	73%	36%→64%	2.04→2.67	+0.63
19	Concord High School ♦	NE	7-12	60%	57%→84%	2.54→3.1	+0.62

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced %	Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
19 Clarendon High School (Clarendon)	SE	7-12	83%	17%→37%	1.51→2.1	+0.62	3

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2011-12.

Tables 136-140: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13



Table 136: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Northwest Arkansas Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	6-8	44%	57%→92%	2.57→3.5 2	+0.95
2 Omaha High School (Omaha)	7-12	69%	37%→76%	2.18→2.9 9	+0.81
3 Kingston High School (Jasper) ♦	7-12	60%	58%→82%	2.48→3.1 8	+0.70
4 Elmwood Middle School (Rogers)	6-8	58%	61%→82%	2.60→3.2 0	+0.61
5 Bruno-Pyatt High School (Ozark Mountain) ♦	7-12	79%	42%→73%	2.22→2.8 2	+0.60
5 Flippin Middle School (Flippin) ♦	6-8	74%	51%→77%	2.42→3.0 3	+0.60



Table 137: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Northeast Arkansas Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Tuckerman High School (Jackson County) ♦	8-12	64%	55%→90%	2.48→3.3 6	+0.88
2 Newport Junior High School (Newport)	7-8	76%	48%→83%	2.33→3.1 6	+0.83
3 Pocahontas Junior High School (Pocahontas) ♦	7-9	57%	53%→80%	2.49→3.1 7	+0.68
4 Gosnell High School (Gosnell) ♦	7-12	64%	49%→79%	2.38→3.0 4	+0.66
5 Mammoth Spring High School (Mammoth Spring)	7-12	61%	54%→79%	2.48→3.1 4	+0.65
5 White Co. Central High School (White County Central)	7-12	57%	52%→80%	2.39→3.0 5	+0.65
5 Calico Rock High School (Calico Rock)	7-12	60%	54%→84%	2.44→3.1 0	+0.65



Table 138: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Central Arkansas Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Redfield Junior High School (White Hall) ♦	7-9	52%	47%→77%	2.25→3.0 4	+0.79
1 Robert F. Morehead Middle School (Dollarway) ♦	6-8	92%	19%→52%	1.63→2.4 2	+0.79
3 Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	7-12	52%	60%→81%	2.57→3.1 9	+0.61
4 Jack Robey Junior High School (Pine Bluff)	8-9	83%	15%→38%	1.47→2.0 6	+0.60
5 Guy-Perkins High School (Guy-Perkins)	7-12	58%	49%→74%	2.33→2.9 2	+0.59



Table 139: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Southwest Arkansas Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Kirby High School (Kirby)	7-12	63%	40%→71%	2.12→2.8 7	+0.75
2 Nevada High School (Nevada)	7-12	74%	43%→74%	2.30→2.9 9	+0.69
3 Horatio High School (Horatio)	7-12	70%	46%→73%	2.23→2.9 0	+0.67
4 Centerpoint High School (Centerpoint) ♦	6-12	68%	56%→77%	2.50→3.0 9	+0.59
4 Foreman High School (Foreman)	7-12	65%	47%→69%	2.32→2.9 1	+0.59



Table 140: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Southeast Arkansas Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Marvell High School (Marvell)	7-12	96%	19%→48%	1.60→2.33	+0.73
2 Crossett Middle School (Crossett) ♦	5-8	63%	33%→60%	1.97→2.63	+0.66
3 Clarendon High School (Clarendon)	7-12	83%	17%→37%	1.51→2.13	+0.62
4 Rison High School (Cleveland County)	7-12	52%	52%→72%	2.40→2.95	+0.54
5 Hamburg Middle School (Hamburg)	6-8	78%	53%→69%	2.40→2.89	+0.49

EE. Middle Schools, Literacy

Table 141: Top 20 Most Improved Middle Schools Based on Benchmark *Literacy* Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
State Average	-	-	61%	62%→78%	2.74→3.11	+0.37
1 St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	NW	7-12	79%	47%→78%	2.40→3.19	+0.79
2 Green Forest Intermediate School (Green Forest) ♦	NW	4-8	81%	51%→86%	2.56→3.29	+0.73
3 Hughes High School (Hughes)	NE	7-12	80%	30%→76%	2.16→2.85	+0.69
4 Robert F. Morehead Middle School (Dollarway)	CN	6-8	92%	25%→59%	1.97→2.64	+0.67
5 Dierks High School (Dierks)	SW	7-12	56%	63%→88%	2.75→3.41	+0.65
5 Cabe Middle School (Gurdon) ♦	SW	5-8	75%	52%→84%	2.58→3.24	+0.65
5 Nashville Elementary School (Nashville) ♦	SW	4-6	71%	56%→84%	2.67→3.32	+0.65
8 Pangburn High School (Pangburn)	NE	7-12	51%	54%→87%	2.58→3.23	+0.64
9 Bruno-Pyatt High School (Ozark Mountain) ♦	NW	7-12	79%	50%→87%	2.56→3.18	+0.62
9 McRae Middle School (Prescott)	SW	5-6	78%	59%→83%	2.66→3.28	+0.62
9 Western Grove High School (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	68%	49%→80%	2.54→3.16	+0.62
12 Paris Middle School (Paris)	NW	5-8	62%	62%→87%	2.70→3.32	+0.61
12 Washington Middle School (El Dorado)	SW	5-6	63%	52%→80%	2.60→3.21	+0.61
12 Ouachita High School (Ouachita)	CN	7-12	40%	57%→86%	2.63→3.24	+0.61
12 Jack Robey Junior High School (Pine Bluff)	CN	8-9	83%	31%→59%	2.03→2.64	+0.61
16 Wonder Junior High School (West Memphis)	NE	7-9	88%	35%→68%	2.21→2.82	+0.60
16 Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	NW	7-12	68%	65%→90%	2.79→3.39	+0.60
18 Omaha High School (Omaha)	NW	7-12	69%	52%→86%	2.63→3.22	+0.59
18 Oark High School (Jasper)	NW	7-12	77%	51%→80%	2.54→3.13	+0.59
20 Blytheville Intermediate School (Blytheville)	NE	5-6	82%	26%→56%	2.04→2.62	+0.58
20 De Queen Middle School (De Queen)	SW	6-7	72%	59%→84%	2.66→3.24	+0.58
20 Mt. Vernon/Enola High School	CN	7-12	52%	63%→88%	2.71→3.29	+0.58

Tables 142-146: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13



Table 142: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Northwest Arkansas Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	7-12	79%	47%→59%	2.40→3.1 9	+0.79
2 Green Forest Intermediate School (Green Forest) ♦	4-8	81%	51%→82%	2.56→3.2 9	+0.73
3 Bruno-Pyatt High School (Ozark Mountain) ♦	7-12	79%	50%→73%	2.56→3.1 8	+0.62
3 Western Grove High School (Ozark Mountain)	7-12	68%	49%→75%	2.54→3.1 6	+0.62
5 Paris Middle School (Paris)	5-8	62%	62%→82%	2.70→3.3 2	+0.61



