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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 **O**utstanding **E**ducational **P**erformance 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. This **first release** will begin by featuring high performing elementary and middle schools on Benchmark performance in literacy, math, and combined test score performance.

This year, we are using 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.

For example, this mark “throws away” real information provided by student scores that are placed into the four different performance categories: below basic, basic, proficient, and advanced. The percent proficient and advanced measure, for example, 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 these purposes then, 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**

Stay tuned over the next ten weeks to see which schools in your area are recognized for our **OEP Awards!**

I. 2012 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 2012. 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 2012, 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. Across the state, 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. 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.

A. Benchmark Scores in Mathematics, 2012

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

	School (District)	Region ¹	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced ²	GPA ³
1	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	K-6	97%	3.89
2	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	K-5	99%	3.84
3	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	2-4	98%	3.82
4	Central Park at Morning Star Elem. (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	96%	3.81
5	Pottsville Elem. School (Pottsville) ♦	NW	K-3	95%	3.79
5	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	K-6	97%	3.79
7	Eudora Elem School (Lakeside – Chicot County)	SE	P-3	91%	3.77
8	Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	NW	K-5	95%	3.76
8	Bob Folsom Elem. School (Farmington)	NW	K-3	94%	3.76
10	Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	96%	3.75
10	Jim Stone Elem. School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	97%	3.75
10	Stagecoach Elem. School (Cabot)	CN	K-4	97%	3.75
10	Woodrow Cummins Elem. School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	96%	3.75
14	Julia Lee Moore Elem. School (Conway)	CN	K-4	95%	3.74
15	Dover Elem. School (Dover) ♦	NW	K-4	97%	3.73
15	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City) ♦	NE	K-4	94%	3.73
15	Lake Hamilton Elem. School (Lake Hamilton)	CN	2-3	93%	3.73
18	Centerpoint Primary School (Centerpoint)	SW	P-3	99%	3.72
18	Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	94%	3.72
18	Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville)	NW	K-5	94%	3.72
21	Cooper Elem. (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	95%	3.71
21	Springhill Elem. School (Bryant)	CN	K-5	95%	3.71
21	Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	94%	3.71
24	Don R. Roberts Elem. School (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	92%	3.70
24	Sequoyah Elem. School (Russellville)	NW	K-4	94%	3.70

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2010-11.

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

² Schools are ranked based on the percent of students performing at proficient or advanced levels in the noted subject. The percent proficient/advanced value shown is rounded. Ranks are based on actual values.

³ 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%	3.78
2	Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	94%	3.66
3	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway) ♦	CN	5-6	92%	3.59
4	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	5-6	91%	3.58
4	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	6-7	92%	3.58
4	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	93%	3.58
7	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	6-8	93%	3.56
8	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood) ♦	NW	6-7	89%	3.52
8	Old High Middle School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	90%	3.52
10	Swifton Middle School (Jackson County) ♦	NE	5-7	91%	3.49
11	Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside – Garland County) ♦	CN	5-7	91%	3.48
12	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	91%	3.47
12	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville) ♦	NW	4-6	88%	3.47
14	Spring Hill Middle School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	88%	3.46
15	Benton Middle School (Benton)	CN	6-7	88%	3.45
16	Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier)	CN	6-7	88%	3.43
16	Ozark Middle School (Ozark)	NW	6-7	88%	3.43
18	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway) ♦	CN	7-8	88%	3.41
19	Cabot Middle School North (Cabot)	CN	5-6	86%	3.39
20	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	NE	7-8	87%	3.38
20	Brookland Middle School (Brookland)	NE	4-6	86%	3.38
20	Cabot Middle School South (Cabot)	CN	5-6	86%	3.38
20	Harrison Middle School (Harrison) ♦	NW	5-6	85%	3.38
20	Russellville Middle School (Russellville) ♦	NW	6-7	85%	3.38
20	Sheridan Middle School (Sheridan)	CN	6-8	87%	3.38

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2010-11.

Elementary and Middle School Math Scores

Eleven elementary schools and sixteen 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 3.14, and the statewide math average for students scoring proficient or advanced is 78%. Elementary schools have a higher average than middle schools in both the GPA measure and the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced.

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

Statewide, the elementary school GPA average for math benchmark performance is a 3.27 with 82% of elementary students scoring at the proficient or advanced level. Of the 505 schools classified as elementary schools, 282 have a math GPA at or above the statewide average in this category, and 288 schools reached 82% 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 3.01 with 74% of middle school students scoring proficient or advanced. Of 355 middle schools, 158 middle schools in Arkansas meet or exceed the state's average GPA, and 180 middle schools have 74% or more students scoring proficient or advanced.

Two regions stood out on the "Top 25 List" for math scores. In the elementary ratings, 11 schools are from the Central region, and nine schools are from the Northwest region. The Conway School District (Central) has three schools on this list. In the middle school ratings, 13 schools are from the Northwest region, and nine schools are from the Central region. The Bentonville School District (Northwest) has five 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, only 32% of the elementary students in the top 25 list are receiving a free or reduced lunch (FRL), as compared to 65% of elementary students statewide. Similarly, of the middle schools on the list, the average percentage of FRL students is 38%, while the statewide average for elementary schools is 59%. Additionally, the elementary (19%) and middle schools (18%) on the "Top 25 List" have a lower percentage of minority students 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.

However, these averages above do little to highlight those high performing schools that do have higher numbers of economically disadvantaged student populations. For example, **Eudora Elementary School** in the Lakeside (Chicot County) School District, where 93% of the students receive a free or reduced lunch, earned a math benchmark performance GPA of 3.77 and had 91% of their students scoring at the proficient or advanced (P/A) level on the math benchmark exam. Likewise, **Evening Shade Math & Science Academy** in the Cave City School District, with 89% FRL population earned a 3.73 math benchmark performance GPA and had 94% of their students scoring at the proficient or advanced level on the test. Congratulations to these schools for beating the odds!

Among middle schools, **Swifton Middle School** in the Jackson Country School District (60% FRL) earned a high math benchmark performance GPA (3.49) and had 91% of their students scoring P/A on the math benchmark exam.

B. Benchmark Scores in Literacy, 2012

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	98%	3.82
1	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	K-6	98%	3.82
3	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	K-5	98%	3.79
4	College Hill Elem. School (Texarkana) ♦	SW	K-4	97%	3.78
4	Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	K-5	96%	3.78
6	Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison) ♦	NW	K-4	98%	3.77
7	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	2-4	96%	3.76
7	Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	NW	K-5	95%	3.76
7	Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	P-5	97%	3.76
7	Jim Stone Elem. School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	97%	3.76
11	Arnold Drive Elem. School (Pulaski County) ♦	CN	P-5	95%	3.75
11	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	K-6	97%	3.75
13	Central Park at Morning Star Elem. (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	95%	3.73
13	Hunt Elem. School (Springdale) ♦	NW	K-5	94%	3.73
15	Dover Elem. School (Dover) ♦	NW	K-4	98%	3.72
16	Chenal Elem. School (Pulaski County) ♦	CN	K-5	95%	3.71
16	Elm Tree Elem. School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	94%	3.71
16	Gillett Elem. School (DeWitt) ♦	SE	P-5	95%	3.71
16	London Elem. School (Russellville)	NW	K-4	97%	3.71
16	Pottsville Elem. School (Pottsville) ♦	NW	K-3	94%	3.71
16	Woodrow Cummins Elem. School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	97%	3.71
22	Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfolk)	NW	K-6	96%	3.70
23	Salem Elem. School (Bryant) ♦	CN	K-5	95%	3.69
24	Don R. Roberts Elem. School (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	93%	3.68
24	Eagle Heights Elem. School (Harrison) ♦	NW	K-4	93%	3.68
24	Julia Lee Moore Elem. School (Conway)	CN	K-4	92%	3.68
24	Lowell Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	95%	3.68

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2010-11.

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%	3.93
2	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville) ♦	NW	4-6	94%	3.63
3	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	6-7	93%	3.62
3	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	7-12	96%	3.62
5	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway) ♦	CN	5-6	94%	3.61
6	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	94%	3.60
7	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	5-6	92%	3.58
7	Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	92%	3.58
9	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	94%	3.57
10	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	5-8	93%	3.55
11	Harrison Middle School (Harrison) ♦	NW	5-6	89%	3.49
11	L. A. Chaffin Junior High School (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	92%	3.49
13	Cabot Middle School South (Cabot)	CN	5-6	91%	3.48
13	Southwest Middle School (Searcy) ♦	NE	4-6	90%	3.48
13	Weiner High School (Harrisburg)	NE	7-12	89%	3.48
16	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy) ♦	NE	7-8	91%	3.47
16	Brookland Middle School (Brookland)	NE	4-6	89%	3.47
16	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View) ♦	NE	6-8	90%	3.47
16	Old High Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	5-6	90%	3.47
16	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	8-9	90%	3.47
21	Benton Junior High School (Benton) ♦	CN	8-9	93%	3.46
21	Dierks High School (Dierks)	SW	7-12	90%	3.46
23	Greenwood Junior High School (Greenwood)	NW	P-9	92%	3.45
23	Hector High School (Hector)	NW	7-12	95%	3.45
23	Lisa Academy (Lisa) ♦	CN	6-8	90%	3.45

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2010-11.

Elementary and Middle School Literacy Scores

Twenty-one elementary schools and seventeen 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 3.23, and the statewide literacy average for students scoring proficient or advanced is 83%. 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 3.30 with 83% of elementary school students scoring proficient or advanced. Of 505 elementary schools, 266 schools have a literacy

GPA at or above 3.30, and 294 schools reached 83% of more students scoring proficient or advanced.

The statewide middle school literacy GPA average is a 3.17 with 80% of middle school students scoring proficient or advanced. Of 354 middle schools, 173 schools have a GPA at or above 3.17, and 202 middle schools have 80% or more students scoring proficient or advanced.

Regionally, in the elementary ratings, 12 schools are from the Northwest region, and 11 schools are from the Central region. The Conway School District (Central) has four schools on this list. In the middle school ratings, there are 13 schools from the Northwest region, six schools from the Northeast region, and five schools from the Central region. The Bentonville School District (Northwest) has four 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, only 32% of the elementary students in the top 25 list are receiving a free or reduced lunch (FRL), as compared to 65% of elementary students statewide. 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 elementary schools is 59%. Additionally, the elementary (23%) and middle schools (19%) on the “Top 25 List” have a lower percentage of minority students 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.

However, these averages also include high performing schools that do have higher numbers of economically disadvantaged student populations. For example, **Arrie Goforth Elementary School** in the Norfolk School District, where 85% of the students receive a free or reduced lunch, earned a literacy benchmark performance GPA of 3.70 and had 96% of their students scoring at the proficient or advanced (P/A) level on the literacy benchmark exam. Likewise, **Woodland Heights Elementary School** in the Harrison School District, with 74% FRL population earned a 3.77 literacy benchmark performance GPA and had 98% of their students scoring at the proficient or advanced level on the test.

Among middle schools, **Hector High School** in the Hector School District (71% FRL) earned a high math benchmark performance GPA (3.45) and had 95% of their students scoring P/A on the math benchmark exam.

These schools have earned resounding congratulations!

C. Benchmark Scores Combined (Math and Literacy)⁴, 2012

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne) ♦	NE	K-6	98%	3.86
2	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs) ♦	CN	K-5	99%	3.81
3	Academy of Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	2-4	97%	3.79
4	Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	97%	3.78
5	Central Park at Morning Star Elem. (Bentonville) ♦	NW	K-4	96%	3.77
5	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis) ♦	NE	K-6	97%	3.77
7	Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	NW	K-5	95%	3.76
8	Jim Stone Elem. School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	97%	3.75
8	Pottsville Elem. School (Pottsville) ♦	NW	K-3	95%	3.75
8	Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville)	NW	K-5	95%	3.75
11	College Hill Elem. School (Texarkana) ♦	SW	K-4	97%	3.74
11	Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock) ♦	CN	P-5	96%	3.74
11	Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	96%	3.74
14	Dover Elem. School (Dover) ♦	NW	K-4	98%	3.73
14	Woodrow Cummins Elem. School (Conway) ♦	CN	K-4	97%	3.73
16	Arnold Drive Elem. School (Pulaski County) ♦	CN	P-5	95%	3.71
16	Julia Lee Moore Elem. School (Conway)	CN	K-4	94%	3.71
17	Hunt Elem. School (Springdale)	NW	K-5	94%	3.70
18	Don R. Roberts Elem. School (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	93%	3.69
18	London Elem. School (Russellville)	NW	K-4	96%	3.69
18	Springhill Elem. School (Bryant)	CN	K-5	95%	3.69
21	Elm Tree Elem. School (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	94%	3.68
21	Salem Elem. School (Bryant) ♦	CN	K-5	96%	3.68
21	Stagecoach Elem. School (Cabot)	CN	K-4	94%	3.68
24	Brookland Elem. School (Brookland)	NE	P-3	95%	3.67
24	Center Valley Elem. School (Russellville) ♦	NW	K-4	93%	3.67
24	Sequoyah Elem. School (Russellville)	NW	K-4	94%	3.67

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2010-11.

