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INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

After we present our overall snapshot of high performing schools, we will release subsequent reports every few weeks focusing on a different subset of schools. In section two of the **OEP Awards** AER, we will feature schools that are beating the odds (that is, schools that have high levels of student achievement while serving a high percentage of low-income students). In the following weeks, we will focus on high performing elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in the various regions across the state. Finally, we will conclude our report by focusing on the schools with the greatest improvement in test scores between 2009 and 2010. Our release schedule is:

- **High Achieving “Overall” Schools in Arkansas** (August 25, 2010)
- **Beating the Odds – High Achieving Schools Serving Low Income Students** (September 8, 2010)
- **High Achieving Elementary Schools by Region** (September 22, 2010)
- **High Achieving Middle Schools by Region** (October 6, 2010)
- **High Achieving High Schools Across Arkansas** (October 20, 2010)
- **Most Improved Schools between 2009 and 2010** (November 3, 2010)

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

I. 2010 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING “OVERALL” SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS BASED ON PERFORMANCE ON THE BENCHMARK

This section highlights high performing elementary and middle schools across the state based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams were administered to students in grades three through eight in math and literacy in April 2010. Each table in this section presents the top 20 schools for the noted subject and school level, and includes the region in which the school is located, the grades served at the school, and the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2010.

A. Benchmark Scores in Mathematics, 2010

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

	School (District)	Region ¹	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced ²
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)♦	SE	K-3	100%
2	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)♦	CN	2-4	98%
3	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)♦	CN	K-5	97%
4	Central Park/Morning (Bentonville)♦	NW	K-4	97%
4	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)♦	CN	K-4	97%
6	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)♦	NW	K-5	97%
7	Forrest Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	K-4	97%
8	Woodrow Cummins Elementary (Conway)♦	CN	K-4	96%
9	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	CN	K-5	96%
10	Cooper Elementary (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	96%
11	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)♦	NW	K-4	96%
12	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	K-6	96%
13	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway)♦	CN	K-4	96%
13	Hamburg Lower Elementary (Hamburg)	SE	K-3	96%
15	Ida Burns Elementary (Conway)	CN	K-4	96%
16	Stagecoach Elementary (Cabot)	CN	K-4	96%
17	College Hills Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	K-4	96%
18	Cutter Morning Star Elem. (Cutter-Morning Star)♦	CN	K-6	96%
19	Forrest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	K-5	95%
20	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)♦	CN	K-4	95%

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

The percent proficient/advanced value shown is rounded. Ranks are based on actual values.

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

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	CN	5-6	98%
2	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)♦	NW	6-7	94%
3	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)♦	NW	6-8	93%
4	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	93%
5	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)♦	NW	5-7	92%
6	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)♦	NW	7-8	91%
7	Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier)♦	CN	6-7	91%
8	Ruth Hale Barker Middle School (Bentonville)♦	NW	5-6	90%
9	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)♦	CN	5-6	90%
10	Old High Middle School (Bentonville)♦	NW	5-6	89%
11	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	8-12	89%
12	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	5-8	89%
13	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	7-8	88%
14	Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside HS)	CN	5-7	88%
15	Southwest Middle School (Searcy)♦	NE	5-6	88%
16	Spring Hill Middle School (Bentonville)♦	NW	5-6	88%
17	Nettleton Middle School (Nettleton)	NE	6	87%
18	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	7-12	87%
19	Swifton Middle School (Jackson County)♦	NE	5-7	87%
20	Cabot Middle School North (Cabot)	CN	5-6	86%

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

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

Eleven elementary schools and 12 schools at the middle school level on this year’s Top 20 list were repeats from last year’s honors.

In addition to the 40 schools recognized here, there were numerous schools that nearly made the list in mathematics. In fact, 67 elementary schools and 51 middle schools were within five percentage points of the 20th school. Additionally, 347 out of the 511 elementary schools and 140 out of 373 middle schools had at least 75% of students score proficient and advanced.

As was the case in 2008-09, the schools in the top 20 serve relatively more advantaged student populations. At the elementary school level, the FRL rate for all Arkansas elementary schools was 64% while the FRL rate for the top 20 schools was 40%. Similarly, the FRL rate for all Arkansas middle schools was 58%; whereas, the FRL rate for schools in the top 20 was only 32%.

Two regions stood out in the top 20 lists. For elementary schools, 11 of the top 20 schools were from the central region. At the middle school level, 10 of the top 20 schools were from the

northwest region. Additionally, 5 of the top 20 middle schools were from the Bentonville School District.

B. Benchmark Scores in Literacy, 2010

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)♦	CN	2-4	98%
2	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)♦	CN	K-4	98%
3	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)	SE	K-3	97%
4	College Hills Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	K-4	95%
5	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway)♦	CN	K-4	94%
6	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)♦	NW	K-4	94%
7	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	SE	K-6	93%
8	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)♦	NW	K-5	93%
9	Hector Elementary (Hector)♦	NW	K-6	93%
10	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)♦	NE	K-6	93%
11	Hunt Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	93%
12	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)♦	NE	K-6	93%
13	Forrest Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	K-4	93%
14	Salem Elementary (Bryant)♦	CN	K-5	92%
15	Forrest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	K-5	92%
16	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)♦	CN	K-4	92%
17	Vandergriff Elementary (Fayetteville)♦	NW	K-5	92%
18	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)♦	CN	K-5	92%
19	Central Park/Morning (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	92%
20	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)♦	SW	K-6	91%

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

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	CN	5-6	97%
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	8-12	97%
3	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)♦	NW	7-8	90%
4	Southwest Middle School (Searcy)♦	NE	5-6	90%
5	Ahlf Jr. High (Searcy)♦	NE	7-8	90%
6	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	90%
7	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)♦	NW	5-8	89%
8	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)♦	CN	5-6	89%
9	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)♦	CN	6-8	89%
10	Benton Jr. High (Benton)	CN	8-9	89%
11	Harrison Middle School (Harrison)♦	NW	5-6	89%
12	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)♦	NW	6-7	89%
13	Kingston High School (Jasper)	NW	7-12	89%
14	Lakeside Jr. High School (Lakeside HS)♦	CN	8-9	88%
15	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	7-8	87%
16	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	NE	6-8	87%
17	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)♦	NW	6-8	87%
18	Valley View High School (Valley View)♦	NE	7-12	87%
19	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)♦	NW	5-7	87%
20	Mountain Home Jr. High (Mountain Home)♦	NW	8	87%

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

In literacy, 13 elementary schools and 14 middle schools were repeat honorees from last year.

As was the case in math, there were numerous schools that nearly made these lists as well. In fact, 45 elementary schools and 43 middle schools were within five percentage points of the 20th school on each respective list. Additionally, 258 out of the state's 511 elementary schools and 154 out of the state's 373 middle schools had at least 75% of students score proficient and advanced.

Again, it is also worth noting that many of the schools in the top 20 serve relatively advantaged student populations. At the elementary school level, the difference in FRL rates for literacy was more pronounced than in math as the FRL rate for all Arkansas elementary schools was 64% while the FRL rate for the top 20 schools in literacy was 36%. The difference in FRL rates at the middle school level was smaller than those in math. FRL rate for all Arkansas middle schools was 58%; whereas, the FRL rate for schools in the top 20 was 34%.

C. Benchmark Scores Combined (Math and Literacy)³, 2010

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)	SE	K-3	99%
2	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)♦	CN	2-4	98%
3	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)♦	CN	K-4	98%
4	College Hills Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	K-4	95%
5	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)♦	NW	K-5	95%
6	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway)♦	CN	K-4	95%
7	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)♦	NW	K-4	95%
8	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)♦	CN	K-5	95%
9	Forrest Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	K-4	95%
10	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)♦	NE	K-6	94%
11	Central Park/Morning (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	94%
12	Salem Elementary (Bryant)♦	CN	K-5	94%
13	Forrest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	K-5	94%
14	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)♦	CN	K-4	94%
15	Hunt Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	94%
16	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)♦	NE	K-6	93%
17	Magness Creek Elementary (Cabot)♦	CN	K-4	93%
18	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)♦	NW	K-3	93%
19	Vandergriff Elementary (Fayetteville)♦	NW	K-5	92%
20	Stagecoach Elementary (Cabot)	CN	K-4	92%

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

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

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	CN	5-6	98%
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	8-12	93%
3	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	6-7	91%
4	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	91%
5	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)♦	NW	7-8	91%
6	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)♦	NW	6-8	90%
7	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)♦	CN	5-6	90%
8	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)♦	NW	5-7	90%
9	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)♦	NW	5-8	89%
10	Southwest Middle School (Searcy)♦	NE	5-6	89%
11	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	7-8	88%
12	Ruth Hale Barker Middle School (Bentonville)♦	NW	5-6	88%
13	Harrison Middle School (Harrison)♦	NW	5-6	87%
14	Valley View High School (Valley View)♦	NE	7-12	87%
15	Old High Middle School (Bentonville)♦	NW	5-6	87%
16	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)♦	CN	6-8	87%
17	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)♦	NE	6-8	86%
18	Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier)	CN	6-7	86%
19	Kingston High School (Jasper)	NW	7-12	86%
20	Ahlf Jr. High (Searcy)	NE	7-8	86%

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

Both the middle school and elementary school combined benchmark categories had 13 repeat honorees from last year.

In addition to the 40 schools recognized here, several schools nearly made the list in both math and literacy. In fact, 66 elementary schools and 44 middle schools were within five percentage points of the 20th school. Additionally, 314 out of the state's 511 elementary schools and 150 out of the state's 373 middle schools had at least 75% of students score proficient and advanced.

As was the case in math and literacy, many of the schools in the top 20 serve relatively advantaged student populations. Roughly 64% of that state's elementary students are eligible for free/reduced lunch (FRL), while FRL rate of the students on the top combined lists is half that at 32%. At the middle school level also, the FRL rate for the highest achieving schools is 32% as opposed to a state middle school FRL rate of 58%.

Again, these schools tend to be clustered in the same regions. The central region had a strong showing among elementary schools, and schools from the northwest region held 11 of the 20 spots on the middle school list.

II. 2010 OEP AWARDS: BEATING THE ODDS – HIGH ACHIEVING SCHOOLS SERVING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

This section highlights the high performing “high-poverty” elementary and middle schools across the state based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams were administered to students in grades three through eight in math and literacy in April 2010. For the purpose of this report, a school is classified as high-poverty if at least two-thirds (66%) of the students were eligible for the Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) program⁴ in the 2009-10 year.

In 2009-2010, approximately 57% of the state’s elementary schools (292 of 512) served student populations facing this level of economic disadvantage. While roughly 64% of the state’s students were eligible for FRL, the high-poverty schools served more disadvantaged populations, with 81% of the students in these schools eligible for FRL.

In 2009-2010, approximately 39% of the state’s middle schools (145 of 374) served student populations in which at least two-thirds of the students were economically disadvantaged. While roughly 58% of the state’s students are eligible for FRL, the high-poverty schools served more disadvantaged student populations, with 80% of the students in these schools eligible for FRL.

Each table presents the top 20 high-poverty schools for the noted subject and school level and includes the percent of students eligible for FRL, the region in which the school is located, the grades served at the school, and the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2010.

⁴ In last year’s awards, we classified some non-high-poverty schools as high-poverty because they were located in Provision 2 districts. Provision 2 refers to an agreement between Arkansas and the Federal Government where high-poverty districts can opt to provide free lunches to all students in the district in return for reduced FRL administrative costs. Twenty-one districts in Arkansas are part of the Provision 2 program. This year, the ADE was able to provide to us the actual FRL rates for the 82 Provision 2 schools based on the schools’ FRL base rate. All other schools’ FRL rates were based on Cycle 2 Data as reported to the ADE. Cycle 2 Data were downloaded from: <http://adedata.arkansas.gov/>.

A. Benchmark Scores in Mathematics, 2010

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

	School (District)	% <i>FRL</i>	Region ⁵	Grades Served	% Proficient/ Advanced ⁶
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)*	92%	SE	K-3	100%
2	Hamburg Lower Elementary (Hamburg)	100%	SE	K-3	96%
3	Cutter Morning Star Elementary (Cutter-Morning Star)*	68%	CN	K-6	96%
4	Kingston Elementary (Jasper)*	67%	NW	K-6	94%
5	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)*	70%	NW	K-5	94%
6	Cowsert Elementary (Clinton)	73%	NW	K-3	94%
7	Morrilton Elementary (South Conway County)	70%	NW	2-3	94%
8	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County)*	68%	NE	K-4	94%
9	Old Wire Elementary (Rogers)	81%	NW	K-5	94%
10	Sidney Deener Elementary (Searcy)	67%	NE	K-4	94%
11	Luxora Elementary (South Mississippi)	97%	NE	K-4	93%
12	Woodland Heights (Harrison)*	70%	NW	K-4	92%
13	Gibbs Albright Elementary (Newport)	76%	NE	4-6	92%
14	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	82%	NW	K-3	92%
15	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	79%	SW	3-5	92%
16	Grace Hill Elementary (Rogers)	87%	NW	K-5	91%
17	Amanda Gist Elementary (Cotter)*	68%	NW	K-6	91%
18	Mattison Elementary (Conway)	97%	CN	K-4	90%
19	Bonnie Grimes Elementary (Rogers)	79%	NW	K-5	90%
20	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)*	67%	NW	K-6	90%

* Schools honored in both math and literacy this year.

Along with these top 20 schools, many other schools are beating the odds. In math, 148 out of the 292 high-poverty elementary schools in the state had 75% of students score proficient or advanced. Three of these schools are not only among the highest achieving schools serving disadvantaged student populations, but are also among the highest performing schools in the state. Cutter Morning Star Elementary (Cutter-Morning Star), Hamburg Lower Elementary (Hamburg), and Eudora Elementary (Lakeside) were also in the Top 20 overall elementary math category, highlighted in Section I above.

⁵ Schools are divided into five regions in Arkansas: Northwest (NW), Northeast (NE), Central (CN), Southwest (SW), and Southeast (SE).

⁶ Schools are ranked based on the percent of students performing at proficient or advanced levels in the noted subject

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

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/ Advanced
1	Swifton Middle (Jackson County)	69%	NE	5-7	87%
2	Marshall High (Searcy County)*	70%	NW	7-12	85%
3	Charleston High (Charleston)*	69%	NW	7-12	83%
4	Danville Middle (Danville)	70%	NW	6-8	83%
5	J.D. Leftwich High (Magazine)	68%	NW	7-12	83%
6	Mountainburg Middle (Mountainburg)*	72%	NW	5-8	82%
7	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)*	69%	NW	5-6	81%
8	Wilson Intermediate (Malvern)*	77%	CN	5-6	81%
9	Green Forest Intermediate (Green Forest)*	78%	NW	4-7	80%
10	DeQueen Middle (DeQueen)	79%	SW	6-7	79%
11	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)*	74%	SW	8-9	79%
12	Trumann Intermediate (Trumann)	67%	NE	7-8	79%
13	Deer High (Deer/Mt. Judea)	69%	NW	7-12	79%
14	Green Forest High (Green Forest)	69%	NW	8-12	78%
15	J.O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)	71%	NW	6-7	77%
16	Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)	73%	SE	5-8	77%
17	Cave City Intermediate (Cave City)*	70%	NE	5-6	77%
18	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)*	66%	NW	6-8	77%
19	Dardanella Middle (Dardanella)*	69%	NW	7-8	76%
20	Warren Middle School (Warren)	75%	SE	6-8	76%

* Schools honored in both Math and Literacy this year.