Table 143: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Northeast Arkansas Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Hughes High School (Hughes)	7-12	80%	30%→40%	2.16→2.8 5	+0.69
2 Pangburn High School (Pangburn) ♦	7-12	51%	54%→73%	2.58→3.2 3	+0.64
3 Wonder Junior High School (West Memphis)	7-9	88%	35%→46%	2.21→2.8 2	+0.60
4 Blytheville Intermediate School (Blytheville)	5-6	82%	26%→47%	2.04→2.6 2	+0.58
5 Hoxie High School (Hoxie) ♦	7-12	68%	55%→70%	2.59→3.1 4	+0.55
5 Gosnell High School (Gosnell) ♦	7-12	64%	56%→79%	2.63→3.1 8	+0.55



*Table 144: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in **Central** Arkansas Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13*

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Robert F. Morehead Middle School (Dollarway)	6-8	92%	25%→59%	1.97→2.64	+0.67
2 Ouachita High School (Ouachita)	7-12	40%	57%→86%	2.63→3.24	+0.61
2 Jack Robey Junior High School (Pine Bluff)	8-9	83%	31%→59%	2.03→2.64	+0.61
4 Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	7-12	52%	63%→88%	2.71→3.29	+0.58
5 Southeast Middle School (Pine Bluff)	6-7	85%	28%→56%	2.13→2.67	+0.54



*Table 145: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in **Southwest** Arkansas Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13*

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Dierks High School (Dierks) ♦	7-12	56%	63%→88%	2.75→3.41	+0.65
1 Cabe Middle School (Gurdon) ♦	5-8	75%	52%→84%	2.58→3.24	+0.65
1 Nashville Elementary School (Nashville) ♦	4-6	71%	56%→84%	2.67→3.32	+0.65
4 McRae Middle School (Prescott)	5-6	78%	59%→83%	2.66→3.28	+0.62
5 Washington Middle School (El Dorado)	5-6	63%	52%→80%	2.60→3.21	+0.61



Table 146: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Southeast Arkansas Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Crossett Middle School (Crossett) ♦	5-8	63%	44%→72%	2.44→2.9 9	+0.55
2 Meekins Middle School (Stuttgart)	5-6	62%	51%→75%	2.54→3.0 9	+0.54
3 Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside)	6-8	85%	43%→71%	2.37→2.8 7	+0.49
4 Warren Middle School (Warren)	6-8	75%	50%→72%	2.52→2.9 6	+0.44
5 DeWitt Middle School (DeWitt)	6-8	68%	54%→73%	2.58→3.0 0	+0.42

Conclusion: What did the Rankings Reveal?

Statewide Growth

It is always a pleasure to recognize successful schools, thus, we would like to congratulate **ALL** of the schools on the **Most Improved** lists. Additionally, it is important to step back and see how the state has grown on the Benchmark Exam since the 2006-07 school year. Some of this growth may be attributed to increased familiarity with the Benchmark exam, though not all growth can be attributed to that. Indeed, it is important to recognize the hard work of these students and schools. The figures below display Arkansas Benchmark Exam growth over this time span. In both math and literacy, fewer students scored below basic and basic. Furthermore, in both subjects, roughly the same fraction of students scored in the single category of proficient, while more students across the state earned an advanced score.

Figure 1: Arkansas **Math** Benchmark Growth over time, 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

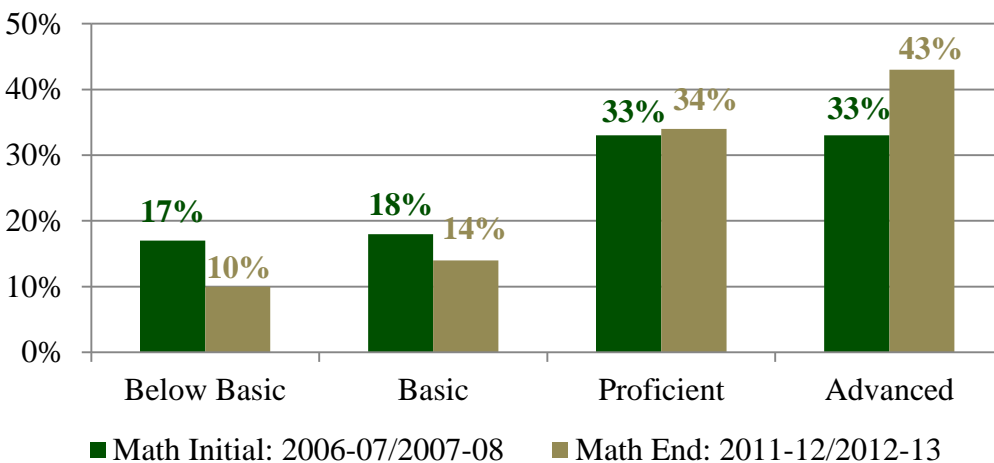
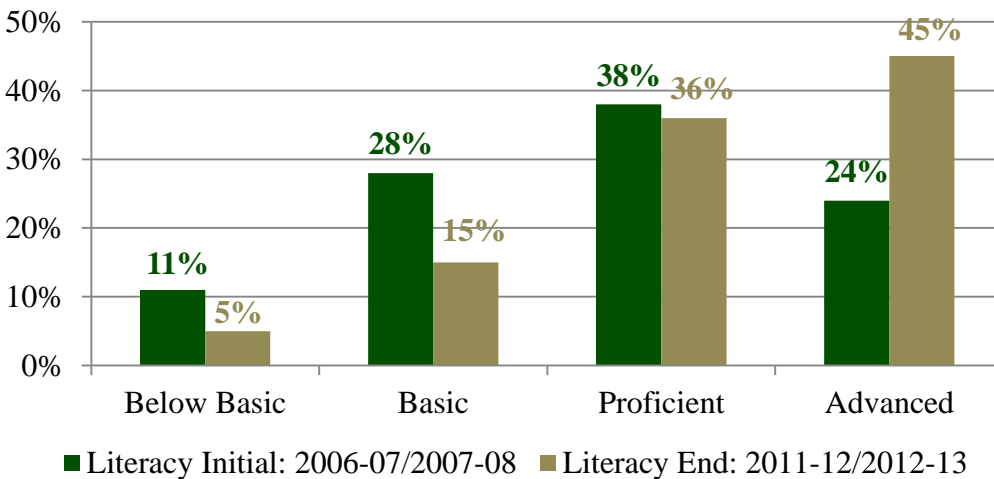


Figure 2: Arkansas **Literacy** Benchmark Growth over time, 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13



As the rankings were compiled using the GPA measure, the rankings reflect the movement of students into higher categories across all four categories. If the percent of students scoring proficient or advanced was used to compile the awards, the rankings would be slightly different. We chose to use the GPA measure, as we believe it is a better indicator to highlight growth, as it accounts for the four categories.

The majority of the top 20 most -improved schools initially scored equal to or below the state averages and eventually grew to equal or eclipse the state averages. It is important to note that the majority of these schools were not the overall highest performing in the state in 2012-13. Most of the highest-performing schools (from 2006-07) have not experienced these amounts of considerable growth due to a ceiling-effect: these schools performed higher during the initial years, and so they did not have as much room to grow.

As previously mentioned, we encourage you to examine the OEP growth database (<http://www.uark.edu/ua/oep/resources.html>) to see the growth of all schools in the state.

High-Poverty Schools

In this section, there are a number of schools that serve high populations of lower-income students (as noted by the Free-and-Reduced Lunch percentages). For example, **Trusty Elementary**, in the Fort Smith School District, was on the top 20 lists for both elementary math and literacy for most improved. Trusty Elementary has a FRL rate of 96%, and it was the only elementary in the state to receive a School Improvement Grant in the past three years.