⁴Combined score is a simple average of students 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%	3.86
2	Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	93%	3.62
3	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville) ♦	NW	6-7	93%	3.60
3	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway) ♦	CN	5-6	93%	3.60
5	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	94%	3.59
6	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia) ♦	CN	5-6	92%	3.58
7	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville) ♦	NW	4-6	91%	3.55
8	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	7-8	93%	3.52
9	Old High Middle School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	90%	3.50
10	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood) ♦	NW	6-7	89%	3.47
11	Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside – Garland County) ♦	CN	5-7	91%	3.46
12	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge) ♦	NW	6-8	90%	3.44
12	Spring Hill Middle School (Bentonville) ♦	NW	5-6	88%	3.44
14	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	NE	7-8	89%	3.43
14	Cabot Middle School South (Cabot)	CN	5-6	89%	3.43
14	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	7-8	91%	3.43
14	Harrison Middle School (Harrison) ♦	NW	5-6	87%	3.43
14	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs) ♦	NW	5-8	91%	3.43
14	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	7-12	90%	3.43
20	Brookland Middle School (Brookland)	NE	4-6	88%	3.42
21	Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier)	CN	6-7	89%	3.41
21	Ozark Middle School (Ozark)	NW	6-7	89%	3.41
21	Southwest Middle School (Searcy) ♦	NE	4-6	87%	3.41
21	Swifton Middle School (Jackson County)	NE	5-7	88%	3.41
25	Benton Middle School (Benton)	CN	6-7	87%	3.40

♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2010-11.

Elementary and Middle School Combined Scores

Fifteen elementary schools and sixteen 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 3.18 for elementary and middle schools combined, and the statewide combined average for students scoring proficient or advanced is 80%. Again, in this measure, the schools 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 3.29 for with 82% of elementary students scoring proficient or advanced. Of 505 elementary schools, 279 schools have a

combined GPA of 3.29 or above, and 304 schools have 82% or more students scoring proficient or advanced.

The statewide middle school combined GPA average is a 3.09 with 77% of middle school students scoring proficient or advanced. Of 354 middle schools, 169 schools have a combined GPA at or above the statewide, and 195 middle schools are at or above that statewide average.

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 Central region, and 11 schools are from the Northwest region. The Conway School District (Central) has four schools on this list, and the Russellville School District has three schools. In the middle school ratings, 13 schools are from the Northwest region, and seven schools are from the Central region. The Bentonville School District (Northwest) has five schools on this list.

Predictably, many of these schools in the top 25 serve relatively more advantaged student populations. Using this metric, only 30% of the elementary students in the top 25 list are receiving a free or reduced lunch (FRL), compared to the 65% statewide. 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 elementary schools is 59%. Additionally, the elementary (20%) and middle schools (18%) on the “Top 25 List” have a lower percentage of minority students 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.

Again, these averages also include high performing schools that do have higher numbers of economically disadvantaged student populations. For example, **Dover Elementary School** in the Dover School District, where 65% of the students receive a free or reduced lunch, earned a combined math and literacy benchmark performance GPA of 3.73 and had 98% of their students scoring at the proficient or advanced (P/A) level on the literacy benchmark exam. Likewise, **London Elementary School** in the Russellville School District, with 59% FRL population earned a 3.69 literacy benchmark performance GPA and had 96% of their students scoring at the proficient or advanced level on the test.

Among middle schools, **Ozark Middle School** in the Ozark School District (57% FRL) earned a high math benchmark performance GPA (3.41) and had 89% of their students scoring P/A on the math benchmark exam.

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 lists. Our next installment will focus on schools like those highlighted above that are *Beating the Odds* – that is, top performing schools with a high population of economically disadvantaged students.

II. 2012 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 2012. 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 2011-12 school year. The FRL figures listed for each school are Provision 2 FRL statistics, not the rounded statistics sometimes reported.²

In 2011-2012, approximately 59% of the state’s elementary schools (300 of 509) and approximately 43% of middle schools (157 of 367) served student populations facing this level of economic disadvantage (66% or more students FRL-eligible). While roughly 62% of the state’s elementary and middle school students were eligible for FRL, the “high-poverty” schools served more disadvantaged populations, with an average of 79% of the students in these schools eligible for FRL.

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.

² The Provision 2 % FRL represents the actual percent of students qualifying for Free or Reduced lunches 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. The alternate measurement can be found at the Arkansas Department of Education website

D. Benchmark Scores in Mathematics, 2012

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

	School (District)	Region ¹	Grades Served	% FRL	% Proficient/Advanced ²	GPA ³
1	Eudora Elem. School (Lakeside – Chicot County)	SE	P-3	93%	91%	3.77
2	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	NE	K-4	89%	94%	3.73
3	Centerpoint Primary School (Centerpoint)	SW	P-3	75%	99%	3.72
4	Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	74%	94%	3.71
5	Morrilton Elem. School (South Conway)	NW	2-3	68%	92%	3.68
6	Cowsert Elem. School (Clinton)	NW	K-3	73%	90%	3.67
7	Leslie Elem. School (Searcy County)	NW	K-6	81%	94%	3.65
8	De Queen Elem. School (DeQueen)	SW	3-5	79%	92%	3.62
9	Des Arc Elem. School (Des Arc)	SE	P-6	76%	92%	3.58
10	Eastside Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	72%	95%	3.57
10	Ida Burns Elem. School (Conway)	CN	K-4	66%	94%	3.57
12	Eagle Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	71%	89%	3.56
13	Cherokee Elem. School (Highland)	NE	K-4	71%	92%	3.55
13	Green Forest Elem. School (Green Forest)	NW	K-3	88%	90%	3.55
15	Tuckerman Elem. School (Jackson County)	NE	K-4	67%	93%	3.54
16	Atkins Elem. School (Atkins)	NW	K-4	68%	89%	3.52
16	Grace Hill Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	84%	91%	3.52
16	Holly Harshman Elem. School (Mena)	SW	3-5	71%	92%	3.52
16	Sidney Deener Elem School (Searcy)	NE	K-3	66%	88%	3.52
20	Riverside West Elem School (Riverside)	NE	K-6	67%	90%	3.51
21	Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfolk)	NW	K-6	85%	91%	3.50
21	Gardner Magnet School (Hot Springs)	CN	K-4	84%	89%	3.50
23	Marshall Elem. School (Searcy County)	NW	K-6	74%	92%	3.49
23	Wickes Elem. School (Cossatot River)	SW	P-6	73%	90%	3.49
25	Amanda Gist Elem. School (Cotter)	NW	K-6	74%	89%	3.48

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

² Schools are ranked based on the percent of students performing at proficient or advanced levels in the noted subject. The percent proficient/advanced value shown is rounded. Ranks are based on actual values.

³ 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	Marshall High School (Searcy)	NW	7-12	68%	89%	3.35
2	Morrilton Intermediate School (South Conway)	NW	4-6	70%	86%	3.34
3	Clinton Intermediate School (Clinton)	NW	4-6	69%	85%	3.31
4	Kraus Middle School (Clarksville)	NW	5-6	71%	84%	3.30
4	Nashville Elementary School (Nashville)	SW	4-6	67%	84%	3.30
6	Green Forest Intermediate School (Green Forest)	NW	4-8	80%	83%	3.28
7	Highland Middle School (Highland)	NE	5-7	70%	87%	3.27
7	Nettleton Middle School (Nettleton)	NE	6	67%	80%	3.27
9	De Queen Middle School (DeQueen)	SW	6-7	78%	84%	3.22
10	Gentry Middle School (Gentry)	NW	6-8	66%	82%	3.21
11	Danville Middle School (Danville)	NW	6-8	72%	79%	3.19
12	Clarksville Junior High School (Clarksville)	NW	7-9	67%	82%	3.18
13	Jessieville Middle School (Jessieville)	CN	6-8	70%	83%	3.17
14	Helen Tyson Middle School (Springdale)	NW	6-7	72%	79%	3.16
15	Eureka Springs Middle School (Eureka Springs)	NW	5-8	66%	78%	3.15
15	Newport Junior High School (Newport)	NE	7-8	73%	83%	3.15
17	Bald Knob Middle School (Bald Knob)	NE	5-8	66%	78%	3.11
18	Wilson Intermediate School (Malvern)	CN	5-6	75%	76%	3.10
19	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	SE	7-12	66%	76%	3.09
19	Malvern Junior High School (Malvern)	CN	7-8	71%	81%	3.09
19	Timbo High School (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	77%	82%	3.09
22	Centerpoint High School (Centerpoint)	SW	6-12	67%	76%	3.08
23	Hoxie High School (Hoxie)	NE	7-12	70%	81%	3.07
23	Oark High School (Jasper)	NW	7-12	77%	78%	3.07
25	Marked Tree Middle School (Marked Tree)	NE	6-8	81%	73%	3.06
25	Oak Grove Middle School (Paragould)	NE	5-6	68%	73%	3.06

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 3.27³, and the average of the top 25 “high-poverty” schools is well above that at 3.56.

Along with these top 25 schools, many other schools are beating the odds. On the math benchmark, 189 out of the 300 “high-poverty” elementary schools have at least 75% of students score proficient or advanced. There are 110 “high-poverty” elementary schools that have a math GPA at or above the statewide elementary math GPA average of 3.27. Four 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. **Eudora Elementary** (Lakeside – Chicot County), **Evening Shade Math & Science Academy** (Cave City), **Centerpoint Primary School** (Centerpoint), and **Woodland Heights Elementary** (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 3.01, and the average of the top 25 “high-poverty” schools is above that at 3.20.

On the math benchmark, 38 out of 157 “high-poverty” middle schools have at least 75% of students score proficient or advanced. There are 36 “high-poverty” middle schools with a math GPA at or above the statewide middle school math GPA average of 3.01. This year there are no Top 25 “high-poverty” middle schools that are also on the “Overall Math Top 25 Schools” list.

Two regions stood out on the “high-poverty” top 25 lists. In the elementary ratings, 12 schools are from the Northwest region, and five schools are from the Northeast region. In the middle school ratings, 11 schools are from the Northwest region, and eight schools are from the Northeast 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.

The elementary and middle schools on the math Top 25 “high-poverty” lists have a lower percentage of minority students compared to the state and compared to the rest of the “high-poverty” schools. The top 25 “high-poverty” elementary schools have an average of 28% minority students, which is lower than both the statewide average (36%) and the complete list of “high-poverty” elementary schools (49%). Additionally, the top 25 “high-poverty” middle schools have an average of 30% minority students, as compared to both the statewide average (33%) and the complete list of “high-poverty elementary schools (52%).