At the middle school level, only two other high-poverty schools Tuckerman High (Jackson County) and Trumann Intermediate (Trumann) scored 75% or above proficient or advanced in math. The top high-poverty school on this list, Swifton Middle School (Jackson County), was also highlighted in the Top 20 overall middle school math category, presented in Section I above.

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

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

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	% Proficient/ Advanced
3rd Grade				
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)	92%	SE	100%
1	Bruno-Pyatt Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	82%	NW	100%
1	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	76%	SE	100%
1	Hillcrest Elementary (Hillcrest)	75%	NE	100%
1	Wickes Elementary (Wickes)	73%	SW	100%
1	Bradford Elementary (Bradford)	73%	NE	100%
1	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	71%	NE	100%
1	Paron Elementary (Bryant)	67%	CN	100%
4th Grade				
1	Evening Shade Elementary (Cave City)	89%	NE	100%
1	Kingston Elementary (Jasper)	67%	NW	100%
3	Judsonia Elementary (Riverview)	75%	NE	98%
3	Cutter Morning Star (Cutter Morning Star)	68%	CN	98%
5	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	70%	NW	97%
5th Grade				
1	Old Wire Elementary (Rogers)	81%	NW	96%
2	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	67%	NW	96%
3	Gibbs Albright Elementary (Newport)	76%	NE	94%
3	Kingston Elementary (Jasper)	67%	NW	94%
5	Jo Ann Walters Elementary (Dierks)	68%	SW	92%
6th Grade				
1	Danville Middle School (Danville)	70%	NW	97%
2	Cutter Morning Star Elementary (Cutter Morning Star)	68%	CN	96%
3	Weaver Elementary (West Memphis)	92%	NE	94%
3	Jo Ann Walters Elementary (Dierks)	68%	SW	94%
5	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	67%	NW	93%
5	Kingston Elementary (Jasper)	67%	NW	93%
7th Grade				
1	Deer High (Deer/Mt. Judea)	69%	NW	92%
2	Marshall High (Searcy County)	70%	NW	91%
3	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)	66%	NW	89%
4	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	69%	NE	88%
4	Trumann Intermediate (Trumann)	67%	NE	88%
8th Grade				
1	J.D. Leftwich High (Magazine)	68%	NW	87%
2	DeQueen Jr. High (DeQueen)	74%	SW	79%
2	Marshall High (Searcy County)	70%	NW	79%
4	Green Forest High (Green Forest)	69%	NW	78%
5	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	73%	NW	77%

B. Benchmark Scores in Literacy, 2010

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

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/ Advanced
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)*	92%	SE	K-3	97%
2	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	76%	SE	K-6	93%
3	Hector Elementary (Hector)	76%	NW	K-6	93%
4	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	71%	NE	K-6	91%
5	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	83%	NW	K-6	90%
6	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County)*	68%	NE	K-4	89%
7	Gurdon Primary School (Gurdon)	79%	SW	K-4	89%
8	Judsonia Elementary (Riverview)	75%	NE	K-6	89%
9	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)*	67%	NW	K-6	87%
10	Omaha Elementary (Omaha)	77%	NW	K-6	87%
11	Woodland Heights (Harrison)*	70%	NW	K-4	86%
12	Kingston Elementary (Jasper)*	67%	NW	K-6	85%
13	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)*	70%	NW	K-5	85%
14	Yellville-Summit Elementary (Yellville-Summit)	74%	NW	K-4	85%
15	Marshall Elementary (Searcy County)	69%	NW	K-6	84%
16	Cutter Morning Star Elementary (Cutter-Mrg. Star)*	68%	CN	K-6	84%
17	Pyron Elementary (Clarksville)	70%	NW	2-4	84%
18	Eagle Heights Elementary (Harrison)	71%	NW	K-4	84%
19	Morrilton Intermediate (South Conway)	68%	NW	4-6	84%
20	Amanda Gist Elementary (Cotter)*	68%	NW	K-6	83%

* Schools honored in both math and literacy this year.

Along with these top 20 schools, many other schools are beating the odds. In fact, 88 high-poverty elementary schools boasted literacy achievement levels above 75% or more of students proficient or advanced.

Three of these schools are not only among the highest achieving schools serving disadvantaged student populations, but are also among the highest performing schools in the state. Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV), Hector Elementary (Hector), and Portland Elementary (Hamburg) were also in the Top 20 overall in elementary literacy category, highlighted in Section I above.

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

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	% Proficient/ Advanced
1	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)*	69%	NW	5-6	84%
2	Tuckerman High (Jackson County)	67%	NE	8-12	81%
3	Marshall High (Searcy County)*	70%	NW	7-12	81%
4	Charleston High (Charleston)*	69%	NW	7-12	79%
5	Mountainburg Middle (Mountainburg)*	72%	NW	5-8	79%
6	Yellville-Summit Middle (Yellville-Summit)	70%	NW	5-8	79%
7	Green Forest High (Green Forest)*	69%	NW	8-12	78%
8	Mineral Springs High (Mineral Springs)	84%	SW	7-12	78%
9	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	67%	NE	5-6	77%
10	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	72%	NE	7-12	77%
11	Wilson Intermediate (Malvern)*	77%	CN	5-6	77%
12	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)*	66%	NW	6-8	77%
13	Norfolk High (Norfolk)	78%	NW	7-12	77%
14	WYC High (Western Yell County)	77%	NW	7-12	76%
15	Cave City Intermediate (Cave City)*	70%	NE	5-6	76%
16	Riverview Jr. High (Riverview)	70%	NE	7-8	76%
17	Dardanelle Middle (Dardanelle)*	69%	NW	7-8	75%
18	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)*	74%	SW	8-9	75%
19	Acorn High (Ouachita River)	68%	SW	7-12	75%
20	Omaha High (Omaha)	68%	NW	7-12	75%

* Schools honored in both Math and Literacy this year.

Only one other high-poverty school Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea) had 75% or more students score proficient or advanced in middle school literacy.

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

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

	School (District)	% <i>FRL</i>	Region	% Proficient/ Advanced
3rd Grade				
1	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	71%	NE	100%
2	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)	92%	SE	97%
2	Judsonia Elementary (Riverview)	75%	NE	97%
4	Hector Elementary (Hector)	76%	NW	93%
5	Luxora Elementary (South Mississippi)	97%	NE	90%
5	Black Rock Elementary (Lawrence County)	82%	NE	90%
5	Caddo Hills Elementary (Caddo Hills)	78%	SW	90%
5	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County)	68%	NE	90%
4th Grade				
1	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	76%	SE	100%
2	Ode Maddox Elementary (Ouachita River)	89%	SW	96%
3	Mt. Judea Elementary (Deer/Mt. Judea)	82%	NW	93%
4	Delight Elementary (Delight)	69%	SW	92%
4	Cutter Morning Star (Cutter Morning Star)	68%	CN	92%
5th Grade				
1	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	67%	NW	97%
2	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	83%	NW	96%
3	Hector Elementary (Hector)	76%	NW	95%
3	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	76%	SE	95%
5	Umpire Elementary (Wickes)	86%	SW	93%
6th Grade				
1	Hector Elementary (Hector)	76%	NW	94%
2	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	83%	NW	93%
2	Timbo Elementary (Mountain View)	80%	NE	93%
4	WYC Elementary (Western Yell County)	80%	NW	91%
4	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	71%	NE	91%
7th Grade				
1	Deer High (Deer/Mt. Judea)	69%	NW	92%
2	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	69%	NE	82%
3	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)	66%	NW	81%
4	Norfolk High (Norfolk)	78%	NW	77%
4	Oden High (Ouachita River)	66%	SW	77%
8th Grade				
1	Mineral Springs High (Mineral Springs)	84%	SW	92%
2	Yellville-Summit Middle (Yellville-Summit)	70%	NW	90%
3	KIPP: Delta College Prep (KIPP: Delta)	85%	SE	89%
4	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	72%	NE	86%
5	Marshall High (Searcy County)	70%	NW	85%

Among the high-poverty schools in the state, many high-poverty schools obtained the accomplishment of being on two lists, either Top 20 math and literacy for high-poverty schools or of being both Top 20 on the high-poverty and the overall lists in one subject. Cutter Morning Star Elementary (Cutter Morning Star) was on three lists in the Top 20 in both math and literacy for high-poverty schools and the Top 20 math overall. Only one school, Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV), earned the highest achievement of being in the Top 20 on all five lists. Eudora Elementary was not only on the Top 20 list for both subjects as a high-poverty school, but was also in the Top 20 overall for math, literacy, and combined. Eudora Elementary ranked third in elementary reading overall and first in elementary math, elementary combined, high-poverty math, and high-poverty reading.

The first two sections of this report focused on all elementary and middle schools across the state based on the Arkansas Benchmark exams. In the following sections, we will take a closer look at these schools. First, we will highlight high achieving elementary schools in each region of Arkansas, and focus on middle schools in each region in the following section.

III. 2010 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

This section provides a deeper look at the high achieving elementary schools and grades⁷ within schools based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams were administered to students in grades three through eight in math and literacy in April 2010.

Each table presents the high achieving schools for the noted grade and subject and includes the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, and the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2010. Because we already listed our overall top performing elementary schools in Section I (pages 4-9 of this report), we move directly into listing the top performing elementary schools by grade.

A. Elementary Math by Grade, 2010

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)	CN	97	100%
1	Wickes Elementary (Wickes)	SW	54	100%
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside HS)	SE	30	100%
1	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)	SW	29	100%
1	Bradford Elementary (Bradford)	NE	28	100%
1	Hillcrest Elementary (Hillcrest)	NE	26	100%
1	Taylor Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	22	100%
1	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	SE	21	100%
1	Garfield Elementary (Rogers)	NW	19	100%
1	Gillett Elementary (Dewitt)	SE	16	100%
1	Paron Elementary (Bryant)	CN	16	100%
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	15	100%
1	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	NE	12	100%
1	Bruno-Pyatt Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	NW	11	100%

⁷ In this section, we highlight the top performing grade levels for grades three through five. We did not distinguish between elementary or middle school, but simply highlight the top grade levels overall. Therefore, a middle school may be listed if it includes one of these grades. The next section will cover grades six through eight.

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Charleston Elementary (Charleston)	NW	58	100%
1	Buffalo Island Central West Elementary (Buffalo Island)	NE	30	100%
1	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	NC	28	100%
1	Kingston Elementary (Jasper)	NW	20	100%
5	Hurricane Creek Elementary (Bryant)	CN	97	98%
5	Forest Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	74	98%
5	Cutter Morning Star (Sutter Morning Star)	CN	49	98%
5	Judsonia Elementary (Riverview)	NE	42	98%
9	Central Park Elementary (Bentonville)	NW	193	97%
9	Stagecoach Elementary (Cabot)	CN	94	97%
9	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)	NW	89	97%
9	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	73	97%
9	Woodrow Cummings Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	69	97%
9	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	CN	44	97%
9	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)	SW	38	97%
9	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	27	97%

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NW	84	100%
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NW	26	100%
1	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	25	100%
4	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)	NW	98	99%
5	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	CN	77	97%
5	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel)	SW	59	97%
7	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	CN	54	96%
7	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	53	96%
7	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	28	96%
10	Hunt Elementary (Springdale)	NW	96	94%
10	Gibbs Albright Elementary (Newport)	NE	85	94%
10	Kinston Elementary (Jasper)	NW	16	94%

B. Elementary Literacy by Grade, 2010

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)	SW	29	100%
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	15	100%
1	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	NE	12	100%
4	Judsonia Elementary (Riverview)	NE	51	97%
4	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)	SE	30	97%
6	Springhill Elementary (Bryant)	CN	75	96%
6	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	73	96%
6	Park Magnet (Hot Springs)	CN	42	96%
6	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	CN	25	96%
10	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)	NW	118	94%
10	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	67	94%
10	Gillett Elementary (Dewitt)	SE	16	94%

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Park Magnet (Hot Springs)	CN	44	100%
1	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	SE	30	100%
1	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	CN	28	100%
4	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)	NW	89	97%
4	Julia Moore Elementary (Conway)	CN	64	97%
6	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway)	CN	93	96%
6	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	CN	83	96%
6	Forest Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	74	96%
6	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	74	96%
6	Ode Maddox Elementary (Ouachita River)	SW	25	96%
6	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	25	96%
6	Lisa Academy North Elementary (Lisa Academy NLR)	CN	25	96%
6	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	24	96%

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	28	97%
2	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	NW	29	96%
3	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	CN	54	95%
3	Hector Elementary (Hector)	NW	44	95%
3	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	SE	21	95%
6	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)	NW	98	94%
7	Ruth Doyle Intermediate (Conway)	CN	373	93%
7	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	84	93%
7	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	CN	77	93%
7	Moody Elementary (White Hall)	CN	72	93%
7	Umpire Elementary (Wickes)	SW	15	93%

C. Elementary Combined (Math and Literacy)⁸ by Grade, 2010

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

	School (District)	Region	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Spring Hill (Spring Hill)	SW	100%
2	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	100%
3	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	NE	100%
3	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)	SE	99%
3	Springhill Elementary (Bryant)	CN	98%
6	Judsonia Elementary (Riverview)	NE	97%
7	Gillett Elementary (Dewitt)	SE	97%
7	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)	NW	97%
7	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)	CN	97%
7	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	97%
7	Park Magnet (Hot Springs)	CN	97%

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

	School (District)	Region	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	CN	100%
2	Park Magnet (Hot Springs)	CN	99%
3	Charleston Elementary (Charleston)	NW	98%
4	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)	NW	97%
4	Forest Heights (Harrison)	NW	97%
6	Jim Stone (Conway)	CN	96%
6	Ode Maddox (Ouachita River)	SW	96%
6	Arnold Drive (Pulaski County)	CN	96%
6	Central Park (Bentonville)	NW	96%
6	Hurricane Creek Elementary (Bryant)	CN	96%
6	Stagecoach Elementary (Cabot)	CN	96%
6	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	96%
6	Julia Moore Elementary (Conway)	CN	96%

⁸ Combined score is a simple average of students proficient or advanced on Math and Literacy.