We at the OEP are pleased to recognize these schools and many others for moving their students forward.

VII. 2013 OEP AWARDS: MOST IMPROVED HIGH SCHOOLS BETWEEN 2007 AND 2013

In this set of OEP Award, schools are awarded based on improvement on End-of-Course exams in Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and Grade 11 Literacy. We rank schools by greatest improvement, where our measure of improvement is simply the difference between the ending score and the starting score over this time period. We also highlight the five most improved schools in each region in each of the subject areas.

In this section, we use the GPA rating system described in the introduction. With the GPA measure, schools are given credit for the number of advanced, proficient, basic, and below basic students.⁴⁶ Thanks to the availability of many years of testing data, we were able to construct a growth score that is less susceptible to the potential instability of year-to-year changes due to an abnormally high or low score in either of the two observed years. To smooth out abnormally high or low scores in one particular year, we use multi-year averages for both the beginning score and the ending score over the five year time period. The starting score is the average score from the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years; and the ending score is the average of the two most recent school years (2011-12 and 2012-13). Due to the time span of the data, there are currently operating schools not included in this report, because these schools did not exist in the 2006-07 or 2007-08 school years.

Each table presents the most improved schools for the noted End-of-Course Exam. The tables include the region in which the school is located, the grades served, region, and level of poverty (Free-and-Reduced Lunch rates), in addition to two measures of academic growth over roughly the past half-decade. To demonstrate academic growth, we not only show the GPA increase used to compile the rankings, but we also show the point increase in the percent of students achieving at the proficient or advanced levels over that same time period.

On the Office for Education Policy website, you can access the complete growth database: <http://www.officeforeducationpolicy.org/arkansas-schools-data/>. This database is especially helpful because it lists each school's annual End-of-Course Exam results since the 2006-07 academic year. Schools can be compared by Free-and-Reduced Lunch (FRL) status or by region. We recommend you examine the database and see the growth that Arkansas' schools have made.

⁴⁶ The GPA rating is a score derived from an average where, an advanced score is counted as a 4.0 like an "A", proficient score as a 3.0, like a "B", basic score as a 2.0, like a "C", and below basic as a 1.0, like a grade of "D".

FF. Algebra End-of-Course Exam

Algebra is generally taken during the ninth grade; however, some students may elect to take this course earlier if they have taken prerequisite classes. Thus, the most advanced students take the course and the test in the 7th or 8th grade. Because of the likely academic differences between students who take algebra in the 8th and 9th grades, middle and junior high schools tend to have higher proficiency levels than do schools which serve 9th grade students. Due to these differences, these awards are split into three categories:

- High School (schools that serve 9th grade and above)
- Junior High and Comprehensive High School (schools that serve 8th and 9th grade)
- Middle School (schools that serve 8th grade and below)

For the purposes of this report, all school types (high schools, junior high and comprehensive high schools, middle schools) were considered for the awards by region.

Table 147: Top 10 Most Improved High Schools⁴⁷ Based on **EOC Algebra** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL ⁴⁸	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End ⁴⁹	GPA Initial→End ⁵⁰	GPA Growth ⁵¹
	State Average	-	-	60%	54%→68%	2.57→2.82	+0.27
1	Jacksonville High School (Pulaski County)	CN	9-12	61%	21%→71%	1.82→2.82	+1.00
2	Sheridan High School (Sheridan) ♦	CN	9-12	47%	37%→85%	2.31→3.26	+0.95
3	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine/Wheatley)	NE	9-12	99%	34%→87%	2.21→3.15	+0.94
4	Van Buren High School (Van Buren)	NW	10-12	50%	22%→65%	1.89→2.76	+0.88
5	Fountain Lake High School (Fountain Lake)	CN	9-12	50%	52%→91%	2.46→3.27	+0.82
6	Berryville High School (Berryville) ♦	NW	9-12	44%	53%→86%	2.51→3.31	+0.80
7	Eureka Springs High School (Eureka Springs)	NW	9-12	59%	39%→81%	2.35→3.11	+0.77
8	Gravette High School (Gravette)	NW	9-12	40%	59%→93%	2.68→3.38	+0.70
8	Osceola High School (Osceola)	NE	9-12	87%	21%→59%	1.87→2.56	+0.70
10	Fouke High School (Fouke)	SW	9-12	53%	45%→80%	2.42→3.11	+0.69
10	Pea Ridge High School (Pea Ridge)	NW	9-12	41%	35%→77%	2.25→2.93	+0.69

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2011-12.

⁴⁷ A school was designated High School if it served students in the 9th grade and did not serve 8th grade students.

⁴⁸ Free-and-reduced lunch rates from the 2012-13 school year

⁴⁹ Initial Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁵⁰ Initial GPA is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End GPA is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁵¹ Due to rounding of numbers, there may be slight differences between the overall growth GPA and the GPA Initial→End column. Refer to the OEP growth database for exact numbers.

Table 148: Top 10 Most Improved Schools Junior High Schools and Comprehensive High Schools⁵² Based on **EOC Algebra** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/ Advanced % Initial→ End	GPA Initial→ End	GPA Growth
	State Average	-	-	60%	64%→75%	2.79→3.01	+0.22
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	8-12	-	65%→100%	2.79→3.98	+1.19
2	White Hall Junior High School (White Hall)	CN	7-9	39%	73%→100%	3.03→4.0	+0.98
3	Corning High School (Corning)	NE	7-12	63%	52%→95%	2.59→3.48	+0.89
4	Earle High School (Earle)	NE	7-12	94%	13%→50%	1.61→2.45	+0.85
5	Mammoth Spring High School (Mammoth Spring)	NE	7-12	61%	48%→89%	2.53→3.31	+0.79
6	Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	7-12	52%	60%→97%	2.73→3.50	+0.78
7	Clarendon High School (Clarendon)	SE	7-12	83%	43%→76%	2.29→3.01	+0.73
8	Hermitage High School (Hermitage) ♦	SE	7-12	69%	32%→64%	2.06→2.76	+0.70
8	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	68%	65%→96%	2.90→3.59	+0.70
10	Hughes High School (Hughes)	NE	7-12	80%	40%→82%	2.38→3.06	+0.69

⁵² A school was designated a Junior High School or Comprehensive High School if it serves students in 8th and 9th grades.

Table 149: Top 10 Most Improved Middle Schools⁵³ Based on *EOC Algebra* Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→ End	GPA Initial→ End	GPA Growth
	State Average	-	-	60	93%→95%	3.53→3.62	+0.11
1	Oakdale Middle School (Rogers) ♦	NW	6-8	69%	74%→100%	3.02→4.0	+0.99
2	Mabelvale Middle School (Little Rock)	CN	6-8	84%	69%→100%	2.77→3.71	+0.95
3	Blytheville Middle School (Blytheville)	2	7-8	83%	88%→100%	3.22→3.92	+0.70
4	Maumelle Middle School (Pulaski County) ♦	CN	6-8	45%	81%→99%	2.96→3.63	+0.68
4	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	6-8	44%	80%→100%	3.08→3.75	+0.68
6	Elmwood Middle School (Rogers) ♦	NW	6-8	58%	86%→100%	3.32→3.96	+0.65
7	Pulaski Heights Middle School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	6-8	44%	88%→100%	3.29→3.91	+0.63
8	Lonoke Middle School (Lonoke)	CN	6-8	57%	95%→100%	3.49→3.96	+0.48
9	Bismarck Middle School (Bismarck)	CN	5-8	62%	100%→100%	3.52→3.93	+0.41
10	Mann Magnet Middle School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	6-8	61%	94%→100%	3.58→3.93	+0.36

⁵³ A school was designated 8th Grade Middle School if it served students in grades 8 (and/or any grades below).