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 Bearden Elem. School (Bearden)	81%	SW	98%	3.98
2 Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	89%	NE	100%	3.90
3 Ode Maddox Elem. School (Ouachita River)	76%	SW	100%	3.86
4 Hoxie Elem. School (Hoxie)	79%	NE	98%	3.84
5 De Queen Elem. School (De Queen)	79%	NE	96%	3.83
5 Glenview Elem. School (North Little Rock)	96%	CN	100%	3.83
4th Grade				
1 Weaver Elem. School (West Memphis)	92%	NE	99%	3.74
2 Riverside West Elem. School (Riverside)	67%	NE	97%	3.73
3 Bradley Elem. School (Bradley)	81%	SW	100%	3.68
4 Wickes Elem. School (Cossatot River)	73%	SW	96%	3.65
5 Eastside Elem. School (Rogers)	72%	NW	97%	3.63
5 Omaha Elem. School (Omaha)	78%	NW	86%	3.63
5th Grade				
1 Des Arc Elem. School (Des Arc)	76%	SE	98%	3.82
2 Kingston Elem. School (Jasper)	77%	NW	90%	3.66
3 Amanda Gist Elem. School (Cotter)	74%	NW	94%	3.59
4 De Queen Elem. School (De Queen)	79%	SW	90%	3.52
5 Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfork)	85%	NW	90%	3.48
6th Grade				
1 Leslie Elem. School (Searcy County)	81%	NW	100%	3.75
2 West Magnet School (Batesville)	74%	NE	88%	3.59
3 Bradley Elem. School (Bradley)	81%	SW	94%	3.56
4 Junction City Elem. School (Junction City)	72%	SW	88%	3.55
5 Cutter-Morning Star Elem. School (Cutter Morning Star)	70%	CN	94%	3.53
7th Grade				
1 Marked Tree Middle School	81%	NE	91%	3.54
2 Newport Junior High School	73%	NE	91%	3.48
3 Green Forest Intermediate School	80%	NW	91%	3.47
4 Marshall High School	68%	NW	90%	3.44
5 Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	81%	SW	85%	3.34
5 Centerpoint High School (Centerpoint)	67%	SW	85%	3.34
8th Grade				
1 Marshall High School (Searcy County)	68%	NW	88%	3.21
2 Gentry Middle School (Gentry)	66%	NW	84%	3.18
3 Oark High School (Jasper)	77%	NW	81%	3.15
4 Clarksville Junior High School (Clarksville)	67%	NW	80%	3.12
5 Timbo High School (Mountain View)	77%	NE	83%	3.08

E. Benchmark Scores in Literacy, 2012

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	Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	74%	98%	3.77
2	Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfork)	NW	K-6	85%	96%	3.70
3	Eagle Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	NW	K-4	71%	93%	3.68
4	Riverside West Elem. School (Riverside)	NE	K-6	67%	91%	3.61
5	Cowsert Elem. School (Clinton)	NW	K-3	73%	89%	3.59
6	Eastside Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	72%	92%	3.58
6	Lamar Elem. School (Lamar)	NW	K-4	66%	93%	3.58
8	De Queen Elem. School (DeQueen)	SW	3-5	79%	93%	3.57
8	Grace Hill Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	84%	92%	3.57
10	Bonnie Grimes Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	81%	92%	3.55
10	Holly Harshman Elem. School (Mena)	SW	3-5	71%	92%	3.55
10	Mammoth Spring Elem. School (Mammoth)	NE	K-6	72%	92%	3.55
13	Cavanaugh Elem. School (Fort Smith)	NW	K-6	74%	94%	3.54
13	John Tyson Elem. School (Springdale)	NW	K-5	67%	91%	3.54
13	Leslie Elem. School (Searcy County)	NW	K-6	81%	91%	3.54
16	Hector Elem. School (Hector)	NW	K-6	79%	95%	3.53
17	Gurdon Primary School (Gurdon)	SW	K-4	78%	88%	3.52
18	Green Forest Elem. School (Green Forest)	NW	K-3	88%	90%	3.51
19	Nashville Primary School (Nashville)	SW	K-3	74%	88%	3.50
19	Union Elem. School (El Dorado)	SW	K-4	71%	89%	3.50
21	Nemo Vista Elem. School (Nemo Vista)	NW	K-5	67%	89%	3.49
21	Sallie Cone Elem. School (Conway)	CN	K-4	83%	88%	3.49
23	SMC Elem. at Luxora (South Mississippi)	NE	P-4	99%	95%	3.49
24	Eureka Springs Elem. School (Eureka Springs)	NW	K-4	69%	90%	3.48
24	Jones Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	K-5	84%	92%	3.48

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	Hector High School (Hector)	NW	7-12	71%	95%	3.45
2	Umpire High School (Cossatot River)	SW	7-12	72%	89%	3.43
3	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	68%	91%	3.42
4	Gentry Middle School (Gentry)	NW	6-8	66%	87%	3.41
4	Kraus Middle School (Clarksville)	NW	5-6	71%	91%	3.41
6	Cave City Middle School (Cave City)	NE	7-8	71%	91%	3.40
7	Clinton Intermediate School (Clinton)	NW	4-6	69%	87%	3.39
7	Morrilton Intermediate School (South Conway)	NW	4-6	70%	89%	3.39
9	Timbo High School (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	77%	89%	3.36
10	Lamar Middle School (Lamar)	NW	5-8	68%	85%	3.33
10	Nashville Elementary School (Nashville)	SW	4-6	67%	84%	3.33
10	Nettleton Middle School (Nettleton)	NE	6	67%	85%	3.33
10	Norfolk High School (Norfolk)	NW	7-12	78%	88%	3.33
14	Jessieville Middle School (Jessieville)	CN	6-8	70%	85%	3.31
15	Foreman High School (Foreman)	SW	7-12	67%	83%	3.30
15	Green Forest Intermediate School (Green Forest)	NW	4-8	80%	88%	3.30
17	Bruno-Pyatt High School (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	83%	86%	3.29
17	Clarksville Junior High School (Clarksville)	NW	7-9	67%	86%	3.29
17	Nemo Vista Middle School (Nemo Vista)	NW	6-8	66%	86%	3.29
20	Cave City Intermediate School (Cave City)	NE	5-6	73%	83%	3.28
20	Western Grove High School (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	72%	84%	3.28
22	Oden High School (Ouachita River)	SW	7-12	67%	88%	3.27
23	Eureka Springs Middle School (Eureka Springs)	NW	5-8	66%	87%	3.26
23	Oark High School (Jasper)	NW	7-12	77%	83%	3.26
25	McRae Middle School (Prescott)	SW	5-6	77%	84%	3.25
25	Westside High School (Westside)	NW	7-12	67%	89%	3.25

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 3.30⁴, and the literacy GPA average of the top 25 “high-poverty” schools is well above that at 3.56.

Along with these top 25 schools, many other schools are beating the odds. On the literacy benchmark, 218 out of the 300 “high-poverty” elementary schools have 75% of students score proficient or advanced. There are 101 “high-poverty” elementary schools that have a literacy GPA at or above the statewide elementary literacy GPA average of 3.30. Three 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. **Woodland Heights Elementary** (Harrison), **Arrie Goforth Elementary** (Norfolk), and **Eagle Heights Elementary** (Harrison) 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 3.17, and the literacy GPA average of the top 25 “high-poverty” schools is above that at 3.34.

On the literacy benchmark, 73 out of 157 “high-poverty” middle schools have 75% of students score proficient or advanced. There are 40 “high-poverty” middle schools with a literacy GPA at or above the statewide middle school literacy GPA average of 3.17. **Hector High School** (Hector) is also on the **Top 25 overall** middle school literacy category.

One region stood out among the “high-poverty” top 25 lists. In the elementary ratings, 16 elementary schools and 16 middle schools are from the Northwest region. On the math “high-poverty” top 25 lists, the Northeast region has a number of schools; however, on the literacy “high-poverty” lists the Northeast does not have as many schools (3 elementary and 4 middle schools). The Southeast region does have slightly more schools on the literacy top 25 lists (compared to the math top 25 lists) with 5 elementary and 5 middle schools.

The elementary and middle schools on the literacy top 25 “high-poverty” lists have a lower percentage of minority students compared to the rest of the “high-poverty” schools. The literacy top 25 “high-poverty” elementary schools have an average of 40% minority students, which is slightly higher than the statewide average (36%), but still lower than that of all “high-poverty” elementary schools (49%). The top 25 “high-poverty” middle schools have an average of 21% minority students, as compared to the statewide average (33%) and the complete list of “high-poverty” elementary schools (52%).

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 Hoxie Elem. School (Hoxie)	79%	NE	98%	3.82
2 Mammoth Spring Elem. School (Mammoth Spring)	72%	NE	96%	3.76
3 Cavanaugh Elem. School (Fort Smith)	74%	NW	97%	3.73
3 Bruno-Pyatt Elem. School (Ozark)	85%	NW	100%	3.73
5 Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	74%	NW	95%	3.72
4th Grade				
1 Eastside Elem. School (Rogers)	72%	NW	99%	3.83
1 Kirby Elem. School (Kirby)	71%	SW	100%	3.83
3 Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	74%	NW	100%	3.82
4 Eagle Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	71%	NW	100%	3.78
5 Paron Elem. School (Bryant)	78%	CN	93%	3.66
5th Grade				
1 Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfolk)	85%	NW	100%	3.90
2 Glenview Elem. School (North Little Rock)	96%	CN	100%	3.63
3 Marshall Elem. School (Searcy County)	74%	NW	95%	3.62
3 Riverside West Elem. School (Riverside)	67%	NE	92%	3.62
5 John Tyson Elem. School (Springdale)	67%	NW	97%	3.61
5 Magazine Elem. School (Magazine)	79%	NW	95%	3.61
5 Cavanaugh Elem. School (Fort Smith)	74%	NW	96%	3.61
6th Grade				
1 Leslie Elem. School (Searcy County)	81%	NW	100%	3.67
2 Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfolk)	85%	NW	95%	3.64
3 Riverside West Elem. School (Riverside)	67%	NE	94%	3.58
4 Deer Elem. School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	75%	NW	89%	3.50
5 Black Rock Elem. School (Lawrence)	83%	NE	91%	3.46
7th Grade				
1 Umpire High School (Cossatot River)	72%	SW	100%	3.73
2 Marshall High School (Searcy County)	68%	NW	93%	3.49
2 Cave City Middle School (Cave City)	71%	NE	91%	3.49
4 Hector High School (Hector)	71%	NW	94%	3.46
5 Gentry Middle School (Gentry)	66%	NW	89%	3.43
5 Bruno-Pyatt High School (Ozark Mountain)	83%	NW	94%	3.43
8th Grade				
1 Timbo High School (Mountain View)	77%	NE	100%	3.67
2 Gentry Middle School (Gentry)	66%	NW	90%	3.44
3 Hector High School (Hector)	71%	NW	96%	3.43
4 Lamar Middle School (Lamar)	68%	NW	90%	3.40
5 Westside High School (Westside)	67%	NW	89%	3.37

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. There are no middle schools in this category this year.

Table 13: “Highest-poverty” *Elementary Schools above the state GPA math average (3.27)*

School (District)	% FRL	Region	% Proficient/ Advanced	GPA
Eudora Elem. School (Lakeside – Chicot County)	93%	5	91%	3.77
KIPP Delta Elem. Literacy ACA (KIPP Delta)	93%	5	90%	3.44
Weaver Elem. School (West Memphis)	92%	2	86%	3.39
SMC Elem. at Luxora (South Mississippi County)	99%	2	90%	3.36
Glenview Elem. School (North Little Rock)	96%	3	87%	3.35
Wonder Elem. School (West Memphis)	97%	2	84%	3.28

Table 14: “Highest-poverty” *Elementary Schools above the state GPA literacy average (3.30)*

School (District)	% FRL	Region	% Proficient/ Advanced	GPA
SMC Elem. at Luxora (South Mississippi County)	99%	2	95%	3.49
Glenview Elem. School (North Little Rock)	96%	3	88%	3.42
Eudora Elem. School (Lakeside – Chicot County)	93%	5	87%	3.39
Wonder Elem. School (West Memphis)	97%	2	86%	3.34

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. 2012 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

This section provides a deeper look at the high achieving elementary schools and grades⁵ within schools based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams in math and literacy were administered to students in grades 3-8 in April 2012.

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 region⁶.