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

	School (District)	Region	% Proficient/ Advanced
1	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)	NW	97%
1	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	97%
1	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	97%
4	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	NE	96%
4	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	96%
4	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	CN	96%
7	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	CN	95%
8	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel)	SW	94%
8	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	94%
10	Hunt Elementary (Springdale)	NW	93%
10	Forest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	93%
10	Hector Elementary (Hector)	NW	93%

The sections below present the high achieving schools for the noted grade and subject in each region and includes the grades served in the school and the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2010.



D. Northwest Region, 2010

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Central Park/Morning Star (Bentonville)♦	K-4	97%
2	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)♦	K-5	97%
3	Forrest Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	97%
4	Cooper Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	96%
5	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)♦	K-4	96%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
3rd Grade			
1	Garfield Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	100%
1	Bruno-Pyatt Elementary (Ozark Mountain)	K-6	100%
3	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	99%
4th Grade			
1	Charleston Elementary (Charleston)	K-6	100%
1	Kingston Elementary (Jasper)	K-6	100%
3	Forest Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	98%
5th Grade			
1	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)♦	K-5	99%
2	Old Wire Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	96%
2	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	K-6	96%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)♦	K-4	94%
2	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)♦	K-5	93%
3	Hector Elementary (Hector)	K-6	93%
4	Hunt Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	93%
5	Forrest Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	93%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
3rd Grade			
1	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	94%
2	Hector Elementary (Hector)	K-6	93%
2	Hunt Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	93%
4th Grade			
1	Bellview Elementary (Rogers)♦	K-5	97%
2	Forest Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	96%
3	Charleston Elementary (Charleston)	K-6	95%
3	Vandergriff Elementary (Fayetteville)	K-5	95%
5th Grade			
1	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	K-6	97%
2	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	K-6	96%
3	Hector Elementary (Hector)	K-6	95%

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



E. Northeast Region, 2010

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)♦	K-6	96%
2	Marion Elementary (Marion)	2-3	94%
3	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County)	K-4	94%
4	Sidney Deener Elementary (Searcy)	K-4	94%
5	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)♦	K-6	93%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
3rd Grade			
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)♦	K-6	100%
1	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	K-6	100%
1	Bradford Elementary (Bradford)	K-6	100%
1	Hillcrest Elementary (Hillcrest)	K-6	100%
4th Grade			
1	Buffalo Island Central West Elementary (Buffalo Island)	K-6	100%
1	Evening Shade Elementary (Cave City)	K-4	100%
3	Judsonia Elementary (Riverview)	K-6	98%
5th Grade			
1	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	K-6	100%
2	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	K-6	100%
3	Salem Elementary (Salem)♦	K-6	96%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)♦	K-6	93%
2	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)♦	K-6	93%
3	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	K-6	91%
4	Valley View Elementary (Valley View)♦	K-6	91%
5	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson County)	K-4	89%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
3rd Grade			
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)	K-6	100%
1	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	K-6	100%
3	Judsonia Elementary (Riverview)♦	K-6	97%
4th Grade			
1	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)♦	K-6	96%
1	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)♦	K-6	96%
3	Valley View Elementary (Valley View)	K-6	93%
3	Calico Rock Elementary (Calico Rock)	K-6	93%
5th Grade			
1	Richland Elementary (West Memphis)	K-6	93%
2	Mount Pleasant Elementary (Melbourne)♦	K-6	92%
2	Salem Elementary (Salem)	K-6	92%
2	Mammoth Spring Elementary (Mammoth Spring)	K-6	92%

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



F. Central Region, 2010

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

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

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
3rd Grade			
1	Ellen Smith Elementary (Conway)	K-4	100%
1	Paron Elementary (Bryant)♦	K-5	100%
3	Springhill Elementary (Bryant)	K-5	99%
4th Grade			
1	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)♦	2-4	100%
2	Hurricane Creek Elementary (Bryant)	K-5	98%
3	Cutter Morning Star (Cutter Morning Star)♦	K-6	98%
5th Grade			
1	Arnold Drive Elementary (Pulaski County)	K-5	100%
2	Salem Elementary (Bryant)♦	K-5	97%
3	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	5-6	96%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)♦	2-4	98%
2	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)♦	K-4	98%
3	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway)♦	K-4	94%
4	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	K-5	92%
5	Forrest Park Elementary (Little Rock)	K-5	92%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
3rd Grade			
1	Springhill Elementary (Bryant)	K-5	96%
1	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)♦	K-4	96%
1	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	2-4	96%
4th Grade			
1	Academy of Technology (Vilonia)♦	2-4	100%
1	Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)♦	K-4	100%
3	Julia Moore Elementary (Conway)	K-4	97%
5th Grade			
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	5-6	95%
2	Salem Elementary (Bryant)	K-5	93%
2	Ruth Doyle Intermediate (Conway)	5-6	93%
2	Moody Elementary (White Hall)	K-6	93%

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



G. Southwest Region, 2010

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	College Hills Elementary (Texarkana)♦	K-4	96%
2	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel)♦	K-6	93%
3	C D Franks Elementary (Ashdown)	2-3	92%
4	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	92%
5	Genoa Central Elementary (Genoa Central)	K-4	91%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
3rd Grade			
1	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)	K-6	100%
1	Wickes Elementary (Wickes)	K-6	100%
1	Taylor Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	K-6	100%
4th Grade			
1	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)♦	K-6	97%
2	Oden Maddox Elementary (Ouachita River)	K-6	96%
3	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	K-4	94%
3	Nevada Elementary (Nevada)	K-6	94%
5th Grade			
1	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel)♦	K-6	97%
2	Jo Ann Walters Elementary (Dierks)♦	K-6	92%
2	Gary E Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	5-8	92%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	College Hills Elementary (Texarkana)♦	K-4	95%
2	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)♦	K-6	91%
3	Gurdon Primary School (Gurdon)	K-4	89%
4	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	K-6	88%
5	Genoa Central Elementary (Genoa Central)	K-4	87%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
3rd Grade			
1	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)♦	K-6	100%
2	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	K-4	96%
3	Caddo Hills Elementary (Caddo Hills)	K-6	90%
4th Grade			
1	Oden Maddox Elementary (Ouachita River)	K-6	96%
2	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	K-6	93%
3	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)	K-6	92%
3	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	K-6	92%
3	Delight Elementary (Delight)	K-6	92%
5th Grade			
1	Umpire Elementary (Wickes)	K-6	93%
2	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel)	K-6	91%
3	Jo Ann Walters Elementary (Dierks)♦	K-6	90%
3	Acorn Elementary (Ouachita River)	K-6	90%

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



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)♦	K-3	100%
2	Hamburg Lower Elementary (Hamburg)	K-3	96%
3	Drew Central Elementary (Drew Cental)♦	K-4	87%
4	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg)	4-6	84%
5	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)♦	K-6	84%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
3rd Grade			
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)♦	K-3	100%
1	Gillett Elementary (Dewitt)	K-5	100%
1	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)♦	K-6	100%
4th Grade			
1	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg)♦	4-6	94%
1	Drew Central Elementary (Drew Central)	K-4	94%
3	Partee Elementary (Brinkley)♦	K-6	89%
5th Grade			
1	Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)♦	5-8	86%
2	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg)	4-6	85%
3	Kingsland Elementary (Cleveland County)	K-6	82%
3	West Side Elementary (Helena/W. Helena)♦	1-6	82%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)	K-3	97%
2	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)♦	K-6	93%
3	Hamburg Lower Elementary (Hamburg)	K-3	83%
4	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg)♦	4-6	82%
5	Woodlawn Elementary (Woodlawn)	K-6	79%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
3rd Grade			
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)	K-3	97%
2	Gillett Elementary (Dewitt)	K-5	94%
3	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)♦	K-6	86%
3	Kingsland Elementary (Cleveland County)♦	K-6	86%
4th Grade			
1	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)♦	K-6	100%
2	Hazen Elementary (Hazen)	K-8	88%
3	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg)♦	4-6	85%
3	Kingsland Elementary (Cleveland County)	K-6	85%
5th Grade			
1	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)♦	K-6	95%
2	Allbritton Upper Elementary (Hamburg)♦	4-6	86%
3	Hazen Elementary (Hazen)	K-8	82%

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

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

IV. 2010 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING MIDDLE SCHOOLS

This section provides a deeper look at high achieving middle schools and grades⁹ within schools based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams were administered to students in grades three through eight in math and literacy in April 2010.

Each table presents the high achieving schools for the noted grade and subject and includes the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, and the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in 2010. Because we already listed our overall top performing middle schools in Section I (pages 4-9 of this report), we move directly into listing the top performing middle schools by grade.

A. Middle School Math by Grade, 2010

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/ Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	CN	52	100%
2	Poyen Elementary (Poyen)	CN	46	98%
3	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	120	97%
3	Danville Middle School (Danville)	NW	60	97%
5	Cutter Morning Star Elementary (Cutter)	CN	53	96%
6	Euper Lane Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	53	94%
6	Weaver Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	47	94%
6	Jo Ann Walters Elementary (Dierks)	SW	33	94%
9	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	293	93%
9	Pottsville Middle School (Posttsville)	NW	116	93%
9	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	26	93%
9	Kingston Elementary (Jasper)	NW	15	93%

⁹ In this section, we highlight the top performing grade levels for grades six through eight. We did not distinguish between elementary, middle, or high school, but simply highlight the top grade levels overall. Therefore, an elementary or high school may be listed if it includes one of these grades.

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	482	95%
1	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	316	95%
1	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	SE	46	95%
1	Spring Hill High School (Spring Hill)	SW	37	95%
5	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	465	94%
6	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	134	93%
6	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	CN	99	93%
8	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)	NW	280	92%
8	Randall G. Lynch Middle School (Farmington)	NW	174	92%
8	Bergman Middle School (Bergman)	NW	79	92%
8	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	76	92%
8	Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	NW	13	92%

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	457	91%
2	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	353	89%
2	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	124	89%
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	37	89%
5	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley)	NW	72	87%
5	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	SW	48	87%
5	J.D. Leftwich High (Magazine)	NW	38	87%
8	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	467	86%
8	McCrary High School (McCrary)	NE	56	86%
10	Star City Middle School (Star City)	SE	118	85%
10	Viola High School (Viola)	NE	34	85%

B. Middle School Literacy by Grade, 2010

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	CN	52	100%
2	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	25	96%
3	Hector Elementary (Hector)	NW	46	94%
4	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	NW	29	93%
4	Timbo Elementary (Mountain View)	NE	14	93%
6	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	293	92%
7	Southwest Middle School (Searcy)	NE	277	91%
7	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	NE	101	91%
7	Cook Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	79	91%
7	WYC Elementary (Western Yell County)	NW	42	91%
7	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	NE	11	91%

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Kingston High School (Jasper)	NW	18	95%
2	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)	NW	280	92%
2	Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	NW	13	92%
4	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	482	90%
4	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	465	90%
4	Benton County School of the Arts (Benton County School of the Arts)	NW	50	90%
7	Ahlf Jr. High (Searcy)	NE	298	89%
7	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)	CN	106	89%
9	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	76	87%
10	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	316	86%
10	Pottsville Junior High (Pottsville)	NW	115	86%
10	Quitman High School (Quitman)	NE	47	86%

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)	CN	100	98%
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	37	97%
2	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	72	94%
4	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	124	93%
4	Redfield Jr. High (White Hall)	CN	40	93%
4	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	353	92%
7	Ahlf Jr. High (Searcy)	SW	287	92%
7	Valley View High School (Valley View)	SW	158	92%
9	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove Camden)	NW	72	92%
10	Mineral Springs High School (Mineral Springs)	NW	24	92%

C. Middle School Combined (Math and Literacy)¹⁰ by Grade, 2010

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)	CN	52	100%
2	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	293	93%
3	Cook Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	79	92%
3	Poyen Elementary (Poyen)	CN	46	92%
5	Valley View Elementary (Valley View)	NE	201	91%
5	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	NE	11	91%
5	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	120	91%
5	Euper Lane Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	53	91%
5	WYC Elementary (Western Yell County)	NW	42	91%
5	Jo Ann Walters Elementary (Dierks)	SW	33	91%
5	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	26	91%

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

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	482	93%
2	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	465	92%
2	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)	NW	280	92%
2	Kingston High School (Jasper)	NW	18	92%
2	Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	NW	13	92%
6	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	NW	316	91%
7	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	76	90%
8	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	134	89%
8	Spring Hill High School (Spring Hill)	SW	37	89%
8	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)	CN	106	89%
8	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	NE	99	89%

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

	School (District)	Region	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	37	93%
2	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	NW	124	91%
2	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	457	91%
2	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	CN	353	91%
2	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)	CN	100	91%
2	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	NW	72	91%
7	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)	NW	467	89%
8	McCrary High School (McCrary)	NE	56	88%
8	Redfield Jr. High (White Hall)	CN	40	88%
8	Valley View High School (Valley View)	NE	158	88%



D. Northwest Region, 2010

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)♦	6-7	94%
2	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)♦	6-8	93%
3	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	7-8	93%
4	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)♦	5-7	92%
5	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)	7-8	91%

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

Table 52: Top 3 Schools by Grade Level¹¹ in Northwest Arkansas Based on Benchmark Math Achievement

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade			
1	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	6-8	97%
2	Danville Middle School (Danville)	6-8	97%
3	Euper Lane Elementary (Fort Smith)	K-6	94%
7th Grade			
1	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)♦	7-8	95%
2	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	6-7	95%
3	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	7-8	94%
8th Grade			
1	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	7-8	91%
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	8-12	89%
3	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	6-8	89%

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

¹¹ In this section, we highlight the top performing grade levels for grades six through eight in each region. We did not distinguish between elementary or middle school, but simply highlight the top grade levels overall. Therefore, an elementary or high school may be listed if it includes one of these grades.