Tables 150-154: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Arkansas by Region, EOC Algebra Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13



Table 150: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Northwest Arkansas, EOC Algebra Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	8-12	-	65%→100%	2.79→3.98	+1.19
2 Oakdale Middle School (Rogers)	6-8	69%	74%→100%	3.02→4.0	+0.99
3 Van Buren High School (Van Buren)	10-12	50%	22%→65%	1.89→2.76	+0.88
4 Berryville High School (Berryville)	9-12	44%	53%→86%	2.51→3.31	+0.80
5 Eureka Springs High School (Eureka Springs)	9-12	59%	39%→81%	2.35→3.11	+0.77



Table 151: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Northeast Arkansas, EOC Algebra Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheatley)	9-12	99%	34%→87%	2.21→3.15	+0.94
2 Corning High School (Corning)	7-12	63%	52%→95%	2.59→3.48	+0.89
3 Earle High School (Earle)	7-12	94%	13%→50%	1.61→2.45	+0.85
4 Mammoth Spring High School (Mammoth Spring)	7-12	61%	48%→89%	2.53→3.31	+0.79
5 Blytheville Middle School (Blytheville)	7-8	83%	88%→100%	3.22→3.92	+0.70



Table 152: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in *Central* Arkansas, *EOC Algebra* Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Jacksonville High School (Pulaski County Special)	9-12	61%	21%→71%	1.82→2.82	+1.00
2 White Hall Junior High School (White Hall)	7-9	39%	73%→100%	3.03→4.00	+0.98
3 Sheridan High School (Sheridan)	9-12	47%	37%→85%	2.31→3.26	+0.95
4 Mabelvale Middle School (Little Rock)	6-8	84%	69%→100%	2.77→3.71	+0.95
5 Fountain Lake High School (Fountain Lake)	9-12	50%	52%→91%	2.46→3.27	+0.82



Table 153: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas, *EOC Algebra* Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Fouke High School (Fouke)	9-12	53%	45%→80%	2.42→3.11	+0.69
2 Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	7-12	46%	68%→100%	2.81→3.47	+0.67
3 Mineral Springs High School (Mineral Springs)	7-12	89%	42%→66%	2.38→2.93	+0.55
4 Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida)	7-12	59%	72%→96%	2.96→3.48	+0.53
5 Ashdown High School (Ashdown) ♦	9-12	49%	36%→63%	2.34→2.84	+0.51



Table 154: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in *Southeast* Arkansas, *EOC Algebra* Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Clarendon High School (Clarendon) ♦	7-12	83%	43%→76%	2.29→3.01	+0.73
2 Hermitage High School (Hermitage) ♦	7-12	69%	32%→64%	2.06→2.76	+0.70
3 Hamburg High School (Hamburg)	9-12	72%	8%→56%	1.90→2.57	+0.67
4 Lakeside High School (Lakeside-Chicot County)	9-12	78%	17%→53%	1.78→2.40	+0.63
5 Warren High School (Warren) ♦	9-12	77%	41%→75%	2.27→2.88	+0.62

GG. Geometry End-of-Course Exam

Geometry is generally taken during the tenth grade; however, some students may elect to take the course earlier if they have taken prerequisite classes. This typically results in the most advanced students taking the exam in 8th or 9th grade. Because of the likely academic differences between students who take geometry in earlier grades, junior high schools tend to have higher proficiency levels than do schools which serve only 10th grade students. For this reason, schools have been split into two groups:

- High School: primarily 9th -12th grades (includes Comprehensive High Schools serving 7th-12th grades)
- Junior High School: primarily 8th-9th grades (and/or any grades below)

For the purposes of this report, all schools were considered for the awards by region.

Table 155: Top 20 Most Improved High Schools⁵⁴ Based on EOC Geometry Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End ⁵⁵	GPA Initial→End ⁵⁶	GPA Growth
State Average	-	-	60%	58%→70%	+2.67→2.88	+0.23
1 Rogers High School (Rogers) ♦	NW	9-12	50%	45%→87%	2.44→2.86	+0.86
2 West Side High School (West Side) ♦	NE	7-12	56%	59%→90%	2.55→2.79	+0.84
3 Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove Saline County) ♦	CN	9-12	33%	57%→92%	2.65→2.80	+0.78
4 Academics Plus High School (Academics Plus)	CN	7-12	29%	29%→67%	2.11→3.32	+0.76
5 Cutter-Morning Star High School (Cutter Morning Star) ♦	CN	7-12	67%	31%→69%	2.09→3.38	+0.71
6 Lakeside High School (Lakeside—Chicot County) ♦	SE	9-12	78%	35%→67%	2.14→3.14	+0.66
7 Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	NW	7-12	68%	61%→91%	2.68→3.31	+0.64
7 Manila High School (Manila)	NE	9-12	60%	59%→91%	2.74→3.29	+0.64
7 Farmington High School (Farmington)	NW	9-12	33%	47%→81%	2.50→3.01	+0.64
10 Eureka Springs High School (Eureka Springs)	NW	9-12	59%	62%→86%	2.68→3.18	+0.63
11 Cave City High School (Cave City)	NE	9-12	68%	54%→87%	2.67→2.34	+0.62
11 Nettleton High School (Nettleton)	NE	9-12	54%	42%→75%	2.40→3.06	+0.62
13 Haas Hall (Haas Hall)	NW	8-12	-	78%→98%	3.14→3.75	+0.61
14 Pangburn High School (Pangburn)	NE	7-12	51%	55%→92%	2.60→3.30	+0.59
14 Earle High School (Earle) ♦	NE	7-12	94%	14%→42%	1.76→2.83	+0.59
16 Newport High School (Newport)	NE	9-12	62%	47%→81%	2.49→2.60	+0.57
17 Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	46%	57%→82%	2.74→3.34	+0.56
18 Gurdon High School (Gurdon) ♦	SW	9-12	72%	41%→65%	2.28→2.98	+0.55
18 Dermott High School (Dermott) ♦	SE	7-12	94%	22%→56%	2.05→2.60	+0.55
18 St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	NW	7-12	79%	68%→92%	2.79→3.34	+0.55

⁵⁴ A school was designated High School if it primarily serves students in grades 9 – 12.