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 section 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, 2012

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	CN	24	100%	4.00
1	Gillett Elem. School (DeWitt)	SE	11	100%	4.00
3	Bearden Elem. School (Bearden)	SW	40	98%	3.98
4	Armored Elem. School (Armored)	NE	34	100%	3.94
5	Spring Hill Elem. School (Spring Hill)	SW	38	100%	3.92
6	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	69	100%	3.91
7	Charleston Elem. School (Charleston)	NW	52	100%	3.90
7	Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	NE	21	100%	3.90
7	London Elem. School (Russellville)	NW	30	100%	3.90
10	Caldwell Elem. School (Benton)	CN	90	100%	3.89
10	College Hill Elem. School (Texarkana)	SW	64	99%	3.89
10	Julia Lee Moore Elem. School (Conway)	CN	66	99%	3.89

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	68	100%	3.93
2	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	18	95%	3.86
3	Charleston Elem. School (Charleston)	NW	71	99%	3.84
3	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	CN	66	98%	3.84
5	Central Park at Morning Star Elem (Bentonville)	NW	193	96%	3.78
6	Stagecoach Elem. School (Cabot)	CN	97	98%	3.76
6	Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville)	NW	129	95%	3.76
8	Weaver Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	55	99%	3.74
9	Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	NW	101	92%	3.73
9	Riverside West Elem. School (Riverside)	NE	27	97%	3.73
9	Root Elem. School (Fayetteville)	NW	74	98%	3.73

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	13	92%	3.84
2	Des Arc Elem. School (Des Arc)	SE	44	98%	3.82
3	Parkers Chapel Elem. School (Parkers Chapel)	SW	39	97%	3.79
4	Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	NW	94	96%	3.75
5	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	80	95%	3.74
6	Elza R. Tucker Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	113	95%	3.73
6	Salem Elem. School (Salem)	NE	54	94%	3.73
8	Reagan Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	74	96%	3.69
8	Rural Special Elem. School (Mountain View)	NE	13	100%	3.69
10	Guy-Perkins Elem. School (Guy-Perkins)	CN	39	95%	3.67

H. Elementary Literacy by Grade, 2012

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Hardin Elem. School (White Hall)	CN	32	100%	3.94
2	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	26	100%	3.92
3	Gillett Elem. School (DeWitt)	SE	11	100%	3.91
4	Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville)	NW	98	99%	3.88
5	Spring Hill Elem. School (Spring Hill)	SE	38	97%	3.86
6	Charleston Elem. School (Charleston)	NW	52	96%	3.84
6	London Elem. School (Russellville)	NW	30	97%	3.84
8	Armored Elem. School (Armored)	NE	34	100%	3.82
8	Hoxie Elem. School (Hoxie)	NE	58	98%	3.82
10	Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway)	CN	99	97%	3.80

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock)	CN	68	100%	3.93
2	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	68	100%	3.88
2	Jim Stone Elem. School (Conway)	CN	83	99%	3.88
4	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	18	95%	3.86
5	Eastside Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	80	99%	3.83
5	Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway)	CN	112	98%	3.83
5	Kirby Elem. School (Kirby)	SW	18	100%	3.83
8	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	CN	66	100%	3.82
8	Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	NW	22	100%	3.82
9	Arnold Drive Elem. School (Pulaski County)	CN	26	100%	3.81
9	College Hill Elem. School (Texarkana)	SW	72	100%	3.81
9	Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville)	NW	129	95%	3.81

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Arnold Drive Elem. School (Pulaski County)	CN	13	100%	3.92
2	Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfolk)	NW	39	100%	3.90
3	Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	NW	94	98%	3.81
4	Salem Elem. School (Bryant)	CN	90	99%	3.80
5	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	80	98%	3.77
5	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	13	100%	3.77
5	Rural Special Elem. School (Mountain View)	NE	13	100%	3.77
8	Perrin Elem. School (Benton)	CN	96	97%	3.73
9	Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock)	CN	68	98%	3.72
10	Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	385	96%	3.71
10	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	CN	409	97%	3.71
10	Portland Elem. School (Hamburg)	SE	22	96%	3.71
10	Guy-Perkins Elem. School (Guy-Perkins)	CN	39	97%	3.71
10	Chenal Elem. School (Pulaski County)	CN	92	97%	3.71

I. Elementary Combined⁷ Math and Literacy by Grade, 2012

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Gillett Elem. School (DeWitt)	SE	11	100%	3.96
2	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	26	100%	3.90
2	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	CN	24	100%	3.90
4	Hardin Elem. School (White Hall)	CN	32	100%	3.89
4	Spring Hill Elem. School (Spring Hill)	SW	38	99%	3.89
6	Armored Elem. School (Armored)	NE	34	100%	3.88
7	Charleston Elem. School (Charleston)	NW	52	98%	3.87
7	London Elem. School (Russellville)	NW	30	99%	3.87
9	Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville)	NW	98	98%	3.86
10	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	69	98%	3.85

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	68	100%	3.91
2	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	18	95%	3.86
3	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	CN	66	99%	3.83
3	Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock)	CN	68	97%	3.83
5	Charleston Elem. School (Charleston)	NW	71	99%	3.79
5	Jim Stone Elem. School (Conway)	CN	83	97%	3.79
5	Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville)	NW	129	95%	3.79
8	Central Park at Morning Star Elem. (Bentonville)	NW	193	96%	3.77
9	Arnold Drive Elem. School (Pulaski County)	CN	26	98%	3.75
9	Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway)	CN	112	97%	3.75
9	Springhill Elem. School (Bryant)	CN	92	99%	3.75

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

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	13	96%	3.81
2	Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	NW	94	97%	3.78
3	Arnold Drive Elem. School (Pulaski County)	CN	13	96%	3.77
4	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	80	97%	3.76
5	Parkers Chapel Elem. School (Parkers Chapel)	SW	39	98%	3.73
5	Rural Special Elem. School (Mountain View)	NE	13	100%	3.73
7	Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfolk)	NW	39	95%	3.69
7	Guy-Perkins Elem. School (Guy-Perkins)	CN	39	96%	3.69
7	Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock)	CN	68	95%	3.69
10	Elza R. Tucker Elem. School (Rogers)	NW	113	94%	3.68
10	Salem Elem. School (Bryant)	CN	90	97%	3.68
10	Salem Elem. School (Salem)	NE	54	93%	3.68

The sections below present the high achieving schools for the noted grade and subject in each region in 2012.



J. Northwest Region, Elementary Schools, 2012

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 Central Park at Morning Star Elem. (Bentonville)	K-4	937	96%	3.81
2 Pottsville Elem. School (Pottsville)	K-3	500	95%	3.79
3 Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	K-5	619	95%	3.76
3 Bob Folsom Elem. School (Farmington)	K-3	299	94%	3.76
5 Dover Elem. School (Dover)	K-4	502	97%	3.73

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 Charleston Elem. School (Charleston)	52	100%	3.90
1 London Elem. School (Russellville)	30	100%	3.90
3 Westwood Primary School (Greenwood)	121	97%	3.85
4th Grade			
1 Charleston Elem. School (Charleston)	71	99%	3.84
2 Central Park at Morning Star Elem. (Bentonville)	193	96%	3.78
3 Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville)	129	95%	3.76
5th Grade			
1 Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	94	96%	3.75
2 Elza R. Tucker Elem. School (Rogers)	113	95%	3.73
3 Reagan Elem. School (Rogers)	74	96%	3.69

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 Elem. School (Fayetteville)	K-5	663	96%	3.78
2 Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	K-4	133	98%	3.77
3 Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	K-5	619	95%	3.76
4 Central Park at Morning Star Elem. (Bentonville)	K-4	937	95%	3.73
4 Hunt Elem. School (Springdale)	K-5	585	94%	3.73

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 Elem. School (Fayetteville)	98	99%	3.88
2 Charleston Elem. School (Charleston)	52	96%	3.84
2 London Elem. School (Russellville)	30	97%	3.84
4th Grade			
1 Eastside Elem. School (Rogers)	80	99%	3.83
2 Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	22	100%	3.82
3 Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville)	129	95%	3.81
5th Grade			
1 Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfork)	39	100%	3.90
2 Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	94	98%	3.81
3 Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville)	385	96%	3.71



K. Northeast Region, Elementary Schools, 2012

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 Elem. School (Melbourne)	K-6	134	97%	3.89
2 Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	K-6	535	97%	3.79
3 Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	K-4	93	94%	3.73
4 Brookland Elem. School (Brookland)	P-3	153	95%	3.69
5 Salem Elem. School (Salem)	K-6	379	94%	3.67

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 Armorel Elem. School (Armorel)	34	100%	3.94
2 Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	69	100%	3.91
3 Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	21	100%	3.90
4th Grade			
1 Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	68	100%	3.93
2 Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	18	95%	3.86
3 Weaver Elem. School (West Memphis)	55	99%	3.74
5th Grade			
1 Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	13	92%	3.84
2 Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	80	95%	3.74
3 Salem Elem. School (Salem)	54	94%	3.73

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 Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	K-6	134	98%	3.82
2 Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	K-6	535	97%	3.75
3 Valley View Elem. School (Valley View)	P-6	1,370	95%	3.66
4 Brookland Elem. School (Brookland)	P-3	153	94%	3.64
5 Riverside West Elem. School (Riverside)	K-6	262	91%	3.61
5 Salem Elem. School (Salem)	K-6	379	92%	3.61
5 Westside Elem. School (Searcy)	K-3	463	91%	3.61

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 Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	26	100%	3.92
2 Armored Elem. School (Armored)	34	100%	3.82
2 Hoxie Elem. School (Hoxie)	58	98%	3.82
4th Grade			
1 Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	68	100%	3.88
2 Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	18	95%	3.86
3 Brookland Middle School (Brookland)	137	97%	3.78
5th Grade			
1 Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	13	100%	3.77
1 Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	80	98%	3.77
1 Rural Special Elem. School (Mountain View)	13	100%	3.77



L. Central Region, Elementary Schools, 2012

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	299	99%	3.84
2 Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	2-4	78	98%	3.82
3 Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway)	K-4	545	96%	3.75
3 Jim Stone Elem. School (Conway)	K-4	422	97%	3.75
3 Stagecoach Elem. School (Cabot)	K-4	491	97%	3.75
3 Woodrow Cummins Elem. School (Conway)	K-4	465	96%	3.75

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 Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	24	100%	4.00
2 Caldwell Elem. School (Benton)	90	100%	3.89
2 Julia Lee Moore Elem. School (Conway)	66	99%	3.89
4th Grade			
1 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	66	98%	3.84
2 Stagecoach Elem. School (Cabot)	97	98%	3.76
3 Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock)	68	94%	3.72
3 Springhill Elem. School (Bryant)	92	97%	3.72
5th Grade			
1 Guy-Perkins Elem. School (Guy-Perkins)	39	95%	3.67
2 Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock)	68	92%	3.65
3 Don R. Roberts Elem. School (Little Rock)	108	91%	3.63

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 Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway)	K-4	545	98%	3.82
2 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	K-5	299	98%	3.79
3 Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	2-4	78	96%	3.76
3 Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock)	P-5	403	97%	3.76
3 Jim Stone Elem. School (Conway)	K-4	422	97%	3.76

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 Hardin Elem. School (White Hall)	32	100%	3.94
2 Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway)	99	97%	3.80
3 Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	24	100%	3.79
4th Grade			
1 Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock)	68	100%	3.93
2 Jim Stone Elem. School (Conway)	83	99%	3.88
3 Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway)	112	98%	3.83
5th Grade			
1 Arnold Drive Elem. School (Pulaski County)	13	100%	3.92
2 Salem Elem. School (Bryant)	90	99%	3.80
3 Perrin Elem. School (Benton)	96	97%	3.73



M. Southwest Region, Elementary Schools, 2012

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	P-3	70	99%	3.72
2 College Hill Elem. School (Texarkana)	K-4	360	96%	3.69
3 De Queen Elem. School (DeQueen)	3-5	572	92%	3.62
4 Parkers Chapel Elem. School (Parkers Chapel)	K-6	343	91%	3.55
5 Holly Harshman Elem. School (Mena)	3-5	409	92%	3.52

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 Bearden Elem. School (Bearden)	40	98%	3.98
2 Spring Hill Elem. School (Spring Hill)	38	100%	3.92
3 College Hill Elem. School (Texarkana)	64	99%	3.89
4th Grade			
1 Taylor Elem. School (Emerson-Taylor)	16	94%	3.69
2 Bradley Elem. School (Bradley)	28	100%	3.68
3 Wickes Elem. School (Cossatot)	49	96%	3.65
5th Grade			
1 Parkers Chapel Elem. School (Parkers Chapel)	39	97%	3.79
2 De Queen Elem. School (DeQueen)	191	90%	3.52
3 Holly Harshman Elem. School (Mena)	131	89%	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 Elem. School (Texarkana)	K-4	360	97%	3.78
2 De Queen Elem. School (DeQueen)	3-5	572	93%	3.57
3 Holly Harshman Elem. School (Mena)	3-5	409	92%	3.55
4 Spring Hill Elem. School (Spring Hill)	K-6	289	91%	3.54
5 Gurdon Primary School (Gurdon)	K-4	278	88%	3.52
5 Parkers Chapel Elem. School (Parkers Chapel)	K-6	343	89%	3.52

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 Elem. School (Spring Hill)	38	97%	3.86
2 Parkers Chapel Elem. School (Parkers Chapel)	42	95%	3.79
3 Emerson Elem. School (Emerson-Taylor)	17	100%	3.76
4th Grade			
1 Kirby Elem. School (Kirby)	18	100%	3.83
2 College Hill Elem. School (Texarkana)	72	100%	3.81
3 Joann Walters Elem. School (Dierks)	37	95%	3.68
5th Grade			
1 Parkers Chapel Elem. School (Parkers Chapel)	39	98%	3.67
2 Holly Harshman Elem. School (Mena)	131	95%	3.58
3 Van-Cove Elem. School (Cossatot)	27	97%	3.55