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	8-12	97%
2	Washington Jr. High (Bentonville)♦	7-8	90%
3	Lincoln Jr. High (Bentonville)	7-8	90%
4	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	5-8	89%
5	Harrison Middle School (Harrison)♦	5-6	89%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade			
1	Hector Elementary (Hector)	K-6	94%
2	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	K-6	93%
3	McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	6-7	92%
7th Grade			
1	Kingston High School (Jasper)	7-12	95%
2	Deer High School (Deer/Mt. Judea)	7-12	92%
3	East Hills Middle School (Greenwood)	5-7	92%
8th Grade			
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	8-12	97%
2	Valley Springs Middle School (Valley Springs)	5-8	94%
3	Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge)	6-8	93%

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



E. Northeast Region, 2010

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Southwest Middle School (Searcy)♦	5-6	88%
2	Nettleton Middle School (Nettleton)	6	87%
3	Valley View High School (Valley View)	7-12	87%
4	Swifton Middle School (Jackson County)♦	5-7	87%
5	Walnut Ridge High School (Lawrence County)	7-12	86%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade			
1	Weaver Elementary (West Memphis)	K-6	94%
2	Valley View Elementary (Valley View)	K-6	92%
3	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)♦	K-6	91%
3	Swifton Middle School (Jackson County)	5-7	91%
3	Calico Rock Elementary (Calico Rock)♦	K-6	91%
3	Wedlock Elementary (West Memphis)	K-6	91%
7th Grade			
1	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	6-8	93%
2	Valley View High School (Valley View)♦	7-12	90%
3	Walnut Ridge High School (Lawrence County)	7-12	90%
8th Grade			
1	McCrary High School (McCrary)	7-12	86%
2	Viola High School (Viola)	7-12	85%
3	Salem High School (Salem)	7-12	84%
3	Walnut Ridge High School (Lawrence County)	7-12	84%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Southwest Middle School (Searcy)♦	5-6	90%
2	Ahlf Jr. High (Searcy)	7-8	90%
3	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	6-8	87%
4	Valley View High School (Valley View)♦	7-12	87%
5	Melbourne High School (Melbourne)	7-12	84%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade			
1	Timbo Elementary (Mountain View)	K-6	93%
2	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	K-6	91%
2	Southwest Middle School (Searcy)	5-6	91%
2	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	6-8	91%
7th Grade			
1	Ahlf Jr. High (Searcy)	7-8	89%
2	Quitman High School (Quitman)	7-12	86%
3	Mountain View Middle School (Mountain View)	6-8	84%
8th Grade			
1	Valley View High School (Valley View)♦	7-12	92%
1	Ahlf Jr. High (Searcy)♦	7-8	92%
3	McCrary High School (McCrary)	7-12	90%
3	Calico Rock High School (Calico Rock)	7-12	90%
3	Melbourne High School (Melbourne)	7-12	90%

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



F. Central Region, 2010

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	5-6	98%
2	Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier)♦	6-7	91%
3	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)♦	5-6	90%
4	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	7-8	88%
5	Lakeside Middle School (Lakeside HS)	5-7	88%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade			
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	5-6	100%
2	Poyen Elementary (Poyen)	K-6	98%
3	Cutter Morning Star Elementary (Cutter Morning Star)	K-6	96%
7th Grade			
1	Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier)♦	6-7	90%
2	Cutter Morning Star High School (Cutter Morning Star)	7-12	89%
3	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)♦	6-8	88%
8th Grade			
1	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)♦	7-8	89%
2	Lisa NLR Middle School (Lisa Academy NLR)	6-8	84%
3	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)	6-8	83%
3	Redfield Jr. High (White Hall)	7-9	83%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	5-6	97%
2	Ruth Doyle Intermediate School (Conway)♦	5-6	89%
3	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)	6-8	89%
4	Benton Jr. High (Benton)	8-9	89%
5	Lakeside Jr. High School (Lakeside HS)♦	8-9	88%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade			
1	Academy of Service and Technology (Vilonia)♦	5-6	100%
2	Ouachita Elementary (Ouachita)	K-6	88%
3	e-STEM Middle School (e-STEM Middle Public)	5-8	87%
7th Grade			
1	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)♦	6-8	89%
2	Benton Middle School (Benton)	6-7	85%
3	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	7-8	83%
8th Grade			
1	Lisa Middle School (Lisa Academy)♦	6-8	98%
2	Redfield Jr. High (White Hall)♦	7-9	93%
3	Carl Stuart Middle School (Conway)	7-8	92%

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



G. Southwest Region, 2010

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)♦	7-12	85%
2	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	83%
3	Mena Upper Elementary School (Mena)	6	82%
4	Gary E Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	5-8	81%
5	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)♦	7-12	81%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade			
1	Jo Ann Walters Elementary (Dierks)♦	K-6	94%
2	Gary E Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	5-8	90%
3	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)	K-6	88%
3	Parkers Chapel Elementary (Parkers Chapel)	K-6	88%
7th Grade			
1	Spring Hill High School (Spring Hill)	7-12	95%
2	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	90%
3	Barton Jr. High School (El Dorado)	7-8	86%
8th Grade			
1	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)♦	7-12	87%
2	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove Camden)	7-12	81%
3	Taylor High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	80%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	84%
2	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove Camden)	7-12	84%
3	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)♦	7-12	83%
4	Gary E Cobb Middle School (Genoa Central)	5-8	82%
5	Mena Middle School (Mena)	7-8	81%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade			
1	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	K-6	96%
2	Spring Hill Elementary (Spring Hill)	K-6	90%
3	Jo Ann Walters Elementary (Dierks)	K-6	87%
3	Taylor Elementary (Emerson-Taylor)	K-6	87%
7th Grade			
1	Spring Hill High School (Spring Hill)	7-12	83%
2	Parkers Chapel High School (Parkers Chapel)	7-12	81%
2	Mena Middle School (Mena)	7-8	81%
8th Grade			
1	Harmony Grove High School (Harmony Grove Camden)	7-12	92%
1	Mineral Springs High School (Mineral Springs)	7-12	92%
3	Emerson High School (Emerson-Taylor)	7-12	90%

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



H. Southeast Region, 2010

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Star City Middle School (Star City)♦	6-8	86%
2	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)	6-8	84%
3	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	7-12	78%
4	Drew Central Middle School (Drew Central)♦	5-8	77%
5	Warren Middle School (Warren)	6-8	76%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade			
1	Hermitage Elementary (Hermitage)	K-6	87%
2	Star City Middle School (Star City)	6-8	86%
3	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)♦	6-8	85%
7th Grade			
1	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	7-12	95%
2	Star City Middle School (Star City)	6-8	86%
3	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)	6-8	85%
8th Grade			
1	Star City Middle School (Star City)♦	6-8	85%
2	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)♦	6-8	81%
3	KIPP: Delta College Prep (KIPP: Delta)♦	5-8	65%
3	Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	7-12	65%
3	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	7-12	65%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Woodlawn High School (Woodlawn)	7-12	82%
2	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)♦	6-8	79%
3	Star City Middle School (Star City)♦	6-8	77%
4	Rison High School (Cleveland County)	7-12	75%
5	KIPP: Delta College Prep (KIPP: Delta)♦	5-8	74%

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

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade			
1	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)♦	K-6	89%
2	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)♦	6-8	81%
3	Star City Middle School (Star City)	6-8	77%
3	Woodlawn Elementary (Woodlawn)♦	K-6	77%
7th Grade			
1	Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	7-12	82%
2	Barton High School (Barton-Lexa)	7-12	76%
3	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)♦	6-8	75%
8th Grade			
1	KIPP: Delta College Prep (KIPP: Delta)♦	5-8	89%
2	Star City Middle School (Star City)♦	6-8	81%
2	Monticello Middle School (Monticello)	6-8	81%
2	Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	7-12	81%

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

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

As was the case for the elementary schools, there is some overlap between the top five performing middle schools in math and literacy in each region. Additionally, there were 26 unique instances where a middle school received an OEP award two years in a row in a given category. We would like to congratulate all of the schools on these lists, specifically those who are showing a repeat performance of high achievement.

In the next section, we will focus on high schools. We will use the End-of-Course examinations to create a list of overall high achieving high schools in Arkansas, high-poverty high schools that are performing at high levels, and the high achieving high schools in each region.

V. 2010 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING HIGH SCHOOLS

This section highlights high-performing high schools across Arkansas based on End-of-Course (EOC) examinations in Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and the Grade 11 Literacy examination from the 2009-10 academic year.¹² This section is divided into subsections based on scores from each of the four tests. Subsections are divided as follows: the top 20 high schools, top 10 “high poverty” high schools, and top five high schools by region.

Two of these exams are “high stakes” tests. The EOC for Algebra I became high stakes in 2009-10. The Grade 11 Literacy examination will become high stakes in 2013. This means they will function as exit exams such that students must score proficient or advanced (or some alternative exam) to receive a high school diploma.¹³

A. Algebra End-of-Course Exam, 2010

Junior high and high schools with the highest performance in Algebra are given below in Table 53.¹⁴ All of the top 20 schools had between 96% and 100% of their students score above the state’s “high stakes” threshold, thereby making them eligible for graduation.¹⁵ At least 91% of their students scored proficient or higher on the exam.

These are not the only schools reaching high levels of achievement in Algebra. In all, 251 of the 408 schools with students taking the Algebra EOC had 75% or more students score proficient or advanced. Of these 251 schools, 104 are middle or junior high schools, while 147 are regular high schools.

The geographical distribution of these top 20 schools is uneven. The state’s Southwest, Northeast, and Central regions are evenly represented by 4 or 5 schools on the list. The Northwest has the greatest number of schools on the list, with 8, while the Southeast has no schools in the top 20 for performance on the Algebra I EOC exam.

Algebra I is generally taken during the ninth grade; however, some students may elect to take this course earlier if they have the prerequisite knowledge. This may result in a small number of the most advanced students taking the exam in the 7th or 8th grade. For this reason, schools have been split into groups based on whether the school serves 9th grade students. Because of significant differences between students who take algebra in the 8th and 9th grades, middle schools tend to have higher proficiency levels than do schools which serve 9th grade students. In fact, over 66 middle or junior high schools had 100% of students score proficient or advanced, as presented in Table 54 below in this section.

¹² The Algebra I Biology and Geometry EOC exams are given twice annually in January and again in April; the Grade 11 Literacy Exam is administered in March.

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.

¹⁴ The list includes 22 schools because three schools tied for 20th place, each with 91% proficiency.

¹⁵ The “high stakes” graduation threshold is slightly lower than the threshold for proficiency, meaning that a higher percentage of students will score well enough to graduate than will attain proficiency.

Table 53: Top 20 Regular High¹⁶ Schools in Arkansas Based on EOC Algebra Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Passed High Stakes ¹⁷	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Taylor High (Emerson-Taylor)♦	SW	7-12	31	100%	100%
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	8-12	52	100%	99%
3	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	SW	7-12	50	100%	98%
4	Mt. Vernon/Enola High (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	7-12	36	100%	97%
5	Benton Junior High (Benton)	CN	8-9	350	99%	96%
6	Woodland Junior High (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	274	98%	95%
6	Lakeside Junior High (Lakeside)	CN	8-9	213	100%	95%
6	Joe T. Robinson High (Pulaski County)	CN	9-12	41	97%	95%
6	Acorn High (Ouachita)	SW	7-12	40	100%	95%
10	Marion Junior High (Marion)	NE	8-9	285	99%	94%
11	Vilonia Junior High (Vilonia)	CN	8-9	201	99%	93%
11	Bigelow High (East End)♦	NW	7-12	55	98%	93%
11	Oden High (Ouachita River)♦	SW	7-12	14	100%	93%
14	Bentonville High (Bentonville)♦	NW	9-12	694	98%	92%
14	Raymond E. Wells Junior High (Greenwood)	NW	8-9	257	100%	92%
14	Dardanelle High (Dardanelle)	NW	9-12	93	100%	92%
14	Gentry High (Gentry)	NW	9-12	72	98%	92%
14	Alpena High (Alpena)♦	NW	7-12	49	100%	92%
14	Mount Ida High (Mount Ida)♦	SW	7-12	35	96%	92%
20	Valley View High (Valley View)♦	NE	7-12	169	99%	91%
20	McCrary High (McCrary)	NE	7-12	55	98%	91%
20	Buffalo Is. Central Junior High (Buffalo Island)	NE	7-9	44	98%	91%

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

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

¹⁶ A school was designated a regular algebra school if it served students in the 9th grade.

¹⁷ The passing score for the "high stakes" aspect of the Algebra I test is lower than the minimum score required to score proficient.

The following 66 schools achieved 100% proficiency among their 7th and 8th grade students taking Algebra I. These schools' performance, while commendable, cannot be fairly compared with performance for schools offering Algebra I in the 9th grade. Most often, students taking Algebra I in the 7th or 8th grade are the most advanced students in the school. Students taking Algebra I in the 9th grade or higher are drawn from all levels of ability and achievement.

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

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Barton Junior High (El Dorado)♦	SW	7-8	98	100%
Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville)♦	NW	7-8	94	100%
Sheridan Middle (Sheridan)♦	CN	6-8	94	100%
Pulaski Heights Middle (Little Rock)	CN	6-8	93	100%
Carl Stuart Middle (Conway)♦	CN	7-8	85	100%
Kirksey Middle (Rogers)♦	NW	6-8	83	100%
Bryant Middle (Bryant)♦	CN	6-8	83	100%
Pea Ridge Middle (Pea Ridge)	NW	6-8	76	100%
Prairie Grove Middle (Prairie Grove)♦	NW	5-8	73	100%
Paragould Junior (Paragould)♦	NE	7-8	72	100%
Bob Courtway Middle (Conway)♦	CN	7-8	66	100%
Elmwood Middle (Rogers)♦	NW	6-8	63	100%
Bethel Middle (Bryant)♦	CN	6-8	62	100%
Siloam Springs Middle (Siloam Springs)♦	NW	6-8	54	100%
Hellstern Middle (Springdale)♦	NW	6-7	53	100%
Blytheville Middle (Blytheville)‡	NE	7-8	51	100%
Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)♦ ‡	NW	6-7	49	100%
Lingle Middle (Rogers)♦	NW	6-8	48	100%
Mena Middle (Mena)♦	SW	7-8	45	100%
Forrest City Junior (Forrest City) ‡	NE	7-8	44	100%
Ahlf Junior High (Searcy)♦	NE	7-8	44	100%
Heber Springs Middle (Heber Springs)♦	NE	6-8	40	100%
J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)♦ ‡	NW	6-7	40	100%
Gravette Middle (Gravette)♦	NW	6-8	39	100%
McNair Middle (Fayetteville)♦	NW	6-7	39	100%
Camden Fairview Middle (Camden-Fairview)♦ ‡	SW	6-8	38	100%
Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs)♦	NW	5-8	37	100%
Monticello Middle (Monticello)♦	SE	6-8	37	100%
Lavaca Middle (Lavaca)♦	NW	5-8	35	100%
Mountain View Middle (Mountain View)♦	NE	6-8	34	100%
Crossett Middle (Crossett)	SE	5-8	33	100%
Star City Middle (Star City)♦	SE	6-8	30	100%