⁵⁵ Initial Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁵⁶ Initial GPA is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End GPA is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End ⁵⁷	GPA Initial→End ⁵⁸	GPA Growth
18 Corning High School (Corning)	NE	7-12	63%	46%→79%	2.44→2.98	+0.55

Table 156: Top 10 Most Improved Junior High Schools⁵⁹ Based on EOC Geometry Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
State Average	-	-	60%	98%→95%	3.63→3.59	+0.02
1 L. A. Chaffin Junior High School (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	7-9	47%	97%→100%	3.54→3.91	+0.37
2 Dora Kimmons Junior High School (Fort Smith) ♦	NW	7-9	93%	75%→92%	3.02→3.34	+0.32
3 Ramay Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	55%	99%→100%	3.57→3.83	+0.26
4 Hot Springs Middle School (Hot Springs)	CN	7-8	82%	100%→98%	3.51→3.68	+0.17
5 Greene County Tech Junior High School (Greene County Tech)	NE	8-9	50%	98%→100%	3.64→3.80	+0.16
6 Greenwood Junior High School (Greenwood)	NW	P-9	35%	100%→100%	3.62→3.76	+0.14
7 Booneville Junior High School (Booneville)	NW	7-9	68%	100%→100%	3.56→3.66	+0.11
8 Ozark Junior High School (Ozark) ♦	NW	8-9	52%	94%→98%	3.54→3.64	+0.10
9 Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia) ♦	CN	8-9	38%	100%→100%	3.81→3.90	+0.09
9 Pocahontas Junior High School (Pocahontas)	NE	7-9	57%	99%→98%	3.43→3.51	+0.09

⁵⁷ Initial Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁵⁸ Initial GPA is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End GPA is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁵⁹ A school was designated a Junior High School if it serves students in grades primarily 7-8 (maximum grade of 9)

Tables 157-161: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Arkansas by Region, EOC Geometry Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13



Table 157: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Northwest Arkansas, EOC Geometry Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Rogers High School (Rogers) ♦	9-12	50%	45%→87%	2.44→3.30	+0.86
2 Marshall High School (Searcy County) ♦	7-12	68%	61%→91%	2.68→3.32	+0.64
2 Farmington High School (Farmington)	9-12	33%	47%→81%	2.50→3.14	+0.64
4 Eureka Springs High School (Eureka Springs)	9-12	59%	62%→86%	2.68→3.31	+0.63
5 Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	8-12	1%	78%→98%	3.14→3.75	+0.61



Table 158: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Northeast Arkansas, EOC Geometry Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 West Side High School (West Side) ♦	7-12	56%	59%→90%	2.55→3.39	+0.84
2 Manila High School (Manila)	9-12	60%	59%→91%	2.74→3.38	+0.64
3 Cave City High School (Cave City)	9-12	68%	54%→87%	2.67→3.29	+0.62
3 Nettleton High School (Nettleton)	9-12	54%	42%→75%	2.40→3.01	+0.62
5 Pangburn High School (Pangburn)	7-12	51%	55%→92%	2.60→3.18	+0.59
5 Earle High School (Earle)	7-12	94%	14%→42%	1.76→2.34	+0.59



Table 159: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in *Central* Arkansas, *EOC Geometry* Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove—Saline County) ♦	9-12	33%	57%→92%	2.65→3.42	+0.78
2 Academics Plus High School (Academics Plus)	7-12	29%	29%→67%	2.11→2.86	+0.76
3 Cutter-Morning Star High School (Cutter Morning Star) ♦	7-12	67%	31%→69%	2.09→2.79	+0.71
4 Mayflower High School (Mayflower)	9-12	52%	45%→74%	2.38→2.91	+0.54
4 Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	7-12	52%	78%→92%	2.95→3.49	+0.54



Table 160: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas, *EOC Geometry* Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	46%	57%→82%	2.74→3.30	+0.56
2 Gurdon High School (Gurdon) ♦	9-12	72%	41%→65%	2.28→2.83	+0.55
3 Ashdown High School (Ashdown)	9-12	49%	30%→59%	2.09→2.63	+0.54
4 Lafayette County High School (Lafayette County)	7-12	78%	24%→53%	1.93→2.45	+0.52
5 Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida)	7-12	59%	65%→88%	2.76→3.27	+0.51



Table 161: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in *Southeast* Arkansas, *EOC Geometry* Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Lakeside High School (Lakeside—Chicot County) ♦	9-12	78%	35%→67%	2.14→2.80	+0.66
2 Dermott High School (Dermott) ♦	7-12	94%	22%→56%	2.05→2.60	+0.55
3 Hermitage High School (Hermitage)	7-12	69%	45%→67%	2.29→2.80	+0.51
4 Clarendon High School (Clarendon)	7-12	83%	29%→54%	2.12→2.60	+0.48
5 Marvell High School (Marvell)	7-12	96%	33%→56%	2.28→2.73	+0.46

HH. Biology End-of-Course Exam

Biology is generally taken during the tenth grade; however, some students may elect to take the course earlier if they have taken prerequisite classes. This typically results in the most advanced students taking the exam in 8th or 9th grade. Because of the likely academic differences between students who take biology in earlier grades, junior high schools tend to have higher proficiency levels than do schools which serve only 10th grade students. For this reason, schools have been split into two groups:

- High School: primarily 9th -12th grades (includes Comprehensive High Schools serving 7th-12th grades)
- Junior High School: primarily 8th-9th grades (and/or any grades below)

For the purposes of this report, all schools were included for the awards by region.

The Biology EOC was first administered in the 2007-08 school year, and so for the purposes of this report, growth is measured from a baseline average of the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years to an outcome average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

Table 162: Top 20 Most Improved Schools⁶⁰ Based on **EOC Biology** Achievement from 2007-08/2008-09 to 2011-12/2012-13

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End ⁶¹	GPA Initial→End ⁶²	GPA Growth
	State Average	-	-	60%	23%→30%	1.86→2.07	+0.21
1	Carlisle High School (Carlisle) ♦	CN	7-12	53%	19%→59%	1.77→2.70	+0.93
2	Western Yell Co. High School (Western Yell County) ♦	NW	7-12	75%	12%→45%	1.72→2.45	+0.74
3	Armored High School (Armored) ♦	NE	7-12	35%	14%→47%	1.74→2.44	+0.71
4	Corning High School (Corning) ♦	NE	7-12	63%	14%→39%	1.67→2.32	+0.65
5	Marmaduke High School (Marmaduke) ♦	NE	7-12	59%	40%→64%	2.20→2.83	+0.64
5	West Side High School (West Side)	NE	7-12	56%	21%→58%	1.96→2.59	+0.64
7	Hampton High School (Hampton)	SW	7-12	66%	20%→37%	1.72→2.34	+0.62
7	George Junior High School (Springdale)	NW	8-9	77%	73%→95%	2.82→3.44	+0.62
9	Clarendon High School (Clarendon) ♦	SE	7-12	83%	17%→42%	1.64→2.25	+0.61
10	Glen Rose High School (Glen Rose) ♦	CN	9-12	49%	29%→62%	2.07→2.67	+0.60
11	Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	7-12	52%	33%→57%	2.09→2.67	+0.59
12	Rison High School (Cleveland County) ♦	SE	7-12	52%	33%→60%	2.12→2.70	+0.58
13	Cutter-Morning Star High School (Cutter Morning Star) ♦	CN	7-12	67%	21%→48%	1.91→2.46	+0.56
14	Greene County Tech High School (Greene County Tech)	NE	10-12	43%	33%→54%	2.00→2.54	+0.54
14	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	68%	37%→61%	2.21→2.75	+0.54
16	Berryville High School (Berryville) ♦	NW	9-12	44%	34%→58%	2.14→2.67	+0.53
17	Alpena High School (Alpena)	NW	7-12	51%	39%→67%	2.28→2.79	+0.52
17	Rogers High School (Rogers) ♦	NW	9-12	50%	34%→55%	2.07→2.59	+0.52
19	County Line High School (County Line)	NW	7-12	54%	35%→63%	2.21→2.72	+0.51
19	Mt. Judea High School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	NW	7-12	78%	17%→41%	1.82→2.32	+0.51

⁶⁰ For the purposes of this award, schools of any grade level configuration are included, as there are very few junior highs that offered EOC Biology throughout this time span.