N. Southeast Region, Elementary Schools, 2012

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 Elem. School (Lakeside – Chicot County)	P-3	22	87%	3.77
2 Des Arc Elem. School (Des Arc)	P-6	274	92%	3.58
2 Gillett Elem. School (DeWitt)	P-5	75	95%	3.58
4 Drew Central Elem. School (Drew Central)	K-4	346	90%	3.47
5 C. B. Partee Elem. School (Brinkley)	K-6	315	90%	3.46

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 Elem. School (DeWitt)	11	100%	4.00
2 Eudora Elem School (Lakeside – Chicot County)	22	91%	3.77
3 C. B. Partee Elem. School (Brinkley)	48	98%	3.73
4th Grade			
1 Gillett Elem. School (DeWitt)	11	91%	3.64
2 Des Arc Elem. School (Des Arc)	31	90%	3.56
3 Woodlawn Elem. School (Woodlawn)	46	94%	3.55
5th Grade			
1 Des Arc Elem. School (Des Arc)	44	98%	3.82
2 Rison Elem. School (Cleveland County)	49	94%	3.55
3 C. B. Partee Elem. School (Brinkley)	41	90%	3.41

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 Elem. School (DeWitt)	P-5	75	95%	3.71
2 Noble/Allbritton Elem. School (Hamburg)	K-5	711	89%	3.46
3 Portland Elem. School (Hamburg)	P-5	135	89%	3.41
4 Eudora Elem. School (Lakeside – Chicot County)	P-3	22	87%	3.39
5 Des Arc Elem. School (Des Arc)	P-6	274	86%	3.37
5 DeWitt Elem. School (DeWitt)	K-5	493	87%	3.37

Table 41: 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 Elem. School (DeWitt)	11	100%	3.91
2 C. B. Partee Elem. School (Brinkley)	48	94%	3.69
3 Noble/Allbritton Elem. School (Hamburg)	130	93%	3.62
4th Grade			
1 Woodlawn Elem. School (Woodlawn)	46	100%	3.78
2 Gillett Elem. School (DeWitt)	11	91%	3.73
3 Des Arc Elem. School (Des Arc)	31	97%	3.65
5th Grade			
1 Portland Elem. School (Hamburg)	22	96%	3.71
2 DeWitt Elem. School (DeWitt)	83	94%	3.58
3 Gillett Elem. School (DeWitt)	16	94%	3.57

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

IV. 2012 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING MIDDLE SCHOOLS

This section provides a deeper look at the high achieving middle schools and grades⁸ within schools based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams in math and literacy were administered to students in grades 3-8 in April 2012.

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 middle schools by grade. We then highlight the top performing middle schools and grades within schools in each region⁹.

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, 2012

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	20	100%	3.95
2	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	CN	55	94%	3.77
2	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	120	96%	3.77
4	Leslie Elem. School (Searcy County)	NW	12	100%	3.75
5	Sulphur Rock Elem. School (Batesville)	NE	44	93%	3.73
6	Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	383	94%	3.69
7	County Line Elem. School (County Line)	NW	33	91%	3.67
8	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	CN	379	93%	3.66
9	Buffalo Is. Central West Elem. (Buffalo Island Central)	NE	28	93%	3.65
10	Salem Elem. School (Salem)	NE	58	93%	3.63

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	19	100%	3.84
2	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	513	97%	3.74
3	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	66	99%	3.65
4	Bergman Middle School (Bergman)	NW	108	94%	3.61
4	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)	NW	261	94%	3.61
6	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	SW	58	93%	3.60
7	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	149	94%	3.58
8	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	348	95%	3.57
8	Swifton Middle School (Jackson County)	NE	48	94%	3.57
10	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	581	92%	3.56

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall)	NW	55	100%	3.78
2	Atkins Middle School (Atkins)	NW	90	90%	3.46
3	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	542	90%	3.43
4	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	497	90%	3.37
4	Tuckerman High School (Jackson County)	NE	62	92%	3.37
6	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	111	89%	3.30
7	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	380	87%	3.29
8	Kingston High School (Jasper)	NW	12	84%	3.28
8	Rural Special High School (Mountain View)	NE	13	84%	3.28
8	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	337	87%	3.28

P. Middle School Literacy by Grade, 2012

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	20	95%	3.70
2	Leslie Elem. School (Searcy County)	NW	12	100%	3.67
3	Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfolk)	NW	41	95%	3.64
4	Wonderview Elem. School (Wonderview)	NW	34	94%	3.62
5	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	356	93%	3.59
6	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	75	96%	3.58
6	Riverside West Elem. School (Riverside)	NE	44	94%	3.58
8	Salem Elem. School (Salem)	NE	58	92%	3.56
9	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville)	NW	125	91%	3.54
10	John P. Woods Elem. School (Fort Smith)	NW	81	92%	3.53
10	Valley View Elem. School (Valley View)	NE	204	94%	3.53

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Umpire High School (Cossatot)	SW	15	100%	3.73
1	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	66	97%	3.73
3	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	192	97%	3.70
4	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	348	94%	3.65
5	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	513	95%	3.63
6	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	NE	301	93%	3.56
6	Weiner High School (Harrisburg)	NE	27	89%	3.56
8	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	581	94%	3.55
9	L. A. Chaffin Junior High School (Fort Smith)	NW	256	90%	3.54
10	Kirksey Middle School (Rogers)	NW	290	92%	3.52

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/ Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall)	NW	55	100%	3.93
2	Rural Special High School (Mountain View)	NE	13	100%	3.77
3	Timbo High School (Mountain View)	NE	12	100%	3.67
4	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	497	95%	3.60
5	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	77	94%	3.59
6	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	542	94%	3.57
7	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	204	96%	3.54
8	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	NE	102	96%	3.53
9	Lisa Academy (Lisa)	CN	124	95%	3.49
10	Elkins Middle School (Elkins)	NW	102	89%	3.48

Q. Middle School Combined¹⁰ Math and Literacy by Grade, 2012

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	NE	20	98%	3.83
2	Leslie Elem. School (Searcy County)	NW	12	100%	3.71
3	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	CN	55	91%	3.62
3	Sulphur Rock Elem. School (Batesville)	NE	44	92%	3.62
5	Salem Elem. School (Salem)	NE	58	93%	3.60
6	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	356	92%	3.59
6	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	NE	75	94%	3.59
8	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	CN	379	92%	3.58
8	Valley View Elem. School (Valley View)	NE	204	93%	3.58
10	Ouachita Elem. School (Ouachita)	CN	39	93%	3.57
10	Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville)	NW	383	91%	3.57

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	66	98%	3.69
1	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	513	96%	3.69
3	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	19	98%	3.66
4	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	348	95%	3.61
5	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)	NW	261	93%	3.56
5	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	581	93%	3.56
7	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	NE	301	92%	3.55
8	Bergman Middle School (Bergman)	NW	108	93%	3.54
8	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	192	93%	3.54
10	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	SW	58	92%	3.51
10	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	361	91%	3.51

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

Table 50: 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)	NW	55	100%	3.86
2	Rural Special High School (Mountain View)	NE	13	92%	3.53
3	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	542	92%	3.50
4	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	497	93%	3.49
5	Atkins Middle School (Atkins)	NW	90	89%	3.39
6	Timbo High School (Mountain View)	NE	12	92%	3.38
6	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	337	89%	3.38
8	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	380	90%	3.36
9	Greenwood Junior High School (Greenwood)	NW	269	89%	3.35
9	Lisa Academy (Lisa)	CN	124	89%	3.35
9	Kingston High School (Jasper)	NW	12	88%	3.35
9	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	111	90%	3.35

The sections below present the high achieving middle schools for the noted grade and subject in each region in 2012.



R. Northwest Region, Middle School Schools, 2012

Table 51: 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)	8-12	55	100%	3.78
2 Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville)	5-6	768	94%	3.66
3 McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	6-7	704	92%	3.58
3 Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	7-8	1,055	93%	3.58
5 Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	6-8	380	93%	3.56

Table 52: 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)	120	96%	3.77
2 Leslie Elem. School (Searcy County)	12	100%	3.75
3 Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville)	383	94%	3.69
7th Grade			
1 Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	513	97%	3.74
2 Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	66	99%	3.65
3 Bergman Middle School (Bergman)	108	94%	3.61
3 East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)	261	94%	3.61
8th Grade			
1 Haas Hall Academy (Haas)	55	100%	3.78
2 Atkins Middle School (Atkins)	90	90%	3.46
3 Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	542	90%	3.43

Table 53: 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)	8-12	55	100%	3.93
2	Pottsville Middle Grades (Pottsville)	4-6	392	94%	3.63
3	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	6-7	704	93%	3.62
4	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	7-8	1,055	94%	3.60
5	Ruth Barker Middle School (Bentonville)	5-6	768	92%	3.58

Table 54: 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	Leslie Elem. School (Searcy County)	12	100%	3.67
2	Arrie Goforth Elem. (Norfork)	41	95%	3.64
3	Wonderview Elem. School (Wonderview)	34	94%	3.62
7th Grade				
1	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	66	97%	3.73
2	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	348	94%	3.65
3	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	513	95%	3.63
8th Grade				
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall)	55	100%	3.93
2	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	497	95%	3.60
3	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	77	94%	3.59



S. Northeast Region, Middle School Schools, 2012

Table 55: 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 Swifton Middle School (Jackson County)	5-7	177	91%	3.49
2 Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	7-8	577	87%	3.38
2 Brookland Middle School (Brookland)	4-6	400	86%	3.38
4 Tuckerman High School (Jackson County)	8-12	62	92%	3.37
5 Southwest Middle School (Searcy)	4-6	1,001	84%	3.34

Table 56: 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 Elem. School (Melbourne)	20	100%	3.95
2 Sulphur Rock Elem. School (Batesville)	44	93%	3.73
3 Buffalo Is. Central West Elem. (Buffalo Island Central)	28	93%	3.65
7th Grade			
1 Swifton Middle School (Jackson County)	48	94%	3.57
2 Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	301	91%	3.54
2 Marked Tree Middle School (Marked Tree)	43	91%	3.54
8th Grade			
1 Tuckerman High School (Jackson County)	62	92%	3.37
2 Rural Special High School (Mountain View)	13	84%	3.28
3 Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	276	83%	3.21

Table 57: 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	396	96%	3.62
2	Southwest Middle School (Searcy)	4-6	1,001	90%	3.48
2	Weiner High School (Harrisburg)	7-12	43	89%	3.48
4	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	7-8	577	91%	3.47
4	Brookland Middle School (Brookland)	4-6	400	89%	3.47
4	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	6-8	308	90%	3.47

Table 58: 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	Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	20	95%	3.70
2	Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	75	96%	3.58
3	Riverside West Elem. School (Riverside)	44	94%	3.58
7th Grade				
1	Valley View High School (Valley View)	192	97%	3.70
2	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	301	93%	3.56
3	Weiner High School (Harrisburg)	27	89%	3.56
8th Grade				
1	Rural Special High School (Mountain View)	13	100%	3.77
2	Timbo High School (Mountain View)	12	100%	3.67
3	Valley View High School (Valley View)	204	96%	3.54



T. Central Region, Middle School Schools, 2012

Table 59: 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 Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	5-6	788	92%	3.59
2 Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	5-6	109	91%	3.58
3 Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside – Garland)	5-7	718	91%	3.48
3 Benton Middle School (Benton)	6-7	739	88%	3.45
5 Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier)	6-7	536	88%	3.43

Table 60: 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)	55	94%	3.77
2 Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	379	93%	3.66
3 Ouachita Elem. School (Ouachita)	39	93%	3.62
7th Grade			
1 Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	361	90%	3.54
2 Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside – Garland)	256	93%	3.47
3 Sheridan Middle School (Sheridan)	325	90%	3.43
8th Grade			
1 Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	380	87%	3.29
2 Sheridan Middle School (Sheridan)	319	83%	3.23
3 Lisa Academy (Lisa)	124	83%	3.21

Table 61: 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 Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	5-6	788	94%	3.61
2 Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	5-6	109	92%	3.58
3 Cabot Middle School South (Cabot)	5-6	746	91%	3.48
4 Benton Junior High School (Benton)	8-9	374	93%	3.46
5 Lisa Academy (Lisa)	6-8	410	90%	3.45

