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**HIGH ACHIEVING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

The GPA measure, we believe, is a better representation of student achievement on statewide standardized exams. In this report, we are presenting a list of the top 25 schools in each area. In some cases, these "top 25 lists" will contain more than 25 schools as some schools' GPA scores

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

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

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

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

III. 2012 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

This section provides a deeper look at the high achieving elementary schools and grades¹ within schools based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam. The Benchmark exams in math and literacy were administered to students in grades 3-8 in April 2012.

Each table presents the high achieving schools for the noted grade and subject. These tables include the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels, and the GPA of the school in that particular subject. Because we already listed our overall top performing elementary schools in Section I of the OEP Awards, we move directly into listing the top performing elementary schools by grade. We then highlight the top performing elementary schools and grades within schools in each region².

¹ 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.

² Schools are divided into five regions in Arkansas: Northwest (NW), Northeast (NE), Central (CN), Southwest (SW), and Southeast (SE).

G. Elementary Math by Grade, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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

H. Elementary Literacy by Grade, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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

I. Elementary Combined³ Math and Literacy by Grade, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



J. Northwest Region, Elementary Schools, 2012

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Central Park at Morning Star Elem. (Bentonville)	K-4	937	96%	3.81
2 Pottsville Elem. School (Pottsville)	K-3	500	95%	3.79
3 Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	K-5	619	95%	3.76
3 Bob Folsom Elem. School (Farmington)	K-3	299	94%	3.76
5 Dover Elem. School (Dover)	K-4	502	97%	3.73

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

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

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Vandergriff Elem. School (Fayetteville)	K-5	663	96%	3.78
2 Woodland Heights Elem. School (Harrison)	K-4	133	98%	3.77
3 Bellview Elem. (Rogers)	K-5	619	95%	3.76
4 Central Park at Morning Star Elem. (Bentonville)	K-4	937	95%	3.73
4 Hunt Elem. School (Springdale)	K-5	585	94%	3.73

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

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



K. Northeast Region, Elementary Schools, 2012

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Mount Pleasant Elem. School (Melbourne)	K-6	134	97%	3.89
2 Richland Elem. School (West Memphis)	K-6	535	97%	3.79
3 Evening Shade Math & Science Academy (Cave City)	K-4	93	94%	3.73
4 Brookland Elem. School (Brookland)	P-3	153	95%	3.69
5 Salem Elem. School (Salem)	K-6	379	94%	3.67

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

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

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

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

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

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



L. Central Region, Elementary Schools, 2012

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	K-5	299	99%	3.84
2 Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	2-4	78	98%	3.82
3 Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway)	K-4	545	96%	3.75
3 Jim Stone Elem. School (Conway)	K-4	422	97%	3.75
3 Stagecoach Elem. School (Cabot)	K-4	491	97%	3.75
3 Woodrow Cummins Elem. School (Conway)	K-4	465	96%	3.75

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

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

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Ellen Smith Elem. School (Conway)	K-4	545	98%	3.82
2 Park Magnet School (Hot Springs)	K-5	299	98%	3.79
3 Academy of Technology (Vilonia)	2-4	78	96%	3.76
3 Forest Park Elem. School (Little Rock)	P-5	403	97%	3.76
3 Jim Stone Elem. School (Conway)	K-4	422	97%	3.76

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

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



M. Southwest Region, Elementary Schools, 2012

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Centerpoint Primary School	P-3	70	99%	3.72
2 College Hill Elem. School (Texarkana)	K-4	360	96%	3.69
3 De Queen Elem. School (DeQueen)	3-5	572	92%	3.62
4 Parkers Chapel Elem. School (Parkers Chapel)	K-6	343	91%	3.55
5 Holly Harshman Elem. School (Mena)	3-5	409	92%	3.52

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

School (District)	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
3rd Grade			
1 Bearden Elem. School (Bearden)	40	98%	3.98
2 Spring Hill Elem. School (Spring Hill)	38	100%	3.92
3 College Hill Elem. School (Texarkana)	64	99%	3.89
4th Grade			
1 Taylor Elem. School (Emerson-Taylor)	16	94%	3.69
2 Bradley Elem. School (Bradley)	28	100%	3.68
3 Wickes Elem. School (Cossatot)	49	96%	3.65
5th Grade			
1 Parkers Chapel Elem. School (Parkers Chapel)	39	97%	3.79
2 De Queen Elem. School (DeQueen)	191	90%	3.52
3 Holly Harshman Elem. School (Mena)	131	89%	3.45

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 College Hill Elem. School (Texarkana)	K-4	360	97%	3.78
2 De Queen Elem. School (DeQueen)	3-5	572	93%	3.57
3 Holly Harshman Elem. School (Mena)	3-5	409	92%	3.55
4 Spring Hill Elem. School (Spring Hill)	K-6	289	91%	3.54
5 Gurdon Primary School (Gurdon)	K-4	278	88%	3.52
5 Parkers Chapel Elem. School (Parkers Chapel)	K-6	343	89%	3.52

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

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



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1	Eudora Elem. School (Lakeside – Chicot County)	P-3	22	87%	3.77
2	Des Arc Elem. School (Des Arc)	P-6	274	92%	3.58
2	Gillett Elem. School (DeWitt)	P-5	75	95%	3.58
4	Drew Central Elem. School (Drew Central)	K-4	346	90%	3.47
5	C. B. Partee Elem. School (Brinkley)	K-6	315	90%	3.46

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

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

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

School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Proficient/Advanced	GPA
1 Gillett Elem. School (DeWitt)	P-5	75	95%	3.71
2 Noble/Allbritton Elem. School (Hamburg)	K-5	711	89%	3.46
3 Portland Elem. School (Hamburg)	P-5	135	89%	3.41
4 Eudora Elem. School (Lakeside – Chicot County)	P-3	22	87%	3.39
5 Des Arc Elem. School (Des Arc)	P-6	274	86%	3.37
5 DeWitt Elem. School (DeWitt)	K-5	493	87%	3.37

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

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

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

APPENDIX

A. Methods

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

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

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

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

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

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

B. School Classification

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

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

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

Table : School Classifications

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

*Only one school categorized by this configuration