⁶¹ Initial Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years, because the first Biology Exam was administered in 2007-08. End Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁶² Initial GPA is an average of the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years. End GPA is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

Tables 163-167: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Arkansas by Region, EOC Biology Achievement from 2007-08/2008-09 to 2011-12/2012-13



Table 163: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Northwest Arkansas, EOC Biology Achievement from 2007-08/2008-09 to 2011-12/2012-13

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1	Western Yell Co. High School (Western Yell County) ♦	7-12	75%	12%→45%	1.72→2.45	+0.74
2	George Junior High School (Springdale)	8-9	77%	73%→95%	2.82→3.44	+0.62
3	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	7-12	68%	37%→61%	2.21→2.75	+0.54
4	Berryville High School (Berryville) ♦	9-12	44%	34%→58%	2.14→2.67	+0.53
5	Alpena High School (Alpena)	7-12	51%	39%→67%	2.28→2.79	+0.52
5	Rogers High School (Rogers) ♦	9-12	50%	34%→55%	2.07→2.59	+0.52



Table 164: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Northeast Arkansas, EOC Biology Achievement from 2007-08/2008-09 to 2011-12/2012-13

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1	Armored High School (Armored) ♦	7-12	35%	14%→47%	1.74→2.44	+0.71
2	Corning High School (Corning)♦	7-12	63%	14%→39%	1.67→2.32	+0.65
3	Marmaduke High School (Marmaduke) ♦	7-12	59%	40%→64%	2.20→2.83	+0.64
3	West Side High School (West Side) ♦	7-12	56%	21%→58%	1.96→2.59	+0.64
5	Greene County Tech High School (Greene County Tech)	10-12	43%	33%→54%	2.00→2.54	+0.54



Table 165: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in *Central* Arkansas, *EOC Biology* Achievement from 2007-08/2008-09 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Carlisle High School (Carlisle)	7-12	53%	19%→79%	1.77→2.70	+0.93
2 Glen Rose High School (Glen Rose) ♦	9-12	49%	29%→62%	2.07→2.67	+0.60
3 Mt. Vernon/Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola) ♦	7-12	52%	33%→57%	2.09→2.67	+0.59
4 Cutter-Morning Star High School (Cutter Morning Star) ♦	7-12	67%	21%→48%	1.91→2.46	+0.56
5 McClellan Magnet High School (Little Rock)	9-12	81%	3%→12%	1.27→1.62	+0.35



Table 166: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas, *EOC Biology* Achievement from 2007-08/2008-09 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Hampton High School (Hampton)	7-12	66%	20%→37%	1.72→2.34	+0.62
2 Prescott High School (Prescott)	7-12	69%	14%→36%	1.70→2.18	+0.48
3 Dierks High School (Dierks) ♦	7-12	56%	11%→39%	1.76→2.23	+0.47
3 Magnolia High School (Magnolia)	10-12	58%	24%→44%	1.91→2.38	+0.47
5 Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	46%	45%→63%	2.30→2.76	+0.46



Table 167: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in *Southeast* Arkansas, *EOC Biology* Achievement from 2007-08/2008-09 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Clarendon High School (Clarendon) ♦	7-12	83%	17%→42%	1.64→2.25	+0.61
2 Rison High School (Cleveland County) ♦	7-12	52%	33%→60%	2.12→2.70	+0.58
3 Star City High School (Star City)	9-12	58%	27%→40%	1.92→2.31	+0.40
3 Lakeside High School (Lakeside –Chicot County) ♦	9-12	78%	15%→28%	1.60→2.00	+0.40
5 Dermott High School (Dermott)	7-12	94%	5%→17%	1.35→1.74	+0.39

II. Literacy End-of-Course Exam

Table 168: Top 20 Most Improved High Schools Based on *Grade 11 Literacy Achievement* from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→ End ⁶³	GPA Initial→ End ⁶⁴	GPA Growth
	State Average	-	-	60%	35%→51%	2.21→2.52	+0.30
1	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine/Wheatley) ♦	NE	9-12	99%	25%→73%	1.99→2.91	+0.92
2	Cutter-Morning Star High School (Cutter Morning Star) ♦	CN	7-12	67%	23%→73%	2.06→2.92	+0.87
3	St. Paul High School (Huntsville) ♦	NW	7-12	79%	36%→78%	2.23→2.98	+0.76
4	Viola High School (Viola) ♦	NE	7-12	56%	45%→83%	2.41→3.14	+0.73
5	Harrisburg High School (Harrisburg) ♦	NE	9-12	73%	28%→71%	2.12→2.83	+0.72
6	Guy-Perkins High School (Guy-Perkins) ♦	CN	7-12	58%	39%→76%	2.23→2.94	+0.71
7	Lamar High School (Lamar) ♦	NW	9-12	61%	54%→90%	2.51→3.21	+0.70
8	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	SW	7-12	35%	60%→91%	2.54→3.22	+0.68
9	Norphlet High School (Norphlet) ♦	SW	7-12	51%	31%→77%	2.21→2.88	+0.67
10	Murfreesboro High School (South Pike County) ♦	SW	7-12	60%	34%→68%	2.13→2.76	+0.64
11	Booneville High School (Booneville) ♦	NW	10-12	57%	36%→78%	2.30→2.93	+0.63
11	Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea) ♦	NW	7-12	71%	53%→79%	2.39→3.02	+0.63
13	Bismarck High School (Bismarck) ♦	CN	9-12	57%	48%→80%	2.41→3.03	+0.62
13	Carlisle High School (Carlisle) ♦	CN	7-12	53%	44%→74%	2.33→2.95	+0.62
13	Jasper High School (Jasper) ♦	NW	7-12	72%	31%→69%	2.16→2.78	+0.62
16	Bentonville High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	9-12	28%	70%→87%	2.67→3.28	+0.61
16	Southside High School (Southside) ♦	NE	9-12	52%	47%→76%	2.34→2.95	+0.61
16	Berryville High School (Berryville) ♦	NW	9-12	44%	47%→77%	2.38→2.98	+0.61
19	El Dorado High School (El Dorado) ♦	SW	9-12	57%	41%→70%	2.26→2.86	+0.60

⁶³ Initial Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁶⁴ Initial GPA is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End GPA is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→ End⁶⁵	GPA Initial→ End⁶⁶	GPA Growth
20	Greenbrier High School (Greenbrier) ♦	CN	10-12	24%	56%→80%	2.47→3.06	+0.59
20	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy) ♦	NW	8-12	1%	94%→99%	2.94→3.53	+0.59
20	Pangburn High School (Pangburn) ♦	NE	7-12	51%	42%→77%	2.29→2.87	+0.59

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2011-12.