Table 62: 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 Ouachita Elem. School (Ouachita)	39	92%	3.51
2 Mt. Vernon/Enola Elem. School (Mt. Vernon/Enola)	36	89%	3.50
2 Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)	379	90%	3.50
7th Grade			
1 Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside – Garland)	256	91%	3.49
2 Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier)	260	91%	3.48
3 Lisa Academy (Lisa)	131	89%	3.48
8th Grade			
1 Lisa Academy (Lisa)	124	95%	3.49
2 Benton Junior High School (Benton)	374	93%	3.46
3 Bethel Middle School (Bryant)	302	92%	3.45



U. Southwest Region, Middle School Schools, 2012

Table 63: 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	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	7-12	96	85%	3.32
2	Nashville Elem. School (Nashville)	4-6	421	84%	3.30
3	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa)	5-8	349	83%	3.23
3	De Queen Middle School (De Queen)	6-7	335	84%	3.22
5	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	44	73%	3.20
5	Goza Middle School (Arkadelphia)	6-8	444	81%	3.20

Table 64: 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	Bradley Elem. School (Bradley)	31	94%	3.56
2	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa)	91	94%	3.56
2	Junction City Elem. School (Junction City)	48	88%	3.55
7th Grade				
1	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	19	100%	3.84
2	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	58	93%	3.60
3	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	39	85%	3.34
3	Centerpoint High School (Centerpoint)	72	85%	3.34
8th Grade				
1	Goza Middle School (Arkadelphia)	156	81%	3.07
2	Oden High School (Ouachita River)	21	72%	2.98
3	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	28	85%	2.97

Table 65: 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 Dierks High School (Dierks)	7-12	80	90%	3.46
2 Umpire High School (Cossatot)	7-12	28	89%	3.43
3 Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	7-12	96	88%	3.37
4 Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	44	91%	3.34
5 Nashville Elem. School (Nashville)	4-6	421	84%	3.33

Table 66: 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 Kirby Elem. School (Kirby)	37	89%	3.45
1 Van-Cove Elem. School (Cossatot)	27	89%	3.45
3 Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	91	87%	3.43
7th Grade			
1 Umpire High School (Cossatot)	15	100%	3.73
2 Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	19	95%	3.48
3 Dierks High School (Dierks)	45	89%	3.47
8th Grade			
1 Dierks High School (Dierks)	35	91%	3.45
2 Foreman High School (Foreman)	43	86%	3.33
2 Oden High School (Ouachita)	21	95%	3.33



V. Southeast Region, Middle School Schools, 2012

Table 67: 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	Star City Middle School (Star City)	6-8	397	82%	3.19
2	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)	6-8	505	78%	3.11
3	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	7-12	90	76%	3.09
3	Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	7-12	92	80%	3.03
5	Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)	5-8	319	72%	3.02
5	KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta)	5-8	109	76%	3.02

Table 68: 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	Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)	101	86%	3.48
2	Star City Middle School (Star City)	120	88%	3.48
3	C. B. Partee Elem. School (Brinkley)	42	88%	3.33
7th Grade				
1	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)	167	86%	3.31
2	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	47	81%	3.28
3	Star City Middle School (Star City)	133	84%	3.22
8th Grade				
1	Star City Middle School (Star City)	144	75%	2.92
1	Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	40	78%	2.92
3	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	43	70%	2.88

Table 69: 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 Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	7-12	92	79%	3.18
2 Monticello Middle School (Monticello)	6-8	505	82%	3.17
3 Star City Middle School (Star City)	6-8	397	78%	3.16
3 Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)	5-8	319	78%	3.14
5 KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory School (KIPP Delta)	5-8	109	81%	3.09
5 Rison High School (Cleveland County)	7-12	136	77%	3.09

Table 70: 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 Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)	101	79%	3.29
2 Star City Middle School (Star City)	120	79%	3.26
3 Barton Elem. School (Barton-Lexa)	61	82%	3.25
3 Hazen Elem. School (Hazen)	45	87%	3.25
7th Grade			
1 Hazen Elem. School (Hazen)	50	88%	3.34
2 Monticello Middle School (Monticello)	167	86%	3.25
3 Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	52	79%	3.21
3 Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)	61	82%	3.21
8th Grade			
1 Monticello Middle School (Monticello)	161	83%	3.20
1 Stuttgart Junior High School (Stuttgart)	137	82%	3.20
3 Star City Middle School (Star City)	144	81%	3.15
3 Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	40	78%	3.15

This concludes the **High Achieving Middle 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. 2012 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 from the 2011-12 academic year¹¹.

This section is divided into subsections based on scores from each of the four tests. The tests encompass different grade levels, so the subsections are broken up differently; but 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. 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 will become a high stakes test during the 2012-13 school year, and it will function as an exit exam, such that students must score proficient or advanced (or pass some alternative exam) to receive a high school diploma¹³.

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, 2012

In 2011-12, 79% of students scored proficient or advanced on the Algebra EOC.

Algebra is generally taken during the ninth grade; however, some students may elect to take this course earlier if they have taken prerequisite classes. This typically results in the most advanced students taking the course, and thus, the exam 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 Schools (schools that serve 9th grade and above)
- 8th and 9th Grade Junior High Schools (schools that serve 8th and 9th graders)
- 8th Grade Middle Schools (schools that serve 8th grade and below)

For the purposes of this report, all schools were considered as one category for the “High Poverty”¹⁴ awards and the awards by region.

Table 71: Top 10 Arkansas High Schools¹⁵ Based on *EOC Algebra* Achievement, 2011-12

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Huntsville High School (Huntsville)	NW	9-12	127	96%	3.55
2	Mountain Home High School (Mountain Home)	NW	9-12	319	91%	3.53
3	West Fork High School (West Fork)	NW	9-12	92	92%	3.51
4	Bergman High School (Bergman)	NW	9-12	79	96%	3.49
5	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle)	NW	9-12	115	94%	3.46
6	Bentonville High School (Bentonville)	NW	9-12	687	91%	3.43
6	Wynne High School (Wynne)	NE	9-12	186	87%	3.43
8	Mountainburg High School (Mountainburg)	NW	9-12	34	88%	3.41
9	Berryville High School (Berryville)	NW	9-12	97	93%	3.39
10	Eureka Springs High School (Eureka Springs)	NW	9-12	23	91%	3.37

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 72: Top 10 Arkansas 8th and 9th Grade Junior High Schools¹⁶ Based on *EOC Algebra* Achievement, 2011-12

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas)	NW	8-12	64	100%	3.89
2	Benton Junior High School (Benton)	CN	8-9	329	98%	3.73
3	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	310	94%	3.64
4	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia)	CN	8-9	217	95%	3.60
5	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	21	91%	3.55
6	Lakeside High School (Lakeside – Garland County)	CN	8-12	242	96%	3.54
7	McCrary High School (McCrary)	NE	7-12	47	88%	3.52
8	Clarksville Junior High School (Clarksville)	NW	7-9	115	94%	3.51
8	St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	NW	7-12	13	84%	3.51
10	Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida)	SW	7-12	40	93%	3.50

Table 73: Top 10 Arkansas 8th Grade Middle Schools¹⁷ Based on *EOC Algebra* Achievement, 2011-12

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Gentry Middle School (Gentry)	NW	6-8	14	100%	4.00
1	Holt Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	5-7	18	100%	4.00
1	Huntsville Middle School (Huntsville)	NW	6-8	21	100%	4.00
1	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	122	100%	4.00
1	Lonoke Middle School (Lonoke)	CN	6-8	39	100%	4.00
1	Malvern Junior High School (Malvern)	CN	7-8	18	100%	4.00
1	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	6-7	43	100%	4.00
1	Randall G. Lynch Middle School (Farmington)	NW	6-8	41	100%	4.00
1	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	104	100%	4.00
10	Ahlf Junior High School (Searcy)	NE	7-8	57	100%	3.98
10	Sheridan Middle School (Sheridan)	CN	6-8	53	100%	3.98
10	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	7-8	93	100%	3.98

¹⁶ A school was designated 8th and 9th Grade Junior High School if it served students in grades 8 and 9.

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

Table 74: Top 10 Arkansas “High Poverty” High Schools¹⁸ Based on EOC Algebra Achievement, 2011-12

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Marked Tree High School (Marked Tree)	79%	NE	9-12	40	93%	3.35
2	Harrisburg High School (Harrisburg)	73%	NE	9-12	72	79%	3.19
3	Cedarville High School (Cedarville)	69%	NW	9-12	56	79%	3.15
4	Warren High School (Warren)	73%	SE	9-12	90	73%	2.97
5	Lee County High School (Lee County)	87%	SE	9-12	61	77%	2.95
6	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheatley)	86%	NE	9-12	58	74%	2.91
7	Danville High School (Danville)	66%	NW	9-12	43	72%	2.86
8	Hope High School (Hope)	73%	SW	9-12	120	66%	2.82
9	Lincoln High School (Lincoln)	67%	NW	9-12	65	68%	2.74
10	Hot Springs High School (Hot Springs)	71%	CN	9-12	100	60%	2.71

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

Table 75: Top 10 Arkansas 8th and 9th Grade Junior High Schools¹⁹ Based on EOC Algebra Achievement, 2011-12

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/ Advanced	GPA
1	Clarksville Junior High School (Clarksville)	67%	NW	7-9	115	94%	3.51
1	St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	73%	NW	7-12	13	84%	3.51
3	St. Joe High School (Ozark Mountain)	79%	NW	7-12	18	89%	3.45
4	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	72%	SW	8-9	141	91%	3.42
5	Oden High School (Ouachita River)	67%	SW	7-12	17	94%	3.41
6	J. D. Leftwich High School (Magazine)	73%	NW	7-12	43	91%	3.38
6	Corning High School (Corning)	68%	NE	7-12	61	92%	3.38
8	Westside High School (Westside)	67%	NW	7-12	56	91%	3.35
9	Norfolk High School (Norfolk)	78%	NW	7-12	34	91%	3.32
10	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	68%	NW	7-12	68	91%	3.28

¹⁹ A school was designated 8th and 9th Grade Junior High School if it served students in grades 8 and 9.

Table 76: Top 10 “High-Poverty” 8th Grade Middle Schools²⁰ Based on EOC Algebra Achievement

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Malvern Junior High School (Malvern)	71%	CN	7-8	18	100%	4.00
1	Gentry Middle School (Gentry)	66%	NW	6-8	14	100%	4.00
3	Newport Junior High School (Newport)	73%	NE	7-8	14	100%	3.93
4	Trumann Intermediate (Trumann)	82%	NE	7-8	33	100%	3.91
5	Yerger Junior High School (Hope)	83%	SW	7-8	21	100%	3.90
6	Osceola Academic Center (Osceola)	83%	NE	1-8	14	100%	3.86
7	Green Forest Intermediate School (Green Forest)	80%	NW	4-8	21	95%	3.85
8	Blytheville Middle School (Blytheville)	83%	NE	7-8	50	100%	3.84
9	Helen Tyson Middle School (Springdale)	72%	NW	6-7	52	100%	3.81
10	Bald Knob Middle School (Bald Knob)	66%	NE	5-8	24	100%	3.79

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

Tables 77-81: Top 5 High Schools²¹ in Arkansas by Region, *EOC Algebra* Achievement



Table 77: Top 5 High Schools in *Northwest* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Huntsville High School (Huntsville)	9-12	127	96%	3.55
2	Mountain Home High School (Mountain Home)	9-12	319	91%	3.53
3	West Fork High School (West Fork)	9-12	92	92%	3.51
4	Bergman High School (Bergman)	9-12	79	96%	3.49
5	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle)	9-12	115	94%	3.46



Table 78: Top 5 High Schools in *Northeast* Arkansas Based on *EOC Algebra*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Wynne High School (Wynne)	9-12	186	87%	3.43
2	Southside High School (Southside)	9-12	78	95%	3.35
3	Marked Tree High School (Marked Tree)	9-12	40	93%	3.35
4	Manila High School (Manila)	9-12	76	87%	3.24
5	Searcy High School (Searcy)	9-12	211	84%	3.21



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Conway High East (Conway)	9-10	493	85%	3.30
2	Bryant High School (Bryant)	9-12	400	86%	3.20
3	Malvern High School (Malvern)	9-12	127	86%	3.16
4	LISA NLR High School (LISA)	9-12	22	82%	3.14
5	Sheridan High School (Sheridan)	9-12	211	83%	3.09