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

‡ Indicates high poverty school

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

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Southside Middle (Southside)◆	NE	5-8	29	100%
Fouke Middle (Fouke)◆	SW	6-8	29	100%
Randall G. Lynch Middle (Farmington)	NW	6-8	29	100%
Berryville Middle (Berryville)◆	NW	6-8	28	100%
Malvern Junior High (Malvern)◆‡	CN	7-8	26	100%
Paris Middle (Paris)◆	NW	5-8	26	100%
Atkins Middle (Atkins)◆	NW	5-8	25	100%
Waldron Middle (Waldron)‡	NW	5-8	25	100%
Dardanelle Middle (Dardanelle)◆‡	NW	7-8	25	100%
Manila Middle (Manila)	NE	5-8	24	100%
Warren Middle (Warren)◆ ‡	SE	6-8	22	100%
Bismarck Middle (Bismarck)◆	CN	5-8	22	100%
Glen Rose Middle (Glen Rose)◆	CN	5-8	22	100%
Yellville-Summit Middle (Yellville-Summit)◆‡	NW	5-8	22	100%
Cabe Middle (Gurdon)‡	SW	5-8	21	100%
Lonoke Middle (Lonoke)◆	CN	6-8	21	100%
Newport Junior High (Newport)◆‡	NE	7-8	20	100%
Huntsville Middle (Huntsville)◆	NW	6-8	20	100%
Mansfield Middle (Mansfield)	NW	5-8	20	100%
Greenland Middle (Greenland)	NW	5-8	20	100%
Riverview Jr. High (Riverview)‡	NE	7-8	20	100%
Stuttgart Junior High (Stuttgart)◆	SE	7-8	19	100%
Yerger Junior High (Hope)◆‡	SW	7-8	19	100%
Dover Middle (Dover)◆	NW	5-8	19	100%
Danville Middle (Danville)‡	NW	6-8	19	100%
Trumann Intermediate (Trumann)‡	NE	7-8	18	100%
Eureka Springs Middle (Eureka Springs)	NW	5-8	17	100%
Benton County School of the Arts Elem./Mid. (Benton County SoA)	NW	K-8	14	100%
Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)‡	NW	6-8	14	100%
Mountainburg Middle (Mountainburg)‡	NW	5-8	14	100%
Eliza Miller Junior High (Helena/W. Helena)‡	SE	7-8	14	100%
Drew Central Middle (Drew Central)‡	SE	5-8	12	100%
Lamar Middle (Lamar)	NW	5-8	11	100%
Holt Middle (Fayetteville)	NW	6-7	11	100%

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

‡ Indicates high poverty school

Table 55 includes only schools categorized as “high poverty” (having greater than 66% of students receiving free or reduced lunch (FRL) in the grades they serve). FRL rates for these schools range mostly from 67% to 71%. One school, **KIPP Delta College Prep**, made the list with an 82% FRL rate. Note the top 10 schools in this table are distributed evenly across the four outlying quadrants of the state, with each corner (Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, or Southeast) having either two or three schools on the list. No high-poverty schools in the state’s Central region made the list.

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

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	J. D. Leftwich High (Magazine)	68%	NW	6-12	61	93%
2	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	69%	NE	7-12	42	91%
3	Norfolk High (Norfolk)	67%	NW	7-12	35	88%
4	Caddo Hills High (Caddo Hills)	71%	SW	7-12	37	87%
5	Acorn High (Ouachita River)	69%	SW	7-12	43	82%
5	Mineral Springs High (Mineral Springs)	67%	SW	7-12	28	82%
7	McGehee High (McGehee)	70%	SE	7-12	93	79%
8	KIPP: Delta College Prep (KIPP: Delta)	82%	SE	9-12	13	77%
8	Plainview-Rover High (Two Rivers)	70%	NW	7-12	17	77%
10	Harrisburg High (Harrisburg)	68%	NE	9-12	88	75%

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

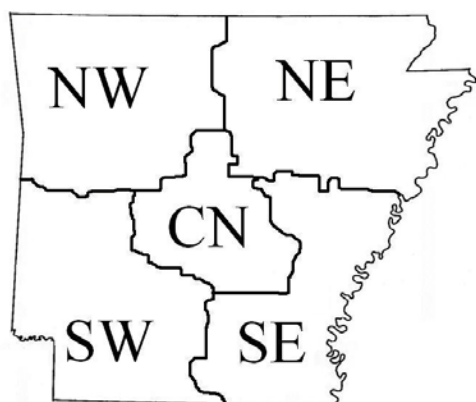
Tables 56-60: Top 5 Regular Algebra Schools in Arkansas by Region, EOC Algebra Achievement

Northwest Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Prof/ Adv
Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	52	99%
Woodland Junior High (Fayetteville)	274	95%
Bigelow High ♦ (East End)	55	93%
Bentonville High ♦ (Bentonville)	694	92%
Raymond E. Wells Jr. High (Greenwood)	257	92%
Dardanelle High (Dardanelle)	93	92%
Gentry High (Gentry)	72	92%
Alpena High ♦ (Alpena)	49	92%

Northeast Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Prof/ Adv
Marion Junior High (Marion)	285	94%
Valley View High ♦ (Valley View)	169	91%
McCrary High (McCrary)	55	91%
Buffalo Is. Cen. Jr. High (Buffalo Island)	44	91%
Searcy High ♦ (Searcy)	257	90%
Rector High (Rector)	57	90%
Tuckerman High (Jackson County)	42	90%
West Side High (West Side)	32	90%



Southwest Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Prof/ Adv
Taylor High ♦ (Emerson-Taylor)	31	100%
Spring Hill High ♦ (Spring Hill)	50	98%
Acorn High (Ouachita)	40	95%
Oden High ♦ (Ouachita River)	14	93%
Mount Ida High (Mount Ida)	35	92%

Central Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Prof/ Adv
Mt. Vernon/Enola High (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	36	97%
Benton Junior High (Benton)	350	96%
Lakeside Junior High (Lakeside)	213	95%
Joe T. Robinson High (Pulaski County)	41	95%
Vilonia Junior High (Vilonia)	201	93%

Southeast Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Prof/ Adv
Star City High ♦ (Star City)	94	83%
Drew Central High (Drew Central)	44	82%
Rison High (Cleveland County)	53	80%
Stuttgart High ♦ (Stuttgart)	121	77%
Des Arc High (Des Arc)	53	75%

B. Geometry End-of-Course Exam, 2010

Top-performing high schools in Geometry are listed below in Table 61. All schools on the list achieved at least 87% proficiency, compared to a statewide average of 69%. These are not the only schools reaching high levels of achievement in Geometry. In all, 107 of the 286 high schools in which students took the geometry EOC had 75% or more students score proficient or advanced. Geometry is generally taken during the tenth grade.

As in Algebra, the top 20 high schools in end-of-course Geometry are unevenly distributed across the state. Regional counts range from 2 schools making the list from the state's Southeast, to 9 schools from the Northwest making the list.

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)♦	NW	8-12	32	100%
1	Mt. Vernon/Enola High (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	7-12	24	100%
3	Taylor High (Emerson-Taylor)	SW	7-12	38	97%
4	Benton High (Benton)♦	CN	10-12	235	96%
5	Dardanelle High (Dardanelle)♦	NW	9-12	93	94%
6	Searcy High (Searcy)♦	NE	9-12	242	93%
6	Deer High (Deer/Mt. Judea)	NW	7-12	14	93%
8	Jasper High (Jasper)♦	NW	7-12	39	92%
9	Bentonville High (Bentonville)♦	NW	9-12	704	91%
9	Greenwood High (Greenwood)	NW	10-12	167	91%
9	Viola High (Viola)	NE	7-12	22	91%
12	Valley View High (Valley View)	NE	7-12	158	90%
12	West Side High (West Side)	NE	7-12	41	90%
12	Ouachita High (Ouachita)	CN	7-12	29	90%
15	Bismarck High (Bismark)	CN	9-12	70	89%
16	Bald Knob High (Bald Knob)	NE	9-12	92	88%
16	Oden High (Ouachita River)	SW	7-12	17	88%
18	Lamar High (Lamar)	NW	9-12	98	87%
18	West Fork High (West Fork)	NW	9-12	82	87%
18	KIPP Delta College Prep (KIPP: Delta)♦	SE	9-12	53	87%
18	Alpena High (Alpena)♦	NW	7-12	37	87%
18	Hazen High (Hazen)	SE	9-12	36	87%
18	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	SW	7-12	32	87%

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

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

Indeed, only 50 middle and junior high schools even tested students in Geometry. Each of these 50 schools had 75% or more students score proficient or advanced. Furthermore, 33 of the 50 schools had 100% or more of students scoring proficient or advanced. These 33 schools are presented in Table 62 below.

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

School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Woodland Junior High (Fayetteville)♦	NW	8-9	119	100%
Cabot Junior High (Cabot)♦	CN	7-9	107	100%
Raymond E. Wells Junior High (Greenwood)♦	NW	8-9	107	100%
Lake Hamilton Junior High (Lake Hamilton)♦	CN	8-9	83	100%
Ramay Junior High (Fayetteville)	NW	8-9	81	100%
Greene County Tech Junior High (Green County Tech)♦	NE	8-9	76	100%
Lakeside Junior High (Lakeside HS)♦	CN	8-9	75	100%
Marion Junior High (Marion)♦	NE	8-9	70	100%
L. A. Chaffin Junior High (Fort Smith)♦	NW	7-9	66	100%
Lakewood Middle (North Little Rock)♦	CN	7-8	65	100%
Harrison Junior High (Harrison)♦	NW	7-9	64	100%
Butterfield Junior High (Van Buren)♦	NW	7-9	50	100%
Ozark Junior High (Ozark)	NW	8-9	44	100%
White Hall Junior High (White Hall)♦	CN	7-9	43	100%
Vilonia Junior High (Vilonia)♦	CN	8-9	43	100%
Fuller Middle (Pulaski County)♦	CN	6-8	34	100%
Central Junior High (Springdale)♦	NW	8-9	34	100%
Southwest Junior High (Springdale)♦	NW	8-9	32	100%
Ramsey Junior High (Fort Smith)♦	NW	7-9	30	100%
Booneville Junior High (Booneville)♦	NW	7-9	28	100%
eStem Middle (eSTEM Public Charter)	CN	5-8	25	100%
DeQueen Junior (DeQueen)♦	SW	8-9	24	100%
Batesville Junior High (Batesville)	NE	7-9	23	100%
KIPP Delta College Preparatory (KIPP: Delta)	SE	5-8	22	100%
Maumelle Middle (Pulaski County)	CN	6-8	22	100%
Hot Springs Middle (Hot Springs)♦	CN	7-8	22	100%
Ridgeroad Charter Middle (North Little Rock)♦	CN	7-8	19	100%
Mann Magnet Middle (Little Rock)♦	CN	6-8	14	100%
Pulaski Heights Middle (Little Rock)♦	CN	6-8	14	100%
Bob Courtway Middle (Conway)	CN	7-8	13	100%
Lisa NLR High (Lisa Academy NLR)	CN	9	12	100%
Carl Stuart Middle (Conway)♦	CN	7-8	12	100%
Lisa Academy North Middle (Lisa Academy NLR)	CN	6-8	11	100%

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

Top-performing high-poverty schools are shown in Tables 63 and 64. These schools have at least 66% of their students receiving free or reduced lunches. As with Algebra, these mostly rural schools are scattered among the four outlying quadrants of the state, with no schools from the state’s more urban Central region making the list. Proficiency rates for all schools on the list were above the state average of 69%, ranging from 71% to 97%.

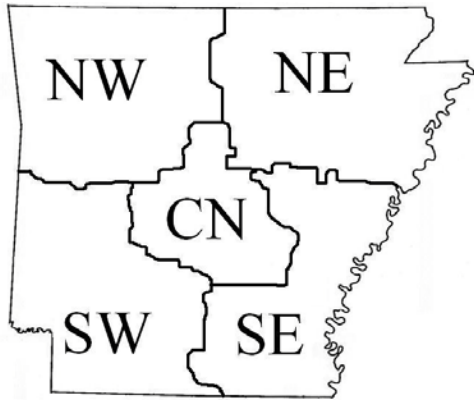
Table 63: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools Based on EOC Geometry Achievement

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	KIPP: Delta College Prep (KIPP: Delta)	82%	SE	9-12	28	97%
2	Caddo Hills High (Caddo Hills)	71%	SW	7-12	34	88%
3	McGehee High (McGehee)	70%	SE	7-12	51	87%
4	Norfork High (Norfork)	67%	NW	7-12	29	86%
5	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	69%	NE	7-12	37	76%
6	Acorn High (Ouachita River)	69%	SW	7-12	36	75%
6	Bruno-Pyatt High (Ozark Mountain)	76%	NW	7-12	16	75%
8	Umpire High (Wickes)	100%	SW	7-12	15	74%
9	Western Grove High (Ozark Mountain)	72%	NW	7-12	15	73%
10	Maynard High (Maynard)	68%	NE	7-12	65	71%

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

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	DeQueen Junior (DeQueen)	74%	SW	8-9	24	100%
2	KIPP Delta College Preparatory (KIPP: Delta)	85%	SE	5-8	22	100%
3	Hot Springs Middle (Hot Springs)	75%	CN	7-8	22	100%
4	Ridgeroad Charter Middle (North Little Rock)	89%	CN	7-8	19	100%
5	George Junior High (Springdale)	66%	NW	8-9	35	97%
6	William O. Darby Junior High (Fort Smith)	93%	NW	7-9	25	96%
6	Dunbar Magnet Middle (Little Rock)	76%	CN	6-8	14	92%
8	Dora Kimmons Junior High (Fort Smith)	91%	NW	7-9	25	88%
9	Clinton Junior High (Clinton)	68%	NW	7-9	29	82%
10	Henderson Middle (Little Rock)	89%	CN	6-8	26	77%

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



Central Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Mt. Vernon/Enola High (Mt. Vernon-Enola)	24	100%
Benton High ♦ (Benton)	235	96%
Ouachita High (Ouachita)	29	90%
Bismarck High (Bismarck)	70	89%
Bryant High ♦ (Bryant)	563	84%

Northwest Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Haas Hall Academy ♦ (Haas Hall Academy)	32	100%
Dardanelle High ♦ (Dardanelle)	93	94%
Deer High (Deer/Mt. Judea)	14	93%
Jasper High ♦ (Jasper)	39	92%
Bentonville High ♦ (Bentonville)	704	91%
Greenwood High (Greenwood)	167	91%

Southwest Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Taylor High (Emerson-Taylor)	38	97%
Oden High (Oden)	17	88%
Spring Hill High ♦ (Spring Hill)	32	87%
Hampton High (Hampton)	48	83%
Parkers Chapel High ♦ (Parkers Chapel)	56	82%
Mount Ida High (Mount Ida)	49	82%

Northeast Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Searcy High ♦ (Searcy)	242	93%
Viola High ♦ (Viola)	22	91%
Valley View High (Valley View)	158	90%
West Side High (West Side)	41	90%
Bald Knob High (Bald Knob)	92	88%

Southeast Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
KIPP: Delta College Prep ♦ (KIPP: Delta)	53	87%
Hazen High (Hazen)	36	87%
Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	45	84%
Rison High ♦ (Rison)	47	80%
Stuttgart High (Stuttgart)	134	76%

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

- **Taylor High**
- **Haas Hall Academy**
- **Spring Hill High**
- **Mt. Vernon-Enola High**
- **Benton Jr. High/High**
- **Bentonville High**
- **Oden High**
- **Wells Jr. High/Greenwood High,**
- **Dardanelle High**
- **Alpena High**
- **Valley View High**

Caddo Hills High and **Norfolk High** achieved this high standard even while serving populations with more than 66% of students eligible for free or reduced price lunches. Therefore, they also appear on the Algebra and Geometry “high-poverty” top ten lists. Four other schools appear on both of these “high-poverty” lists: **Marked Tree High, Acorn High, McGehee High,** and **KIPP: Delta College Prep.** *These schools are not allowing poverty to be an obstacle to high achievement and should be proud of their results.*

C. Biology End-of-Course Exam, 2010

The top 20 high schools in Arkansas on the Biology end-of-course exam are presented Table 70. These schools' proficiency rates range from a high of 96% (**Taylor High**) to 58% (**Fort Smith Southside**), all well above the state average of 36% proficiency. They are distributed mostly across the north of the state, with the Northwest and Northeast each having 8 schools on the list out of 23 total schools.¹⁸

Compared to other EOC exams, proficiency rates in biology are significantly lower. While statewide rates were at least 60% for the other 3 tests, the 2010 statewide proficiency rate for Biology was 36%. This rate follows a 2009 proficiency rate of 41% and a 30% proficiency rate in 2008, the test's first year. Relatively lower rates for the schools included in this section thus come as no surprise. The Biology EOC is a much newer test than the others, and most likely students and schools are still adapting to its requirements.