⁶⁵ Initial Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End Proficient/Advanced % is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

⁶⁶ Initial GPA is an average of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. End GPA is an average of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

Tables 169-173: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Arkansas by Region, **Grade 11 Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13



Table 169: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas, **Grade 11 Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 St. Paul High School (Huntsville) ♦	7-12	79%	36%→78%	2.23→2.98	+0.76
2 Lamar High School (Lamar) ♦	9-12	61%	54%→90%	2.51→3.21	+0.70
3 Booneville High School (Booneville) ♦	10-12	57%	36%→78%	2.30→2.93	+0.63
4 Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea) ♦	7-12	71%	53%→79%	2.39→3.02	+0.63
5 Jasper High School (Jasper) ♦	7-12	72%	31%→69%	2.16→2.78	+0.62



Table 170: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas, **Grade 11 Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine/Wheatley) ♦	9-12	99%	25%→73%	1.99→2.91	+0.92
2 Viola High School (Viola) ♦	7-12	56%	45%→83%	2.41→3.14	+0.73
3 Harrisburg High School (Harrisburg) ♦	9-12	73%	28%→71%	2.12→2.83	+0.72
4 Southside High School (Southside) ♦	9-12	52%	47%→76%	2.34→2.95	+0.61
5 Pangburn High School (Pangburn) ♦	7-12	51%	42%→77%	2.29→2.87	+0.59



Table 171: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in **Central** Arkansas, **Grade 11 Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Cutter-Morning Star High School (Cutter Morning Star) ♦	7-12	67%	23%→73%	2.06→2.92	+0.87
2 Guy-Perkins High School (Guy-Perkins) ♦	7-12	58%	39%→76%	2.23→2.94	+0.71
3 Bismarck High School (Bismarck) ♦	9-12	57%	48%→80%	2.41→3.03	+0.62
3 Carlisle High School (Carlisle) ♦	7-12	53%	44%→74%	2.33→2.95	+0.62
5 Greenbrier High School (Greenbrier)♦	10-12	24%	56%→80%	2.47→3.06	+0.59



Table 172: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in **Southwest** Arkansas, **Grade 11 Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor) ♦	7-12	35%	60%→91%	2.54→3.22	+0.68
2 Norphlet High School (Norphlet) ♦	7-12	51%	31%→77%	2.21→2.88	+0.67
3 Murfreesboro High School (South Pike County) ♦	7-12	60%	34%→68%	2.13→2.76	+0.64
4 El Dorado High School (El Dorado) ♦	9-12	57%	41%→70%	2.26→2.86	+0.60
5 Bradley High School (Bradley) ♦	7-12	75%	29%→58%	2.00→2.55	+0.55
5 De Queen High School (DeQueen) ♦	10-12	69%	40%→72%	2.34→2.89	+0.55



Table 173: Top 5 Most Improved Schools in **Southeast** Arkansas, **Grade 11 Literacy** Achievement from 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	Proficient/Advanced % Initial→End	GPA Initial→End	GPA Growth
1 Dermott High School (Dermott) ♦	7-12	94%	8%→39%	1.82→2.36	+0.54
1 Dumas High School (Dumas) ♦	10-12	78%	30%→56%	2.10→2.64	+0.54
3 Barton High School (Barton-Lexa) ♦	7-12	73%	34%→54%	2.14→2.59	+0.45
4 Clarendon High School (Clarendon) ♦	7-12	83%	24%→45%	2.03→2.45	+0.42
4 Monticello High School (Monticello) ♦	9-12	48%	45%→65%	2.35→2.77	+0.42

Conclusion: What did the Rankings Reveal?

Statewide Growth

It is always a pleasure to recognize successful schools, thus, we would like to congratulate **ALL** of the schools on the **Most Improved** lists. Additionally, it is important to step back and see how the state has grown overall on the End-of-Course Exams. Some of this growth may be attributed to increased familiarity with the exams. However, it is also quite clear that student performance is improving and Arkansas students are learning more and more in these key areas of Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and Literacy. Indeed, it is important to recognize the hard work of these students and schools.

The figures below display Arkansas End-of-Course Exam growth across the state. Algebra, Geometry, and Grade 11 Literacy scores from the 2006-07/2007-08 and the 2011-12/2012-13 school years are compared. Since Biology EOC was first administered in the 2007-08 school year, Biology scores from the 2007-08/2008-09 and 2011-12/2012-13 school years are compared.

Over time, in all four subjects, fewer students scored below basic and basic. Thus, in all subjects, more students scored proficient or advanced, with more students scoring advanced. Grade 11 Literacy had a large number of students move into the advanced category compared to the initial years, as fewer than 1% of students scored advanced in the initial years. The Biology End-Of-Course Exam had the least movement of students, most certainly due to the fact that a smaller time period is being examined.

Figure 3: Arkansas **Algebra EOC** Growth over time, 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

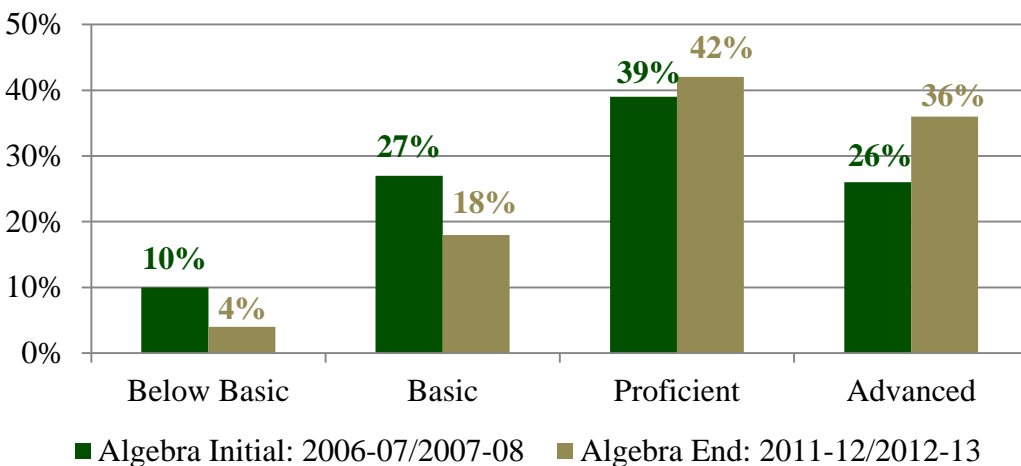


Figure 4: Arkansas **Geometry EOC** Growth over time, 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13

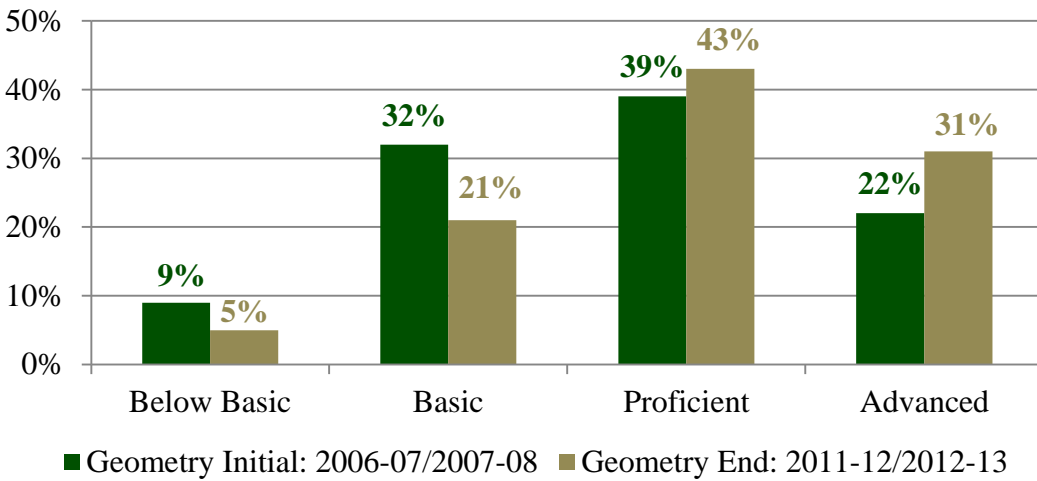


Figure 5: Arkansas **Biology EOC** Growth over time, 2008-09/2009-10 to 2011-12/2012-13