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



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Mena High School (Mena)	9-12	104	83%	3.13
2	Ashdown High School (Ashdown)	9-12	114	73%	3.02
3	Fouke High School (Fouke)	9-12	48	71%	2.90
4	Hope High School (Hope)	9-12	120	66%	2.82
5	El Dorado High School (El Dorado)	9-12	208	64%	2.76



Table 81: 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	56	85%	3.22
2	Star City High School (Star City)	9-12	95	84%	3.13
3	Monticello High School (Monticello)	9-12	137	80%	3.06
4	Stuttgart High School (Stuttgart)	9-12	116	74%	2.99
5	Warren High School (Warren)	9-12	90	73%	2.97

Tables 82-86: Top 5 8th and 9th Grade Junior High Schools²² in Arkansas by Region, EOC Algebra Achievement



Table 82: Top 5 Junior High Schools in Northwest Arkansas Based on EOC Algebra

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall)	8-12	64	100%	3.89
2	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	8-9	310	94%	3.64
3	Clarksville Junior High School (Clarksville)	7-9	115	94%	3.51
3	St. Paul High School (Huntsville)	7-12	13	84%	3.51
5	Greenwood Junior High School (Greenwood)	8-9	261	93%	3.49



Table 83: Top 5 Junior High Schools in Northeast Arkansas Based on EOC Algebra

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	McCrorry High School (McCrorry)	7-12	47	88%	3.52
2	Pocahontas Junior High School (Pocahontas)	7-9	134	94%	3.49
3	Valley View High School (Valley View)	7-12	178	91%	3.47
4	West Junior High School (West Memphis)	7-9	165	86%	3.41
5	Salem High School (Salem)	7-12	56	91%	3.39
5	Tuckerman High School (Jackson County)	8-12	58	89%	3.39



Table 84: Top 5 Junior 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	329	98%	3.73
2	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia)	8-9	217	95%	3.60
3	Lakeside High School (Lakeside – Garland County)	8-12	242	96%	3.54
4	White Hall Junior High School (White Hall)	7-9	169	92%	3.46
5	Greenbrier Junior High School (Greenbrier)	8-9	243	91%	3.42

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



Table 85: Top 5 Junior High Schools in Southwest Arkansas Based on EOC Algebra

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	21	91%	3.55
2	Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida)	7-12	40	93%	3.50
3	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	8-9	141	91%	3.42
4	Oden High School (Ouachita River)	7-12	17	94%	3.41
5	Norphlet High School (Norphlet)	7-12	25	92%	3.36



Table 86: Top 5 Junior 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	49	92%	3.35
2	Clarendon High School (Clarendon)	7-12	43	82%	3.22
3	Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	7-12	41	90%	3.19
4	McGehee High School (McGehee)	7-12	68	80%	3.01
5	Hermitage High School (Hermitage)	7-12	48	67%	2.84

Tables 87-91: Top 5 8th Grade Middle Schools²³ in Arkansas by Region, EOC Algebra Achievement



Table 87: Top 5 Middle Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas Based on EOC Algebra

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Gentry Middle School (Gentry)	6-8	14	100%	4.00
1	Huntsville Middle School (Huntsville)	6-8	21	100%	4.00
1	Holt Middle School (Fayetteville)	5-7	18	100%	4.00
1	Randall G. Lynch Middle School (Farmington)	6-8	41	100%	4.00
1	Lincoln Junior High School (Bentonville)	7-8	122	100%	4.00
1	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	6-7	43	100%	4.00
1	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	7-8	104	100%	4.00



Table 88: 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	57	100%	3.98
2	Southside Junior High School (Southside)	7-8	26	100%	3.96
3	Newport Junior High School (Newport)	7-8	14	100%	3.93
4	Trumann Intermediate (Trumann)	7-8	33	100%	3.91
5	Osceola Academic Center (Osceola)	1-8	14	100%	3.86
5	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	6-8	35	100%	3.86

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



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Malvern Junior High School (Malvern)	7-8	18	100%	4.00
1	Lonoke Middle School (Lonoke)	6-8	39	100%	4.00
3	Sheridan Middle School (Sheridan)	6-8	53	100%	3.98
3	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	7-8	93	100%	3.98
5	Bryant Middle School (Bryant)	6-8	81	100%	3.95



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Yerger Junior High School (Hope)	7-8	21	100%	3.90
2	Goza Middle School (Arkadelphia)	6-8	79	100%	3.87
3	Mena Middle School (Mena)	6-8	54	100%	3.83
4	Gary E. Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	5-8	24	100%	3.75
5	Paulette Smith Middle School (Fouke)	6-8	14	100%	3.71



Table 91: 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%	3.92
2	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)	6-8	54	98%	3.85
3	Warren Middle School (Warren)	6-8	28	100%	3.75
4	DeWitt Middle School (DeWitt)	6-8	41	100%	3.59
5	Hamburg Middle School (Hamburg)	6-8	55	98%	3.54

X. Geometry End-of-Course Exam, 2012

In 2011-12, 75% of students scored proficient or advanced on the Geometry EOC.

Geometry is generally taken during the tenth grade; however, some students may elect to take the course earlier if they have taken prerequisite classes. As with Algebra, this typically results in the most advanced students taking the exam in 8th or 9th grade. Because of 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
- Junior High School: primarily 8th-9th grades (and/or any grades below)

For the purposes of this report, all schools were considered as one category 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 92: Top 20 Arkansas High Schools²⁵ Based on *EOC Geometry* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Huntsville High School (Huntsville)	NW	9-12	63	97%	3.75
2	West Side High School (West Side)	NE	7-12	32	97%	3.72
3	Haas Hall Academy (Haas)	NW	8-12	79	98%	3.70
4	Benton High School (Benton)	CN	10-12	279	96%	3.68
5	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	SW	7-12	40	96%	3.61
6	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	SW	7-12	30	100%	3.60
6	West Fork High School (West Fork)	NW	9-12	86	96%	3.60
8	Mt. Vernon-Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	7-12	34	92%	3.59
9	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove)	CN	9-12	66	97%	3.53
10	Greenbrier High School (Greenbrier)	CN	10-12	220	93%	3.52
11	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle)	NW	9-12	118	97%	3.51
12	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	7-12	160	94%	3.49
13	Van-Cove High School (Cossatot)	SW	7-12	23	100%	3.48
13	Heber Springs High School (Heber Springs)	NE	9-12	132	91%	3.48
15	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	12	91%	3.47
15	Eureka Springs High School (Eureka Springs)	NW	9-12	34	91%	3.47
17	Bentonville High School (Bentonville)	NW	9-12	941	92%	3.46
18	Norphlet High School (Norphlet)	SW	7-12	31	91%	3.45
18	Searcy High School (Searcy)	NE	9-12	293	92%	3.45
20	Gravette High School (Gravette)	NW	9-12	141	92%	3.42

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

Table 93: Top 10 Arkansas Junior High Schools²⁶ Based on *EOC Geometry* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	17	100%	4.00
1	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	7-8	18	100%	4.00
3	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	147	100%	3.96
4	Cabot Junior High North (Cabot)	CN	7-9	93	100%	3.94
5	Bob Courtway Middle School (Conway)	CN	7-8	15	100%	3.93
5	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia)	CN	8-9	45	100%	3.93
7	Ramay Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	86	100%	3.92
8	White Hall Junior High School (White Hall)	CN	7-9	56	100%	3.91
9	Lakewood Middle School (North Little Rock)	CN	7-8	25	100%	3.88
9	Southwest Junior High School (Springdale)	NW	8-9	58	100%	3.88

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

Table 94: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools²⁷ Based on EOC Geometry Achievement

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/ Advanced	GPA
1	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	81%	SW	7-12	30	100%	3.60
2	Van-Cove High School (Cossatot River)	66%	SW	7-12	23	100%	3.48
3	Green Forest High School (Green Forest)	74%	NW	9-12	97	88%	3.34
4	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	68%	NW	7-12	84	89%	3.27
5	McGehee High School (McGehee)	75%	SE	7-12	54	85%	3.26
6	Westside High School (Westside)	67%	NW	7-12	29	94%	3.24
7	KIPP Delta Collegiate High School (KIPP Delta)	88%	SE	9-12	29	90%	3.18
8	Norfolk High School (Norfolk)	78%	NW	7-12	28	90%	3.17
9	Western Grove High School (Ozark Mountain)	72%	NW	7-12	12	83%	3.16
10	Jasper High School (Jasper)	70%	NW	7-12	28	86%	3.15

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

Table 95: 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	Pleasant View Jr. High School (Mulberry-Pleasant View)	70%	NW	7-9	11	100%	3.73
2	Ridgeroad Charter Middle School (North Little Rock)	91%	CN	7-8	18	100%	3.72
3	Clarksville Junior High School (Clarksville)	67%	NW	7-9	48	98%	3.69
4	Henderson Middle School (Little Rock)	89%	CN	6-8	14	100%	3.64
5	Hot Springs Middle School (Hot Springs)	82%	CN	7-8	23	96%	3.57
6	Clinton Junior High School (Clinton)	66%	NW	7-9	44	91%	3.52
7	William O. Darby Junior High School (Fort Smith)	93%	NW	7-9	36	100%	3.50
8	Forest Heights Middle School (Little Rock)	84%	CN	6-8	18	94%	3.44
9	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	72%	SW	8-9	42	88%	3.43
10	Dora Kimmons Junior High School (Fort Smith)	92%	NW	7-9	66	96%	3.42

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

Tables 96-100: Top 5 High Schools²⁹ in Arkansas by Region, **EOC Geometry** Achievement



Table 96: Top 5 High Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas Based on **EOC Geometry**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Huntsville High School (Huntsville)	9-12	63	97%	3.75
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall)	8-12	79	98%	3.70
3	West Fork High School (West Fork)	9-12	86	96%	3.60
4	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle)	9-12	118	97%	3.51
5	Eureka Springs High School (Eureka Springs)	9-12	34	91%	3.47



Table 97: Top 5 High Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas Based on **EOC Geometry**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	West Side High School (West Side)	7-12	32	97%	3.72
2	Valley View High School (Valley View)	7-12	160	94%	3.49
3	Heber Springs High School (Heber Springs)	9-12	132	91%	3.48
4	Searcy High School (Searcy)	9-12	293	92%	3.45
5	Quitman High School (Quitman)	7-12	51	86%	3.39



Table 98: 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	279	96%	3.68
2	Mt. Vernon-Enola High School (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	7-12	34	92%	3.59
3	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove – Saline County)	9-12	66	97%	3.53
4	Greenbrier High School (Greenbrier)	10-12	220	93%	3.52
5	Lakeside High School (Lakeside – Garland County)	8-12	224	92%	3.38

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



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	7-12	40	96%	3.61
2	Caddo Hills High School (Caddo Hills)	7-12	30	100%	3.60
3	Van-Cove High School (Cossatot River)	7-12	23	100%	3.48
4	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	12	91%	3.47
5	Norphlet High School (Norphlet)	7-12	31	91%	3.45



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Stuttgart High School (Stuttgart)	9-12	120	88%	3.27
2	McGehee High School (McGehee)	7-12	54	85%	3.26
3	KIPP Delta Collegiate High School (KIPP Delta)	9-12	29	90%	3.18
4	Star City High School (Star City)	9-12	108	84%	3.17
5	Rison High School (Cleveland County)	7-12	56	84%	3.16

Tables 101-105: Top 5 Junior High Schools³⁰ in Arkansas by Region, **EOC Geometry** Achievement



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Washington Junior High School (Bentonville)	7-8	17	100%	4.00
2	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	8-9	147	100%	3.96
3	Ramay Junior High School (Fayetteville)	8-9	86	100%	3.92
4	Southwest Junior High School (Springdale)	8-9	58	100%	3.88
5	L. A. Chaffin Junior High School (Fort Smith)	7-9	62	100%	3.85
5	Russellville Junior High School (Russellville)	8-9	165	98%	3.85



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

	School (District)	Grade s Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Greene County Tech Junior High School (Greene County)	8-9	63	100%	3.87
2	Batesville Junior High School (Batesville)	7-9	36	97%	3.83
3	Marion Junior High School (Marion)	8-9	58	100%	3.78
4	Pocahontas Junior High School (Pocahontas)	7-9	77	100%	3.55
5	Brookland Junior High (Brookland)	7-9	51	96%	3.53

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



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	7-8	18	100%	4.00
2	Cabot Junior High North (Cabot)	7-9	93	100%	3.94
3	Vilonia Junior High School (Vilonia)	8-9	45	100%	3.93
3	Bob Courtway Middle School (Conway)	7-8	15	100%	3.93
5	White Hall Junior High School (White Hall)	7-9	56	100%	3.91



Table 104: Top 3 Junior High Schools in **Southwest** Arkansas Based on **EOC Geometry**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Nashville Junior High School (Nashville)	7-9	31	100%	3.74
2	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	8-9	42	88%	3.43
3	Magnolia Junior High School (Magnolia)	7-9	81	88%	3.23



Table 105: Top 5 Junior High Schools 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	11	72%	3.15

Y. Biology End-of-Course Exam, 2012

In 2011-12, 42% of students scored proficient or advanced on the Biology EOC.