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Taylor High (Emerson-Taylor)♦	SW	9-12	26	96%
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)♦	NW	8-12	36	89%
3	Lisa Academy High(Lisa Academy)	CN	9-12	52	81%
4	Viola High (Viola)	NE	7-12	24	75%
5	Dardanelle High (Dardanelle)♦	NW	9-12	91	73%
6	Bauxite High (Bauxite)	CN	7-12	102	69%
7	Deer High (Deer)	NW	7-12	15	67%
8	Bentonville High (Bentonville)♦	NW	9-12	782	66%
8	Brookland High (Brookland)♦	NE	9-12	98	66%
10	Marmaduke High (Marmaduke)	NE	7-12	54	65%
11	Gentry High (Gentry)	NW	9-12	51	63%
11	J.D. Leftwich High (Magazine)	NW	7-12	51	63%
13	Calico Rock High (Calico Rock)♦	NE	7-12	21	62%
14	Valley View High (Valley View)	NE	7-12	143	61%
15	Lakeside High (Lakeside HS)	CN	10-12	220	60%
15	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	SW	7-12	45	60%
15	Bradford (Bradford)	NE	7-12	45	60%
18	Bergman High (Bergman)	NW	9-12	73	59%
18	Searcy High (Searcy)♦	NE	9-12	258	59%
20	Quitman High (Quitman)	NE	7-12	26	58%
20	Poyen High (Poyen)	CN	7-12	40	58%
20	Cabot High (Cabot)♦	CN	10-12	626	58%
20	Southside High (Fort Smith)	NW	10-12	478	58%

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

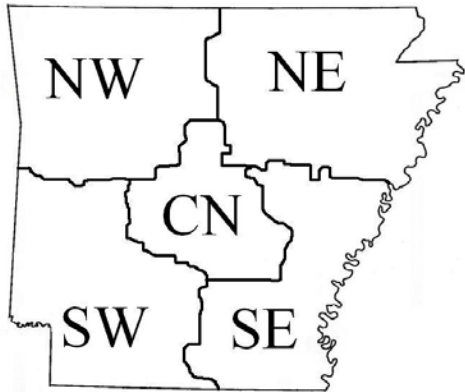
¹⁸ 23 schools are included in the list because 4 schools tied for 20th place with 58% proficiency.

High-performing “high poverty” schools serving 66% or more students eligible for the federal free/reduced lunch program are highlighted in Table 71. Their proficiency rates range from 43% to 54%, all above the state average of 36%. The schools in this table mostly represent three state regions: Northwest, Southwest, and Central. One school from the Northeast, **Timbo High**, made the list, while no high-poverty schools from the state’s Southeast scored high enough to make the top 10.

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

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	Acorn High (Ouachita River)	69%	SW	7-12	28	54%
2	Lead Hill High (Lead Hill)	68%	NW	7-12	25	52%
3	J. D. Leftwich High (Magazine)	68%	NW	6-12	58	50%
4	Hot Springs High (Hot Springs)	74%	CN	9-12	194	47%
4	Timbo High (Mountain View)	66%	NE	7-12	17	47%
6	Shirley High (Shirley)	67%	NW	7-12	42	45%
6	St. Joe High (Ozark Mountain)	73%	NW	7-12	11	45%
8	Mountain Pine High (Mountain Pine)	72%	CN	7-12	46	43%
8	Plainview-Rover High (Two Rivers)	70%	NW	7-12	21	43%
8	Umpire High (Wickes)	100%	SW	7-12	14	43%

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



Central Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Lisa Academy High (Lisa Academy)	52	81%
Bauxite High♦ (Bauxite)	102	69%
Lakeside High (Lakeside HS)	220	60%
Cabot High♦ (Cabot)	626	58%
Poyen High (Poyen)	40	58%

Northwest Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Haas Hall Academy♦ (Haas Hall Academy)	36	89%
Dardanelle High♦ (Dardanelle)	91	73%
Deer High (Deer/Mt. Judea)	15	67%
Bentonville High♦ (Bentonville)	782	66%
Gentry High (Gentry)	51	63%
J.D. Leftwich (Magazine)	51	63%

Southwest Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Taylor High♦ (Emerson-Taylor)	26	96%
Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	45	60%
Delight High (Delight)	31	45%
Smackover High (Smackover)	65	44%
Van Cove High (Van Cove)	27	44%

Northeast Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Viola High (Viola)	24	75%
Brookland High♦ (Brookland)	98	66%
Marmaduke High (Marmaduke)	54	65%
Calico Rock High♦ (Calico Rock)	21	62%
Valley View High♦ (Valley View)	143	61%

Southeast Region

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Des Arc High♦ (Des Arc)	48	50%
Rison High♦ (Cleveland County)	57	46%
Hamburg High (Hamburg)	162	45%
Monticello High♦ (Monticello)	168	45%
Woodlawn High♦ (Woodlawn)	39	44%

D. Grade 11 Literacy Exam, 2010

In Literacy, 60% of students statewide scored proficient or advanced on the 2010 end-of-course exam. Table 77 presents the top 20 high schools in Arkansas based on overall Literacy proficiency. All of the top 20 schools scored well above the state average, with proficiency rates ranging from 79% (6 schools) to 99% (ASMS). The state's North and Central regions represent most of the schools on the list, with 17 of 20 schools, while only three schools from the state's Southern regions made the list.

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	AR School for Math, Science, and the Arts♦	CN	11-12	94	99%
2	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)♦	NW	8-12	42	98%
3	Pottsville High (Pottsville)	NW	10-12	112	85%
3	South Side High (South Side)	NW	7-12	27	85%
5	Jessieville High (Jessieville)	CN	9-12	69	84%
5	Lisa Academy High (Lisa Academy)♦	CN	9-12	39	84%
7	Bentonville High (Bentonville)♦	NW	9-12	783	82%
7	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	NE		17	82%
9	Scranton High (Scranton)	NW	7-12	26	81%
10	Academics Plus High (Academics Plus Charter)	CN	7-12	20	80%
10	KIPP Delta Collegiate High (KIPP: Delta)♦	SE	9-12	30	80%
10	Melbourne High (Melbourne)♦	NE	7-12	55	80%
10	Mountain View High (Mountain View)	NE	9-12	74	80%
10	Valley View High (Valley View)♦	NE	7-12	152	80%
15	Benton Co. School of the Arts H.S. (Benton County SOA)	NW	9-12	43	79%
15	Blevins High (Blevins)	SW	7-12	24	79%
15	Foreman High (Foreman)	SW	7-12	33	79%
15	Greenwood High (Greenwood)♦	NW	10-12	231	79%
15	Midland High (Midland)	NE	7-12	29	79%
15	Valley Springs High (Valley Springs)♦	NW	7-12	68	79%

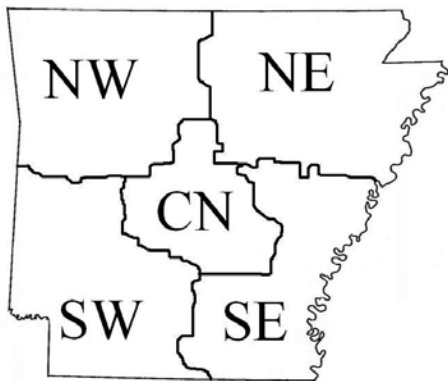
♦ Indicates school placed on same list in 2008-09.

Table 78 lists the top 10 high-poverty schools in Grade 11 Literacy. These are schools which had at least 66% of their students receiving free or reduced lunches (FRL) yet performed well on the Literacy EOC. The percentage of students on FRL in these schools ranges from 67% to 82%. These schools' proficiency rates hover closer to the state average than top-performing high-poverty schools in other subjects. Though proficiency rates among the top 10 schools are as high as 91% (**KIPP Delta**), the bottom 5 schools on the list achieved near or below the state average of 60% proficiency. *Nonetheless, the fact that these schools did so while serving students in high-poverty is commendable, and these schools should be proud of their achievement.*

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

	School (District)	% FRL	Region	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
1	KIPP: Delta College Prep (KIPP: Delta)	82%	SE	9-12	23	91%
2	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	69%	NE	7-12	35	77%
3	Norfolk High (Norfolk)	67%	NW	7-12	40	76%
4	Harrisburg High (Harrisburg)	68%	NE	9-12	86	68%
5	Fourche Valley High (Two Rivers)	69%	NW	7-12	12	67%
6	Shirley High (Shirley)	67%	NW	7-12	44	66%
7	Marshall High (Searcy County)	69%	NW	7-12	51	61%
8	Mountain Pine High (Mountain Pine)	72%	CN	7-12	47	60%
9	Bruno-Pyatt High (Ozark Mountain)	76%	NW	7-12	21	57%
9	Cross County High (Cross County)	69%	NE	7-12	44	57%
9	Western Grove High (Ozark Mountain)	72%	NW	7-12	23	57%

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



Northwest

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Haas Hall Academy♦ (Haas Hall Academy)	42	98%
Pottsville High (Pottsville)	112	85%
South Side High (South Side)	27	85%
Bentonville High♦ (Bentonville)	783	82%
Scranton High (Scranton)	26	81%

Northeast

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Rural Special High (Mountain View)	17	82%
Melbourne High (Melbourne)	55	80%
Mountain View High (Mountain View)	74	80%
Valley View High♦ (Valley View)	152	80%
Midland High (Midland)	29	79%

Central

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
AR School for Math, Science, and the Arts♦	94	99%
Jessieville High (Jessieville)	69	84%
Lisa Academy High♦ (Lisa Academy)	39	84%
Academics Plus High (Academics Plus Charter)	20	80%
Benton High♦ (Benton)	287	78%

Southwest

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
Blevins High (Blevins)	24	79%
Foreman High (Foreman)	33	79%
Taylor High♦ (Emerson-Taylor)	23	74%
Centerpoint High (Centerpoint)	67	70%
Genoa Central High (Genoa Central)	50	70%

Southeast

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced
KIPP Delta Collegiate High♦ (KIPP: Delta)	30	80%
Rison High♦ (Cleveland County)	48	67%
Star City High (Star City)	111	66%
DeWitt High (DeWitt)	91	65%
Monticello High♦ (Monticello)	140	62%

E. EOC Summary

There were many schools that demonstrated excellence in academics on each of the examinations. Three schools--**Haas Hall Academy**, **Bentonville High**, and **Valley View High**--placed in the top 20 on all four EOC tests. Students from **Haas Hall Academy** ranked either 1st or 2nd in all four subjects. Also doing a commendable job were **Dardanelle High**, **Greenwood High**¹⁹, **Spring Hill High**, and **Taylor High**. These schools were in the top twenty on three of the four examinations. Eleven schools placed in the top 20 in at least two subjects.

When examining achievement by region, a few schools stand out in each. In the Northwest region, **Haas Hall Academy** ranked in the top five in all four categories and **Bentonville High** in three of four categories. In the state's Northeast, **Valley View High** ranked in the top five in three out of four categories. Among schools in the Central region of the state, **Benton High**²⁰ placed in three of the region's four lists. **Rison High** and **Stuttgart High** were both standouts in the Southeast region. Both placed in the top five in three of the four categories. In the Southwest, **Taylor High** was in the top five in three out of four categories.

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

¹⁹ Algebra scores for Raymond Wells Junior High were used for Greenwood High since it is the only feeder school and fewer than 10 students tested in algebra at Greenwood High School.

²⁰ Algebra scores for Benton Jr. High were used for Benton High since it is the only feeder school and fewer than 10 students were tested in algebra at Benton High School.

VI. OEP AWARDS: MOST IMPROVED SCHOOLS BETWEEN 2009 AND 2010

This section highlights the Arkansas schools that have improved the most between 2009 and 2010. To identify the “most improved” schools, we simply subtracted the percent of students scoring proficient and advanced in 2009 from the percent of students scoring proficient and advanced in 2010. The schools are ranked based on the percentage point increase, as noted below. As in previous sections, we have also highlighted the region in which the school is located, the grades served at the school, and the percent of students eligible for the Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) program, as well as 2009 and 2010 proficiency rates.

A. Elementary Schools, Mathematics

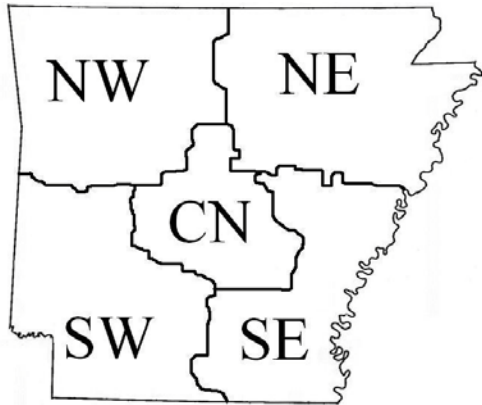
Table 83 provides elementary schools with the greatest gains in math proficiency from 2009 to 2010. These twenty schools improved their proficiency rates by amounts ranging from 30 percentage points (Retta Brown Elementary in El Dorado) to 12 percentage points (East Elementary in Osceola and Sylvan Hills in the Pulaski County district). These schools tend to have high rates of students receiving free and reduced-price lunches, with all above the state average and many between 80% and 100%. The state's central region is well-represented on the list with eight of its elementary schools showing high rates of improvement. These schools are all to be commended for the gains they achieved over the last school year.