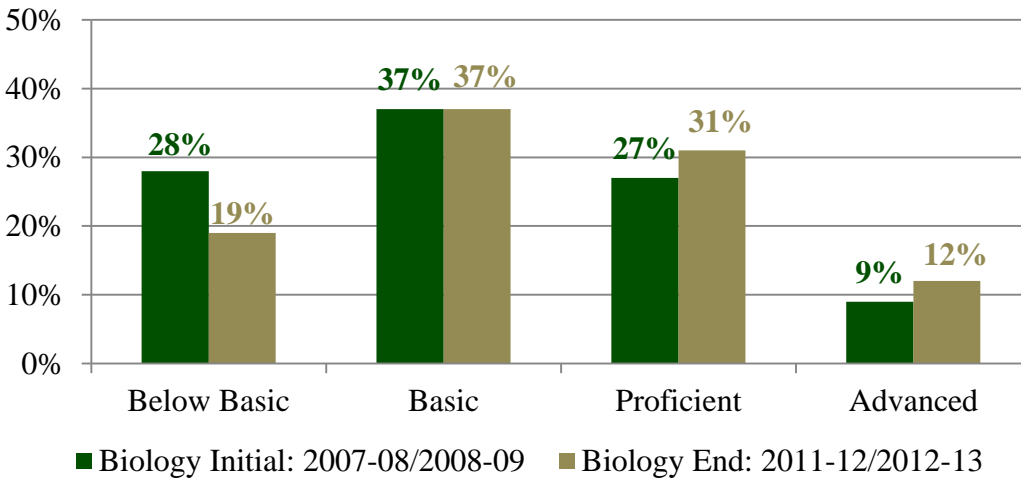
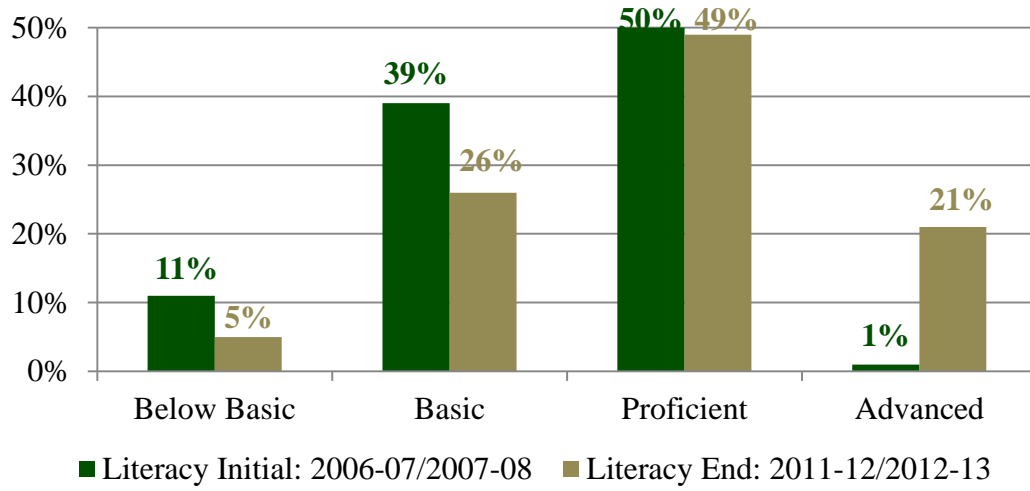


Figure 6: Arkansas **Grade 11 Literacy** Growth over time, 2006-07/2007-08 to 2011-12/2012-13



We at the OEP are pleased to recognize all the schools on the End-of-Course Exam Growth Awards.

As the rankings were compiled using the GPA measure, the rankings reflect the movement of students into higher categories across all four categories. If the percent of students scoring proficient or advanced was used to compile the awards, the rankings would be slightly different. We chose to use the GPA measure, as we believe it is a better indicator to highlight growth, as it accounts for the four categories.

The majority of the top 20 most-improved schools initially scored equal to or below the state averages and eventually grew to equal or eclipse the state averages. It is important to note that the majority of these schools were not the overall highest performing in the state in 2012-13. Most of the highest-performing schools (from 2006-07) have not experienced these amounts of considerable growth due to a ceiling-effect: these schools performed higher during the initial years, and so they did not have as much room to grow.

As previously mentioned, we encourage you to examine the OEP growth database (<http://www.uark.edu/ua/oep/resources.html>) to see the growth of all schools in the state.

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This concludes the **Most Improved High Schools** Outstanding Educational Performance Awards. This is the final installment of the Outstanding Educational Performance Awards for the 2012-13 school year. Congratulations to all the schools receiving awards this year! We look forward to recognizing more schools next year.

APPENDIX

A. Methods

The Office for Education Policy strives to make all of our calculations and publications transparent to our readers. Thus, in this appendix we describe our data source, calculations performed on these data for the purposes of our reporting, and our method for determining a school's classification as an elementary, middle, or high school.

All data used in this report were obtained from the Arkansas Department of Education. Benchmark and End-of-Course exam scores were obtained from the testing section (<http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/learning-services/student-assessment>). Other data, such as the percent of students eligible for free and reduced lunch, were obtained from the Arkansas Department of Education Data Center (<http://adedata.arkansas.gov>).

All data were analyzed at the school level; however, the ADE provides the percentage of scores at the proficient and advanced level by grade. Therefore, in order to present an accurate *school*-level percentage of students scoring proficient and advanced across all grades, a weighted average for each school was calculated to account for different levels of enrollment at each grade level. In an effort to highlight schools that were strong in both subject areas, we calculated a simple average of the school level percent proficient and advanced in math *and* literacy at the elementary and middle school levels.

As previously discussed in the introduction, in order to calculate the GPA measure we treat the Benchmark test scores similar to the existing grade point system.

Category	GPA Points Awarded
Advanced	4.0
Proficient	3.0
Basic	2.0
Below Basic	1.0

We calculated the GPA measure for every school's math, literacy, and combined math and literacy scores. The GPA measure is comprehensive in that it takes into account all of the test score levels (advanced, proficient, basic, and below basic), instead of lumping together advanced and proficient scores.

B. School Classification

For the OEP Awards, we classified schools based on the following rules:

- Elementary School: primarily grades 3-5 (minimum grade P, K, 1, 2, 3, or 4)
- Middle School: primarily grades 6-8 (minimum grade of 4, 5, or 6 and maximum grade of 7, 8, or 9)

There were also a few “comprehensive schools,” such as K-8 or K-12 schools, that we included as either middle schools or elementary schools based on their enrollment numbers. The following table lists every grade configuration and their classifications.

Table A: School Classifications

Elementary Schools	Middle Schools
1-4	6
1-5	4-6
1-6	4-8
1-8	5-6
2-3	5-7
2-4	5-8
2-5	5-9
2-6	6-12
3-4	6-7
3-5	6-8
3-6	7-12
4-5	7-8
5*	7-9
K-3	8
K-4	8-9
K-5	8-12
K-6	K-12
K-7	
K-8	
P-2	
P-3	
P-4	
P-5	
P-6	
P-7	
P-8	