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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.

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

The percent proficient and advanced measure disregards real information provided by student scores that are placed into the four different performance categories: below basic, basic, proficient, and advanced. Additionally, this mark does not differentiate between a school in which 100% of students score proficient and a school in which 100% of students score advanced. Both of these schools would show 100% of students performing at proficient and advanced levels; however, in the latter school, students actually performed at a significantly higher level. Thus, a slightly more informative indicator gives the most credit to students who score at the advanced level and the least credit to students who score at the below basic level. For 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!

<b>Category</b>	<b>GPA Points Awarded</b>
<b>Advanced</b>	4.0
<b>Proficient</b>	3.0
<b>Basic</b>	2.0
<b>Below Basic</b>	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. 2013 OEP AWARDS: HIGH-ACHIEVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

This section provides a deeper look at the high-achieving elementary schools and grades within schools based on the Arkansas Benchmark exam.<sup>1</sup> The Benchmark exams in math and literacy were administered to students in grades 3-8 in April 2013.

Each table presents the high-achieving schools for the noted grade and subject. These tables include the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, the percent of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels, and the GPA of the school in that particular subject. Because we already listed our overall top-performing elementary schools in Section I of the OEP Awards, we move directly into listing the top-performing elementary schools by grade. We then highlight the top-performing elementary schools and grades within schools in each region.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In this section, we highlight the top-performing grade levels for grades three through five. We did not distinguish between elementary or middle school but simply highlight the top grade levels overall. Therefore, a middle school may be listed if it includes one of these grades. The next installment of OEP Awards, High-Achieving Middle Schools by Region, will cover grades six through eight.

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

## G. Elementary Math by Grade, 2013

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

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

♦ Indicates school placed on list in 2011-12.

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

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

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

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

## H. Elementary Literacy by Grade, 2013

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

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

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

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



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

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

## I. Elementary Combined<sup>3</sup> Math and Literacy by Grade, 2013

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Combined score is a simple average of Math and Literacy for the % Proficient/Advanced measure and the GPA measure.

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

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

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

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

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



### J. Northwest Region, Elementary Schools, 2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## K. Northeast Region, Elementary Schools, 2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## L. Central Region, Elementary Schools, 2013

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



## M. Southwest Region, Elementary Schools, 2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## N. Southeast Region, Elementary Schools, 2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 A: School Classifications*

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