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

Table 83: Top 20 Most Improved Elementary Schools Based on Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2009 to 2010

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Retta Brown Elementary (El Dorado)	SW	K-4	92%	47%→77%	30%
2	Luxora Elementary (South Mississippi Co.)	NE	K-4	97%	69%→93%	24%
3	Gurdon Primary (Gurdon)	SW	K-4	79%	64%→87%	23%
4	Mabelvale Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	K-5	95%	40%→57%	18%
5	Warren Dupree Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	K-5	76%	69%→86%	17%
6	Jacksonville Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	K-5	84%	48%→64%	16%
7	Old Wire Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	81%	78%→94%	16%
8	Morrison Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	K-6	96%	42%→58%	16%
9	Jones Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	85%	69%→84%	15%
10	Mildred Jackson Elementary (Hughes)	NE	K-6	87%	46%→61%	15%
11	Belwood Elementary (North Little Rock)	CN	K-5	94%	33%→49%	15%
12	C D Franks Elementary (Ashdown)	SW	2-3	62%	78%→92%	14%
13	Landmark Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	K-5	69%	64%→78%	14%
14	Oak Grove Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	K-5	74%	60%→73%	14%
15	Meadowcliff Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	K-5	93%	55%→69%	14%
16	George Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	66%	51%→64%	13%
17	Ivory Primary (Camden-Fairview)	SW	2-3	75%	66%→79%	13%
18	Mountainburg Elementary (Mountainburg)	NW	K-4	78%	66%→79%	13%
19	East Elementary (Osceola)	NE	3-5	87%	47%→59%	12%
20	Sylvan Hills Elementary (Pulaski County)	CN	K-5	63%	64%→77%	12%

Tables 84-88: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2009 to 2010



Northwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Old Wire Elementary (Rogers)	78%→94%	16%
Morrison Elementary (Fort Smith)	42%→58%	16%
Jones Elementary (Rogers)	69%→84%	15%
George Elementary (Springdale)	51%→64%	13%
Mountainburg Elem. (Mountainburg)	66%→79%	13%

Northeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Luxora Elem. (South Mississippi Co.)	69%→93%	24%
Mildred Jackson El. (Hughes)	46%→61%	15%
East Elementary (Osceola)	47%→59%	12%
Keiser Elementary (South Mississippi Co.)	68%→80%	12%
Nettleton Inter Ctr. (Nettleton)	73%→84%	12%

Central

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Mabelvale Elem. (Little Rock)	40%→57%	18%
Warren Dupree Elementary (Pulaski County)	69%→86%	17%
Jacksonville Elem. (Pulaski County)	48%→64%	16%
Belwood Elem. (North Little Rock)	33%→49%	15%
Landmark Elem. (Pulaski County)	64%→78%	14%

Southwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Retta Brown Elem. (El Dorado)	47%→77%	30%
Gurdon Primary (Gurdon)	64%→87%	23%
C. D. Franks Elem. (Ashdown)	78%→92%	14%
Ivory Primary (Camden-Fairview)	66%→79%	13%
East-West Elem. (Magnolia)	60%→72%	12%

Southeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Lakeside Upper Elem. (Lakeside LV)	59%→70%	12%
Kingsland Elem. (Cleveland County)	71%→81%	11%
Brunson Elem. (Warren)	72%→81%	9%
Wilmot Elem. (Hamburg)	48%→55%	6%
Monticello Inter. (Monticello)	74%→79%	6%

B. Elementary Schools, Literacy

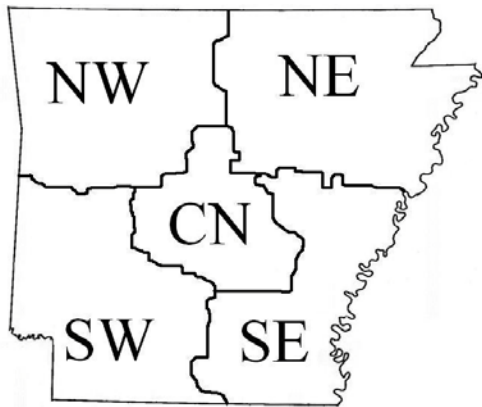
Table 89 lists the 20 highest-gaining elementary schools between 2009 and 2010 in literacy based on the state's benchmark exams. As with the top 20 schools in math, these are largely high-poverty schools, showing high percentages of students receiving free or reduced-price lunches. Of the 20 schools on the list, 14 have FRL rates above 80%. Only one school, Lavaca Elementary at 48% FRL, has an FRL rate below the state average of 60%. These schools are broadly scattered across the state, with only the southeast (Eudora Elementary in Lakeside) being relatively under-represented on the list. These 20 schools' gains range from 17% for Ivory Primary in Camden-Fairview to 31% for Eudora Elementary. These 20 schools have all shown exceptional progress over the last school year, and are to be commended.

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

Table 89: Top 20 Most Improved Elementary Schools Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2009 to 2010

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside LV)	SE	P-6	92%	66%→97%	31%
2	Luxora Elementary (South Mississippi Co.)	NE	K-4	97%	54%→80%	26%
3	Gurdon Primary (Gurdon)	SW	K-4	79%	65%→89%	24%
4	Mabelvale Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	95%	36%→59%	23%
5	C D Franks Elementary (Ashdown)	SW	2-3	62%	58%→81%	23%
6	Jones Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	85%	53%→75%	22%
7	Retta Brown Elementary (El Dorado)	SW	K-4	92%	51%→72%	21%
8	Rural Special Elementary (Mountain View)	NE	K-6	71%	70%→91%	21%
9	Monitor Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	75%	48%→68%	20%
10	Weaver Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	K-6	92%	49%→69%	20%
11	Stephens Elementary (Stephens)	SW	K-6	92%	42%→61%	19%
12	Jones Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	97%	44%→62%	19%
13	Maddux Elementary (West Memphis)	NE	K-6	91%	49%→68%	19%
14	Lavaca Elementary (Lavaca)	NW	K-4	48%	68%→85%	17%
15	Baseline Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	98%	29%→46%	17%
16	Lynch Elementary (North Little Rock)	CN	K-5	96%	28%→45%	17%
17	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	98%	41%→58%	17%
18	Rockefeller Incentive (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	89%	58%→75%	17%
19	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	K-3	82%	61%→78%	17%
20	Ivory Primary (Camden-Fairview)	SW	2-3	75%	46%→63%	17%

Tables 90-94: Top 5 Most Improved Elementary Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2009 to 2010



Central

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Mabelvale Elem. (Little Rock)	36%→59%	23%
Baseline Elem. (Little Rock)	29%→46%	17%
Lynch Dr Elem. (North Little Rock)	28%→45%	17%
Wakefield Elem. (Little Rock)	41%→58%	17%
Rockefeller Incentive (Little Rock)	58%→75%	17%

Northwest

School (District)	2008 & 2009 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Jones Elementary (Rogers)	53%→75%	22%
Monitor Elem. (Springdale)	48%→68%	20%
Jones Elementary (Springdale)	44%→62%	19%
Lavaca Elem. (Lavaca)	68%→85%	17%
Green Forest El. (Green Forest)	61%→78%	17%

Southwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Gurdon Primary (Gurdon)	65%→89%	24%
C. D. Franks Elem. (Ashdown)	58%→81%	23%
Retta Brown Elem. (El Dorado)	51%→72%	21%
Stephens Elem. (Stephens)	42%→61%	19%
Ivory Primary (Camden-Fairview)	46%→63%	17%

Northeast

School (District)	2008 & 2009 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Luxora Elem. (South Mississippi Co.)	54%→80%	26%
Rural Special Elem. (Mountain View)	70%→91%	21%
Weaver Elementary (West Memphis)	49%→69%	20%
Maddux Elementary (West Memphis)	49%→68%	19%
Mildred Jackson El. (Hughes)	44%→61%	17%

Southeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Eudora Elem. (Lakeside LV)	66%→97%	31%
Wilmot Elem. (Hamburg)	37%→52%	15%
Lakeside Upper Elem. (Lakeside LV)	45%→59%	14%
Clarendon El. (Clarendon)	43%→57%	14%
Beech Crest El. (Helena/W. Helena)	53%→64%	11%

C. Middle Schools, Mathematics

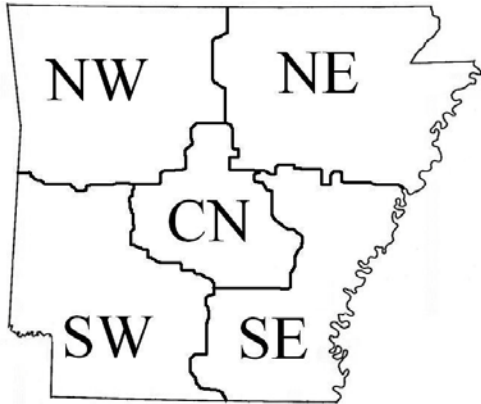
Table 95 presents Arkansas' top 20 most improved middle schools in math between 2009 and 2010, as measured by the state benchmark exams. These gains are based off exams taken by 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. FRL rates for these schools are above the state average, but not quite as high as for the most improved elementary schools. The schools in the table are distributed mostly across the state's north, with 14 of the 20 schools coming from either the northeast or northwest. These schools' gains in proficiency rates ranged from 21 percentage points for Newport Junior High and Bruno-Pyatt High to 13 percentage points for Pleasant View Junior High, Sparkman High, and Marmaduke High.

Tables 96-100 list the top five most-improved schools for each of the state's regions. All the schools in these tables, as well as the overall top 20, are to be commended for their progress in increasing students' math proficiency.

Table 95: Top 20 Most Improved Middle Schools Based on Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2009 to 2010

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Newport Junior High (Newport)	NE	7-8	70%	49%→70%	21%
2	Bruno-Pyatt High (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	86%	45%→66%	21%
3	Van Cove High (Van Cove)	SW	7-12	66%	45%→65%	20%
4	Western Grove High (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	64%	44%→62%	18%
5	Brinkley High (Brinkley)	SE	7-12	75%	36%→54%	18%
6	Walnut Ridge High (Lawrence County)	NE	7-12	56%	69%→86%	18%
7	EPC High (East Poinsett Co.)	NE	7-12	71%	47%→63%	16%
8	St. Paul High (Huntsville)	NW	7-12	70%	37%→53%	16%
9	Lead Hill High (Lead Hill)	NW	7-12	73%	56%→71%	15%
10	Stephens High (Stephens)	SW	7-12	81%	34%→49%	15%
11	Norphlet High (Norphlet)	SW	7-12	41%	54%→70%	15%
12	Belair Middle (Pine Bluff)	CN	6-7	86%	38%→53%	15%
13	Rose Bud High (Rose Bud)	NE	7-12	42%	66%→81%	14%
14	Darby Junior High (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	93%	43%→57%	14%
15	Quitman High (Quitman)	NE	7-12	48%	63%→77%	14%
16	Omaha High (Omaha)	NW	7-12	68%	50%→64%	14%
17	Wonderview High (Wonderview)	NW	7-12	47%	56%→70%	14%
18	Pleasant View Junior High (Mulberry)	NW	7-9	71%	49%→63%	13%
19	Sparkman High (Harmony Grove)	SW	7-12	57%	50%→63%	13%
20	Marmaduke High (Marmaduke)	NE	7-12	57%	59%→72%	13%

Tables 96-100: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark Mathematics Achievement from 2009 to 2010



Central

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Belair Middle (Pine Bluff)	38%→53%	15%
Southeast Middle (Pine Bluff)	49%→60%	11%
Virtual Middle (Ark. Virtual Academy)	54%→64%	10%
Dollarway Middle (Dollarway)	35%→45%	10%
Guy-Perkins High (Guy-Perkins)	59%→69%	10%

Northwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Bruno-Pyatt High (Ozark Mountain)	45%→66%	21%
Western Grove HS (Ozark Mountain)	44%→62%	18%
St Paul High (Huntsville)	37%→53%	16%
Lead Hill High (Lead Hill)	56%→71%	15%
Darby Junior High (Fort Smith)	43%→57%	14%

Southwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Van Cove High (Van Cove)	45%→65%	20%
Stephens High (Stephens)	34%→49%	15%
Norphlet High (Norphlet)	54%→70%	15%
Sparkman High (Harmony Grove)	50%→63%	13%
Nashville Jr. High (Nashville)	55%→66%	12%

Northeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Newport Jr. High (Newport)	49%→70%	21%
Walnut Ridge HS (Lawrence County)	69%→86%	18%
EPC High (East Poinsett Co.)	47%→63%	16%
Rose Bud High (Rose Bud)	66%→81%	14%
Quitman High (Quitman)	63%→77%	14%

Southeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Brinkley High (Brinkley)	36%→54%	18%
Stuttgart Jr. High (Stuttgart)	56%→66%	11%
Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	64%→75%	11%
McGehee High (McGehee)	46%→55%	9%
Clarendon High (Clarendon)	37%→44%	7%

D. Middle Schools, Literacy

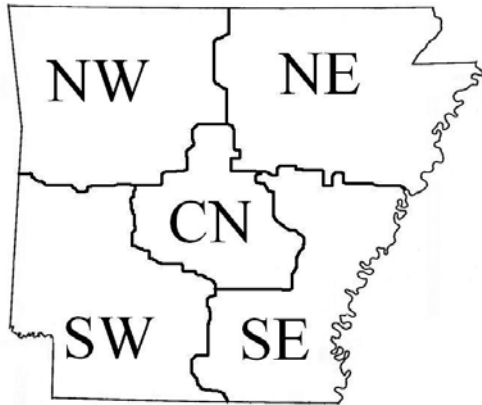
The state's top 20 most improved schools in middle school literacy are presented in Table 101. These schools' proficiency increases ranged from 24 percentage points for Van Cove High, Sparkman High, and Emmet High to 16 percentage points for five schools on the list. These schools are quite different from one another, not only scattered quite evenly across the state but also having widely varying levels of poverty and serving different sets of grades. While the table lists schools which are most improved, their improvement tells nothing about whether a school had high or low achievement to begin with. An examination of 2009 proficiency rates shows that some started off quite low, with proficiency rates below 30% and as low as 12%, while others started off relatively high (above 60%) and improved even further. Whatever their unique characteristics may be, all these schools are to be commended for their progress in proficiency on the 2010 state benchmark literacy exams.