Biology is generally taken during the tenth grade; however, some students may elect to take the course earlier if they have taken prerequisite classes. Similar to Algebra and Geometry, this typically results in the most advanced students taking the exam in 8th or 9th grade. Because of 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
- Junior High School: primarily 8th-9th grades (and/or any grades below)

For the purposes of this report, all schools were considered as one category for the “High Poverty”³¹ awards and the awards by region.

Compared to other EOC exams, proficiency rates in biology are significantly lower. While statewide rates were at least 65% for the other three tests, the 2011-12 statewide proficiency rate for Biology was 42%. 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. Relatively lower rates for the schools included in this section thus 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 106: Top 20 Arkansas High Schools³² Based on *EOC Biology* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	13	100%	3.62
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall)	NW	8-12	125	90%	3.44
3	Viola High School (Viola)	NE	7-12	29	83%	3.28
4	LISA NLR High School (LISA)	CN	9-12	26	88%	3.07
5	Bentonville High School (Bentonville)	NW	9-12	897	75%	3.06
6	Benton Co. School of the Arts H.S. (Benton Co. of the Arts)	NW	9-12	49	80%	3.05
7	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle)	NW	9-12	118	77%	2.99
8	Eureka Springs High School (Eureka Springs)	NW	9-12	44	61%	2.92
9	Riverside High School (Riverside)	NE	7-12	64	67%	2.89
9	Southside High School (Fort Smith)	NW	10-12	517	66%	2.89
11	Omaha High School (Omaha)	NW	7-12	29	72%	2.84
12	Glen Rose High School (Glen Rose)	CN	9-12	66	69%	2.82
12	LISA Academy High (LISA)	CN	9-12	80	64%	2.82
14	Flippin High School (Flippin)	NW	9-12	19	69%	2.80
14	Calico Rock High School (Calico)	NE	7-12	25	64%	2.80
16	Bauxite High School (Bauxite)	CN	9-12	123	67%	2.79
16	Benton High School (Benton)	CN	10-12	321	64%	2.79
16	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	7-12	163	63%	2.79
16	Gravette High School (Gravette)	NW	9-12	117	63%	2.79
20	Yellville-Summit High School (Yellville-Summit)	NW	7-12	62	63%	2.77
20	Valley Springs High School (Valley Springs)	NW	9-12	72	62%	2.77

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

Table 107: Top 5 Arkansas Junior High Schools³³ Based on **EOC Biology** Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Ramay Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	39	98%	3.49
2	Booneville Junior High School (Booneville)	NW	7-9	26	92%	3.42
2	George Junior High School (Springdale)	NW	8-9	43	91%	3.42
4	Batesville Junior High School (Batesville)	NE	7-9	37	97%	3.29
5	Woodland Junior High School (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	18	78%	3.28

Table 108: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools³⁴ Based on **EOC Biology** Achievement

	School (District)	%FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Omaha High School (Omaha)	68%	NW	7-12	29	72%	2.84
2	Bruno-Pyatt High School (Ozark Mountain)	83%	NW	7-12	14	64%	2.71
3	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	68%	NW	7-12	79	53%	2.59
4	Danville High School (Danville)	66%	NW	9-12	64	53%	2.56
5	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	66%	SE	7-12	54	52%	2.50
6	Norfolk High School (Norfolk)	78%	NW	7-12	34	44%	2.47
7	Timbo High School (Mountain View)	77%	NE	7-12	20	50%	2.45
8	Jasper High School (Jasper)	70%	NW	7-12	32	43%	2.44
8	Western Yell Co. High School (Western Yell Co.)	75%	NW	7-12	29	41%	2.44
10	Shirley High School (Shirley)	78%	NW	7-12	34	47%	2.41

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 109-113: Top 5 High Schools³⁵ in Arkansas by Region, **EOC Biology** Achievement



Table 109: 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)	8-12	125	90%	3.44
2	Bentonville High School (Bentonville)	9-12	897	75%	3.06
3	Benton Co. School of the Arts H.S. (Benton Co. School of the Arts)	9-12	49	80%	3.05
3	Dardanelle High School (Dardanelle)	9-12	118	77%	2.99
5	Eureka Springs High School (Eureka Springs)	9-12	44	61%	2.92



Table 110: Top 5 High Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas Based on **EOC Biology**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Viola High School (Viola)	7-12	29	83%	3.28
2	Riverside High School (Riverside)	7-12	64	67%	2.89
3	Calico Rock High School (Calico Rock)	7-12	25	64%	2.80
4	Valley View High School (Valley View)	7-12	163	63%	2.79
5	Marmaduke High School (Marmaduke)	7-12	49	61%	2.75



Table 111: 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)	9-12	26	88%	3.07
2	Glen Rose High School (Glen Rose)	9-12	66	69%	2.82
2	LISA Academy High (LISA)	9-12	80	64%	2.82
4	Bauxite High School (Bauxite)	9-12	123	67%	2.79
4	Benton High School (Benton)	10-12	321	64%	2.79

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



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	13	100%	3.62
2	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	7-12	36	52%	2.66
3	Horatio High School (Horatio)	7-12	67	64%	2.65
4	Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida)	7-12	17	65%	2.61
5	Acorn High School (Ouachita River)	7-12	36	47%	2.55



Table 113: 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	54	61%	2.76
2	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	7-12	54	52%	2.50
3	Monticello High School (Monticello)	9-12	150	47%	2.41
4	Clarendon High School (Clarendon)	7-12	37	54%	2.40
5	KIPP Delta Collegiate High School (KIPP Delta)	9-12	64	35%	2.31

Z. Grade 11 Literacy Exam, 2012

The Grade 11 Literacy Exam is taken by every 11th grade student in Arkansas. In 2011-12, 68% of students scored proficient or advanced on the exam.

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 97: Top 20 High Schools in Arkansas Based on Grade 11 Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	AR School for Math, Science, and the Arts (AR School for Math, Science, and the Arts)	CN	11-12	113	99%	3.57
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall)	NW	8-12	67	100%	3.55
3	Bentonville High School (Bentonville)	NW	9-12	819	90%	3.36
4	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	30	97%	3.27
5	Bismarck High School (Bismarck)	CN	9-12	74	89%	3.25
6	LISA NLR High School (LISA)	CN	9-12	11	81%	3.24
7	Valley Springs High School (Valley Springs)	NW	9-12	68	83%	3.19
8	Fayetteville High School East (Fayetteville)	NW	9-12	576	86%	3.18
8	Hector High School (Hector)	NW	7-12	45	91%	3.18
8	Lamar High School (Lamar)	NW	9-12	61	92%	3.18
11	Viola High School (Viola)	NE	7-12	34	91%	3.17
12	Calico Rock High School (Cailco Rock)	NE	7-12	26	85%	3.16
12	eStem (eStem)	CN	5-12	122	83%	3.16
14	KIPP Delta Collegiate High School (KIPP Delta)	SE	9-12	40	93%	3.15
15	South Side High School (South Side)	NE	7-12	27	81%	3.14
15	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NW	7-12	166	86%	3.14
17	Berryville High School (Berryville)	NW	9-12	109	82%	3.13
17	Greenwood High School (Greenwood)	NW	10-12	270	84%	3.13
19	Conway High West (Conway)	CN	11-12	581	82%	3.12
19	Southside High School (Fort Smith)	NW	10-12	476	83%	3.12

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

Table 98: 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	Hector High School (Hector)	71%	NW	7-12	45	91%	3.18
2	KIPP Delta Collegiate High School (KIPP Delta)	88%	SE	9-12	40	93%	3.15
3	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheatley)	86%	NE	9-12	43	81%	3.11
4	Norfolk High School (Norfolk)	78%	NW	7-12	29	87%	3.10
5	Marshall High School (Searcy)	68%	NW	7-12	58	80%	3.08
6	Marked Tree High School (Marked Tree)	79%	NE	9-12	23	87%	3.04
7	Omaha High School (Omaha)	68%	NW	7-12	24	79%	3.00
8	Western Yell Co. High School (Western Yell)	75%	NW	7-12	28	75%	3.00
9	Buffalo Is. Central High School (Buffalo Is. Central)	66%	NE	10-12	42	71%	2.99
10	Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	72%	NW	7-12	14	65%	2.96

Tables 99-103: Top 5 High Schools in Arkansas by Region, **Grade 11 Literacy Achievement**



Table 99: 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)	8-12	67	100%	3.55
2	Bentonville High School (Bentonville)	9-12	819	90%	3.36
3	Valley Springs High School (Valley Springs)	9-12	68	83%	3.19
4	Fayetteville High School East (Fayetteville)	9-12	576	86%	3.18
4	Hector High School (Hector)	7-12	45	91%	3.18
4	Lamar High School (Lamar)	9-12	61	92%	3.18



Table 100: 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	34	91%	3.17
2	Calico Rock High School (Calico Rock)	7-12	26	85%	3.16
3	Valley View High School (Valley View)	7-12	166	86%	3.14
4	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheatley)	9-12	43	81%	3.11
5	Mountain View High School (Mountain View)	9-12	87	79%	3.07
5	Southside High School (Southside)	9-12	102	83%	3.07



Table 101: 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, and the Arts)	11-12	113	99%	3.57
2	Bismarck High School (Bismarck)	9-12	74	89%	3.25
3	LISA NLR High School (LISA)	9-12	11	81%	3.24
4	eStem (eStem)	5-12	122	83%	3.16
5	Conway High West (Conway)	11-12	581	82%	3.12



Table 102: Top 5 High Schools in **Southwest** Arkansas Based on **Grade 11 Literacy**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	30	97%	3.27
2	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	7-12	41	78%	3.07
3	Spring Hill High School (Spring Hill)	7-12	35	86%	3.06
4	Mount Ida High School (Mount Ida)	7-12	38	79%	2.95
4	Oden High School (Ouachita)	7-12	21	81%	2.95



Table 103: Top 5 High Schools in **Southeast** Arkansas Based on **Grade 11 Literacy**

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	KIPP Delta Collegiate High School (KIPP Delta)	9-12	40	93%	3.15
2	Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	7-12	44	75%	2.86
3	Monticello High School (Monticello)	9-12	139	62%	2.76
4	Star City High School (Star City)	9-12	109	64%	2.75
5	Rison High School (Cleveland County)	7-12	56	66%	2.73

AA. EOC Summary, 2012

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 and Geometry 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 high schools whose students are performing well in these assessments.

As such, there were several high schools recognized in multiple categories. For example, Huntsville High School in the **Huntsville School District** is recognized for high school Algebra *and* Geometry EOC performance. Among the high performing high schools with high FRL percentages, **Marked Tree High School** topped the list in on Algebra EOC performance, and **Caddo Hills High School** did the same for the Geometry EOC.

On the Biology EOC, **Omaha High School** in the Omaha School District was featured on both the overall high school lists, as well as the high performing high poverty list. Likewise, **Hector High School** topped the same lists for Grade 11 Literacy EOC performance.

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 over the past several years and highlights these schools.

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 schools 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.

C. 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
1-5	6
1-6	4-6
1-8	4-8
2-3	5-6
2-4	5-7
2-5	5-8
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	K-12*
K-6	8-12*
K-7	
K-8	
P-2	
P-3	
P-4	
P-5	
P-6	
P-7	
P-8	

*Only one school categorized by this configuration

D. School Classification – High School Awards

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

- Junior High: primarily grades 7 – 9 (maximum grade of 9)
- High School: primarily grades 9 – 12

For the Algebra EOC, schools are classified differently, as the test is taken at different levels. These classifications are explained in the Algebra EOC section.

Table B: School Classifications

Junior High		High School
8-9		9-12
7-9		10-12
7-8		11-12
6-8		9-10
6-7		7-12
5-8		6-12
5-7		5-12
4-8*		K-12
1-8*		
K-8*		

*For the purposes of the High School Awards, these schools are considered a Junior High because they have an 8th grade.