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

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

A. Elementary Schools, Mathematics

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

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

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

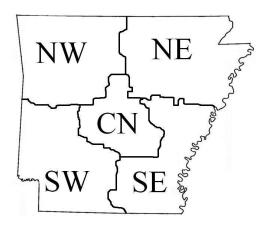
| | School (District) | Region | Grades Served | % FRL | 2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced | % Point Increase |
|----|--|--------|------------------|----------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Wilson Elementary (Little Rock) | CN | K-5 | 97% | 30%→52% | 22% |
| 2 | Mayflower Elementary (Mayflower) |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

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

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

Northwest

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



Southwest

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

Northeast

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

Central

| 2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced | % Point Increase |
|--|---|
| 30%→52% | 22% |
| | |
| 63%→84% | 21% |
| | |
| 71%→90% | 19% |
| | |
| 68%→84% | 16% |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| 45%→60% | 15% |
| | |
| | % Proficient/ Advanced 30%→52% 63%→84% 71%→90% 68%→84% |

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

B. Elementary Schools, Literacy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Northwest Northeast

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

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

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

Southwest

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

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

C. Middle Schools, Mathematics

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

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

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

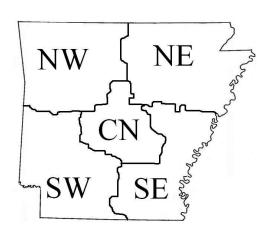
| | School (District) | Region | Grades Served | % FRL | 2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced | % Point Increase |
|----|--|--------|------------------|----------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Osceola Middle (Osceola) | NE | 6-8 | 98% | 19%→38% | 19% |
| 2 | Buffalo Is. Central Junior High (Buffalo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

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

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

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

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



Central

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

Southwest

(Clarksville)

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

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

D. Middle Schools, Literacy

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

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

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

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

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

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

| Northwest | Northeast |
|-----------|-----------|
| | |

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

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

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

Southwest

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

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

E. High Schools, Algebra

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

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

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

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

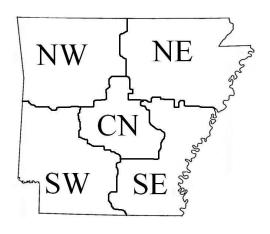
^{*}In the event of a tie, schools are in order by highest FRL percentage to lowest.

Statewide Algebra I EOC % Proficient/Advanced 2010: 76% Statewide Algebra I EOC % Proficient/Advanced 2011: 78%

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

Northwest

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



Southwest

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

Northeast

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

Central

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

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

F. High Schools, Literacy

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

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

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

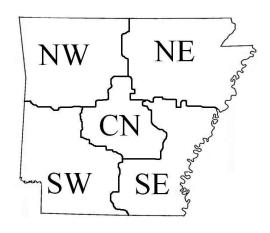
| | School (District) | Region | Grades Served | % FRL | 2010 & 2011 % Proficient/ Advanced | % Point Increase |
|----|---|--------|------------------|----------|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Cutter-Morning Star High (Cutter | CN | 7-12 | 57% | 44%→86% | 42% |
| | Morning Star) | 21227 | 7.10 | 700/ | 700 / 000/ | 200/ |
| 2 | St. Paul High (Huntsville) | NW | 7-12 | 79% | 50%→88% | 38% |
| 3 | Hackett High School (Hackett) | NW | 7-12 | 49% | 39%→73% | 34% |
| 4 | Poyen High (Poyen) | CN | 7-12 | 52% | 38%→70% | 32% |
| 4 | Calico Rock High (Calico Rock) | NE | 7-12 | 48% | 59%→91% | 32% |
| 6 | Carlisle High (Carlisle) | CN | 7-12 | 50% | 36%→65% | 29% |
| 7 | Mt. Judea High (Deer/Mt. Judea) | NW | 7-12 | 82% | 27%→55% | 28% |
| 7 | Guy-Perkins High (Guy-Perkins) | CN | 7-12 | 61% | 53%→81% | 28% |
| 7 | Lamar High (Lamar) | NW | 9-12 | 51% | 59%→87% | 28% |
| 7 | Ouachita High (Ouachita) | CN | 7-12 | 48% | 43%→71% | 28% |
| 11 | Spring Hill High (Spring Hill) | SW | 7-12 | 45% | 52%→79% | 27% |
| 12 | Kingston High (Jasper) | NW | 7-12 | 62% | 58%→84% | 26% |
| 12 | Norphlet High (Norphlet) | SW | 7-12 | 43% | 56%→82% | 26% |
| 14 | Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheat/Wheatley) | NE | 9-12 | 86% | 40%→65% | 25% |
| 14 | Bruno-Pyatt High (Ozark Mountain) | NW | 7-12 | 83% | 31%→56% | 25% |
| 14 | Crossett High (Crossett) | SE | 9-12 | 46% | 41%→66% | 25% |
| 14 | Bauxite High (Bauxite) | CN | 7-12 | 33% | 56%→81% | 25% |
| 18 | West Side High (West Side) | NE | 7-12 | 57% | 58%→82% | 24% |
| 18 | El Dorado High (El Dorado) | SW | 9-12 | 52% | 50%→74% | 24% |
| 20 | Earle High (Earle) | NE | 7-12 | 94% | 27%→50% | 23% |
| 20 | Riverview High (Riverview) | NE | 9-12 | 59% | 53%→76% | 23% |
| 20 | Hartford High (Hartford) | NW | 7-12 | 58% | 46%→69% | 23% |
| 20 | Highland High (Highland) | NE | 8-12 | 57% | 58%→81% | 23% |

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

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

Northwest

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



Southwest

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

Northeast

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

Central

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

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

Final Thought

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