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

Table 101: Top 20 Most Improved Middle Schools Based on Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2009 to 2010

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Van Cove High (Van Cove)	SW	7-12	66%	46%→70%	24%
2	Sparkman High (Harmony Grove)	SW	7-12	57%	52%→77%	24%
3	Emmet High (Blevins)	SW	7-12	74%	46%→70%	24%
4	Western Grove High (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	64%	57%→80%	23%
5	Newport Junior High (Newport)	NE	7-8	70%	48%→70%	22%
6	Blytheville Charter (Blytheville)	NE	7-12	91%	12%→33%	22%
7	Guy-Perkins High (Guy-Perkins)	CN	7-12	60%	59%→80%	20%
8	Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	SE	7-12	32%	63%→82%	18%
9	Kingston High (Jasper)	NW	7-12	59%	71%→89%	18%
10	Wonder Junior High (West Memphis)	NE	7-9	93%	30%→48%	18%
11	Blytheville Intermediate (Blytheville)	NE	5-6	82%	29%→47%	18%
12	Hughes High (Hughes)	NE	7-12	80%	29%→46%	17%
13	Quitman High (Quitman)	NE	7-12	48%	59%→76%	17%
14	Southeast Middle (Pine Bluff)	CN	6-7	85%	37%→54%	17%
15	Mineral Springs High (Mineral Springs)	SW	7-12	84%	61%→78%	17%
16	Magnolia Junior High (Magnolia)	SW	7-9	65%	52%→68%	16%
17	Centerpoint High (Centerpoint)	SW	6-12	54%	52%→68%	16%
18	Maynard High (Maynard)	NE	7-12	70%	50%→66%	16%
19	Rose City Middle (North Little Rock)	CN	7-8	91%	29%→45%	16%
20	Omaha High (Omaha)	NW	9-12	68%	59%→75%	16%

Tables 102-106: Top 5 Most Improved Middle Schools in Arkansas by Region, Benchmark Literacy Achievement from 2009 to 2010



Northwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Western Grove High (Ozark Mountain)	57%→80%	23%
Kingston High (Jasper)	71%→89%	18%
Omaha High (Omaha)	59%→75%	16%
Pleasant View JH (Mulberry)	43%→59%	16%
St Paul High (Huntsville)	52%→66%	14%

Northeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Newport Junior High (Newport)	48%→70%	22%
Blytheville Charter (Blytheville)	12%→33%	22%
Wonder Junior High (West Memphis)	30%→48%	18%
Blytheville Intermediate (Blytheville)	29%→47%	18%
Hughes High (Hughes)	29%→46%	17%

Central

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Guy-Perkins High (Guy-Perkins)	59%→80%	20%
Southeast Middle (Pine Bluff)	37%→54%	17%
Rose City Middle (North Little Rock)	29%→45%	16%
Dollarway Middle (Dollarway)	28%→43%	16%
Wilson Intermediate (Malvern)	63%→77%	14%

Southwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Van Cove High (Van Cove)	46%→70%	24%
Sparkman High (Harmony Grove)	52%→77%	24%
Emmet High (Blevins)	46%→70%	24%
Mineral Springs HS (Mineral Springs)	61%→78%	17%
Magnolia Jr. High (Magnolia)	52%→68%	16%

Southeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	63%→82%	18%
Barton High (Barton-Lexa)	56%→72%	16%
Miller Jr. High (Helena/W. Helena)	39%→52%	13%
Brinkley High (Brinkley)	41%→54%	13%
Strong Middle (Lee County)	36%→48%	12%

E. High Schools, Algebra

The state's top 20 most improved high and middle schools on the end-of-course Algebra I exam are presented in Table 107. These schools showed very large gains in algebra proficiency between 2009 and 2010, with increases ranging from 45 percentage points at Dunbar Middle in Earle to 23 percentage points at East Junior High in West Memphis and Fouke High. These schools' poverty levels varied widely, from 38% of students receiving free or reduced-price lunches at Prairie Grove High to 93% at East Junior High. Further, these schools' improvements were made from a wide range of 2009 proficiency rates, with the previous year's proficiency being as low as 9% and as high as 74%. All of these schools are to be commended for their progress in 2010.

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

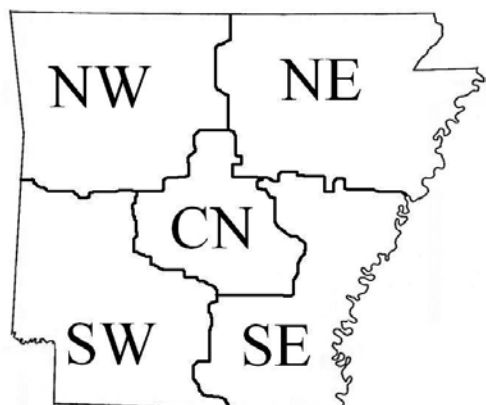
Table 107: Top 20 Most Improved Schools Based on EOC Algebra Achievement from 2009 to 2010

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Dunbar Middle School (Earle)	NE	6-8	76%	38%→83%	45%
2	Joe T. Robinson High (Pulaski County)	CN	9-12	44%	52%→95%	43%
3	Rector High (Rector) (Rector)	NE	7-12	50%	51%→90%	39%
4	St. Joe High School (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	71%	50%→87%	37%
5	Oak Grove High School (Pulaski County)	CN	9-12	46%	48%→83%	35%
6	Covenant Keepers Charter School	CN	6-8	76%	18%→50%	32%
7	Hughes High School (Hughes)	NE	7-12	80%	09%→40%	31%
8	Augusta High School (Augusta)	NE	8-12	83%	28%→59%	31%
9	Academic Center for Excellence (Cabot)	CN	1-12	44%	58%→89%	31%
10	Prairie Grove High School (Prairie Grove)	NW	9-12	38%	54%→83%	29%
11	Marshall High School (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	70%	57%→84%	27%
12	Yellville-Summit High (Yellville-Summit)	NW	9-12	56%	62%→89%	27%
13	Sylvan Hills High School (Pulaski County)	CN	9-12	43%	45%→71%	26%
14	Van Cove High School (Van Cove)	SW	7-12	66%	60%→86%	26%
15	Greenland Middle (Greenland) (Greenland)	NW	5-8	49%	74%→100%	26%
16	Clarendon High School (Clarendon)	SE	7-12	75%	32%→56%	24%
17	Rose Bud High School (Rose Bud)	NE	7-12	42%	50%→74%	24%
18	Mt. Vernon/Enola High Mt. Vernon-Enola)	CN	7-12	55%	73%→97%	24%
19	East Junior High School (West Memphis)	NE	7-9	93%	30%→53%	23%
20	Fouke High School (Fouke)	SW	9-12	56%	31%→54%	23%

Statewide Algebra I EOC % Proficient/Advanced 2009: 70%

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

Tables 108-112: Top 5 Most Improved High Schools in Arkansas by Region, Algebra Achievement from 2009 to 2010



Northwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
St. Joe High (Ozark Mountain)	50%→87%	37%
Prairie Grove High (Prairie Grove)	54%→83%	29%
Marshall High (Searcy County)	57%→84%	27%
Yellville-Summit HS (Yellville-Summit)	62%→89%	27%
Greenland Middle (Greenland)	74%→100%	26%

Northeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Dunbar Middle (Earle)	38%→83%	45%
Rector High (Rector)	51%→90%	39%
Hughes High (Hughes)	09%→40%	31%
Augusta High (Augusta)	28%→59%	31%
Rose Bud High (Rose Bud)	50%→74%	24%

Central

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Joe T. Robinson HS (Pulaski County)	52%→95%	43%
Oak Grove High (Pulaski County)	48%→83%	35%
Covenant Keepers Charter Prep	18%→50%	32%
Academic Center for Excellence (Cabot)	58%→89%	31%
Sylvan Hills High (Pulaski County)	45%→71%	26%

Southwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Van Cove High (Van Cove)	60%→86%	26%
Fouke High (Fouke)	31%→54%	23%
Horatio High (Horatio)	68%→87%	19%
Mena High (Mena)	64%→81%	17%
Emmett High (Blevins)	09%→25%	16%

Southeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
Clarendon High (Clarendon)	32%→56%	24%
Drew Central HS (Drew Central)	63%→82%	19%
Dermott High (Dermott)	41%→58%	17%
Lakeside High (Lakeside LV)	17%→33%	16%
Des Arc High (Des Arc)	64%→75%	11%

F. High Schools, Literacy

Table 113 presents the 20 Arkansas high schools with the greatest improvement in proficiency rates on the Grade 11 Literacy end-of-course exam from 2009 to 2010. These schools improved their proficiency rates by great amounts, ranging from an increase of 45 percentage points at Williford High in the Twin Rivers district to 22 percentage points for Hoxie High and Gosnell High. These high schools' 2009 proficiency rates ranged from a low of 9% to a high of 62%, so these gains occurred for high-achieving schools as well as low-achieving ones. They also had widely varying poverty rates, with rates of free and reduced-price lunch subscription ranging from 29% to 85%. All of these schools' gains for 2010 are to be commended.

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

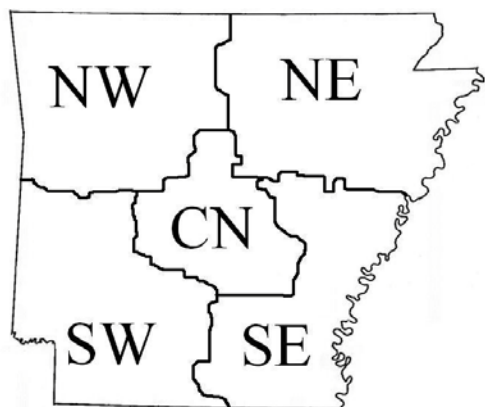
Table 113: Top 20 Most Improved Schools Based on EOC Literacy Achievement from 2009 to 2010

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/Advanced	% Point Increase
1	Williford High (Twin Rivers)	NE	7-12	83%	20%→65%	45%
2	Blevins High (Blevins)	SW	7-12	78%	42%→79%	37%
3	Midland High (Midland)	NE	7-12	58%	47%→79%	32%
4	Mayflower High (Mayflower)	CN	9-12	44%	44%→75%	31%
5	Western Yell Co. High (Western Yell)	NW	7-12	77%	43%→74%	31%
6	Sparkman High (Harmony Grove)	SW	7-12	57%	31%→62%	31%
7	Manila High (Manila)	NE	9-12	56%	48%→76%	28%
8	Pottsville High (Pottsville)	NW	10-12	33%	57%→85%	28%
9	Southside High (Southside)	NE	9-12	57%	51%→77%	26%
10	Plainview-Rover High (Two Rivers)	NW	7-12	72%	45%→71%	26%
11	Warren High (Warren)	SE	9-12	68%	23%→49%	26%
12	Stephens High (Stephens)	SW	7-12	81%	09%→35%	26%
13	Armored High (Armored)	NE	7-12	40%	35%→59%	24%
14	Yellville-Summit High (Yellville-Summit)	NW	9-12	56%	50%→74%	24%
15	DeWitt High (DeWitt)	SE	9-12	50%	41%→65%	24%
16	McClellan Magnet High (Little Rock)	CN	9-12	85%	16%→39%	23%
17	Academic Center for Excellence (Cabot)	CN	1-12	44%	33%→56%	23%
18	South Side High (Fort Smith)	NW	7-12	29%	62%→85%	23%
19	Hoxie High (Hoxie)	NE	8-12	70%	39%→61%	22%
20	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	NE	7-12	63%	44%→66%	22%

Statewide Grade 11 Literacy EOC % Proficient/Advanced 2009: 57%

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

Tables 114-118: Top 5 Most Improved High Schools in Arkansas by Region, Literacy Achievement from 2009 to 2010



Northwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Western Yell Co. HS (Western Yell County)	43%→74%	31%
Pottsville High (Pottsville)	57%→85%	28%
Plainview-Rover HS (Two Rivers)	45%→71%	26%
Yellville-Summit HS (Yellville-Summit)	50%→74%	24%
South Side High (Fort Smith)	62%→85%	23%

Northeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Williford High (Twin Rivers)	20%→65%	45%
Midland High (Midland)	47%→79%	32%
Manila High (Manila)	48%→76%	28%
Southside High (Southside)	51%→77%	26%
Armorel High (Armorel)	35%→59%	24%

Central

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Mayflower High (Mayflower)	44%→75%	31%
McClellan Magnet HS (Little Rock)	16%→39%	23%
Academic Center for Excellence (Cabot)	33%→56%	23%
Dollarway High (Dollarway)	13%→34%	21%
Guy-Perkins High (Guy- Perkins)	35%→53%	18%

Southwest

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Blevins High (Blevins)	42%→79%	37%
Sparkman High (Harmony Grove)	31%→62%	31%
Stephens High (Stephens)	09%→35%	26%
Centerpoint High (Centerpoint)	48%→70%	22%
Foreman High (Foreman)	57%→79%	22%

Southeast

School (District)	2009 & 2010 % Proficient/ Advanced	% Point Increase
Warren High (Warren)	23%→49%	26%
DeWitt High (DeWitt)	41%→65%	24%
Star City High (Star City)	48%→66%	18%
Woodlawn High (Woodlawn)	45%→61%	16%
Brinkley High (Brinkley)	18%→31%	13%

Final Thought

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

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://arkansased.org/testing/test_scores.html). 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 provided 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 level, and in all End-of-Course subjects at the high school level, to measure overall performance for each school.

Schools are divided into two school types: elementary schools and middle schools. However, elementary schools and middle schools can be labeled differently, as there is not a specific way to name or to structure the grades in a school. Rather than comparing schools based on their name, we attempted to sort the schools by the grades served at each school. For the purpose of this report, we classify schools that serve students in grades 3-5 as elementary schools and schools that serve students in grades 6-8 as middle schools.

Of course, not every elementary and middle school fits this rule. For all other grade combinations, we identify the school as elementary or middle based on the grades the school primarily serves. For example, if a school serves grades four through six, we classify that school as an elementary school. Based on our rule, two grades (grades four and five) are at the elementary level, and one grade (grade six) is at the middle school level. A school that has the same number of elementary and middle school grades is classified as a middle school. For example, a school with grades five and six is considered a middle school in this report.

Additionally, you may see a high school on the middle school list. This is because some high schools serve grades seven and eight as well. The Benchmark score for any high school on the middle school list is the average of grades seven and/or eight only.

Any school administering End-of-Course examinations is considered as part of the high school section of this report. For the algebra End-of-Course exam, schools were considered "regular algebra" schools if they served grade nine. This distinction was necessary because many schools offer algebra to advanced students in grade eight. Schools which serve grades eight and nine may get a slight upward bias to their algebra End-of-Course scores when compared to school which serve only grade nine and above.

Except for schools in districts on NSLA Provision 2, school Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) rates are based on numbers reported to the ADE in the cycle 2 report. Rates for schools from Provision 2 districts were computed using NSLA base rate data.

The goal of this categorization scheme is to ensure, to the extent possible, that similar schools are compared to each other. Of course, it is difficult to create a perfect “rule.” These guidelines were used to simply provide as much consistency as possible when comparing Benchmark performance.

B. Compete School List

To view the scores of all schools in Arkansas, visit: <http://www.uark.edu/ua/oep/resources.html>