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**BEATING THE ODDS: HIGH-ACHIEVING  
SCHOOLS BASED ON THE PARCC  
EXAMINATIONS, SERVING LOW-INCOME  
COMMUNITIES**

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## INTRODUCTION

Since our founding in 2003, the mission of the Office for Education Policy has been looking at pressing issues through the lens of academic research and disseminating 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 Outstanding Educational Performance Awards, or the OEP awards.

In the 2014-15 academic year, Arkansas students have undergone a change in their assessment of student performance to better operate in collaboration with the Common Core Standards. The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) replaced the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program (ACTAAP) for literacy and math exams for most students in the state.

As promised, with the release of the PARCC results at the school and district level, the spring edition of the OEP Awards will highlight high-performing schools in Arkansas based on their performance in the Math and Literacy exams at the Elementary, Middle, Junior High and High School level.

In this report we are continuing to rate schools' performance based on the **“GPA” rating system** that was introduced in 2012, however modifications had to be made as student performance categories differed in PARCC in relation to those of the Benchmark exams. PARCC assessed student performance based on whether or not they fall under one of the following five categories: Not Met Expectations, Partially Met Expectations, Approached Expectations, Met Expectations or Exceeded Expectations. The 4.0 grading scale was still utilized; 0 points were allocated to those that “Did not meet expectations” and 4 points were allocated to those who “Exceeded Expectations”. This GPA measure does reflect a more accurate representation of student performance and is something that is familiar and meaningful to the public.

<b>Category</b>	<b>GPA Points Awarded</b>
<b>Exceeded Expectations</b>	4.0
<b>Met Expectations</b>	3.0
<b>Approached Expectations</b>	2.0
<b>Partially Met Expectations</b>	1.0
<b>Did Not Meet Expectations</b>	0.0

In this report, we are presenting a list of the top 20 schools in each area. In some cases, these “top 20 lists” will contain more than 20 schools as some schools’ GPA scores will be identical. This is not a new phenomenon, as we also exceeded 20 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.

In the following weeks, we will focus on high-performing elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in the various regions across the state. We will conclude this edition of the report by highlighting 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). Our release schedule is:

- **High-Achieving Elementary Schools**
- **High-Achieving Middle Schools**
- **High-Achieving Junior High Schools**
- **High-Achieving High Schools**
- **Beating the Odds: High-Achieving Schools Serving Low-Income Communities**

## **V. 2015 OEP AWARDS: BEATING THE ODDS – HIGH ACHIEVING SCHOOLS, BASED ON THE PARCC EXAMINATIONS, SERVING LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.**

This section highlights high-achieving schools across Arkansas based on PARCC examinations in Math and from the 2014-15 academic year. For these awards, we consider schools that serve free and reduced lunch to at least 66% of the student body.

This section is divided into subsections based the two exams. Schools are ranked using the GPA performance measure (explained in the Introduction) in each subject. Because the exams are not “grade-specific,” schools in each of the subsections are categorized differently to account for school performance based on grade levels served; this is explained further in the introduction text in each subsection. Furthermore, each subsection includes the top schools, the top “high-poverty” schools, and the top five schools by region. In the subsections, the tables present the high-achieving schools for the noted category and subject using the GPA performance measure. These tables include the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, the percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations, and the GPA of the school in that particular subject.

## M. Elementary School Achievement, 2015

### Overall PARCC Results

Table 73: Top 10 “High-Poverty” *Elementary* Schools based on *Overall* PARCC Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	%FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	NW	K-6	83%	246	51%	2.40
2	Cowsert Elementary (Clinton)	NW	K-3	71%	175	59%	2.38
3	Forest Heights Stem Academy (Little Rock)	CN	K-8	66%	978	48%	2.26
4	Dover Elementary (Dover)	NW	K-5	69%	571	44%	2.17
5	Omaha Elementary (Omaha)	NW	K-6	81%	230	46%	2.15
6	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson Co.)	NE	K-4	68%	274	41%	2.10
6	Centerpoint Primary (Centerpoint)	SW	P-3	77%	120	43%	2.10
8	Wickes Elementary (Cossatot River)	SW	P-6	81%	360	42%	2.09
8	Vilonia Elementary (Vilonia)	CN	K-4	69%	512	42%	2.09
8	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	K-4	69%	80	41%	2.09

## Math PARCC Results

Table 74: Top 10 "High-Poverty" *Elementary* Schools based on PARCC *Math* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	%FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Cowsert Elementary (Clinton)	NW	K-3	71%	88	63%	2.52
2	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	NW	K-6	83%	123	42%	2.28
3	Centerpoint Primary (Centerpoint)	SW	P-3	77%	60	47%	2.23
3	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	P-3	86%	95	44%	2.23
5	Paron Elementary (Bryant)	CN	K-5	71%	30	47%	2.17
6	Van Cove Elementary (Cossatot River)	SW	P-6	78%	108	40%	2.16
7	Marshall Elementary (Searcy County)	NW	K-3	77%	59	36%	2.15
8	Wickes Elementary (Cossatot River)	SW	P-6	81%	180	39%	2.11
8	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	SW	3-5	78%	507	36%	2.11
10	Joann Walters Elementary (Dierks)	SW	K-6	67%	152	38%	2.09
10	Ola Elementary (Two Rivers)	NW	K-4	87%	94	43%	2.09

Table 75-79: Top 5 **Elementary** Schools in Arkansas by Region, **PARCC Math** Achievement.



Table 75: Top 5 “High-Poverty” **Elementary** Schools in **Northwest** Arkansas Based on **PARCC Math**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	Cowsert Elementary (Clinton )	K-3	71%	88	63%	2.52
<b>2</b>	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk )	K-6	83%	123	42%	2.28
<b>3</b>	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest )	P-3	86%	95	44%	2.23
<b>4</b>	Marshall Elementary (Searcy County )	K-3	77%	59	36%	2.15
<b>5</b>	Ola Elementary (Two Rivers)	K-4	87%	94	43%	2.09



Table 76: Top 5 “High-Poverty” **Elementary** Schools in **Northeast** Arkansas Based on **PARCC Math**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	Mammoth Spring Elementary (Mammoth Spring )	K-6	69%	149	43%	2.05
<b>2</b>	West Elementary (Batesville )	K-6	71%	275	35%	2.02
<b>3</b>	Riverside West Elementary (Riverside )	K-6	69%	134	36%	1.99
<b>3</b>	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson Co.)	K-4	68%	137	32%	1.99
<b>5</b>	Cave City Elementary (Cave City )	K-4	78%	174	35%	1.97





*Table 77: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Central Arkansas Based on PARCC Math*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Paron Elementary (Bryant)	K-5	71%	30	47%	2.17
2	Forest Heights Stem Academy (Little Rock)	K-8	66%	489	40%	2.08
3	Cutter-Morning Star Elementary (Cutter-Morning Star)	K-6	79%	195	33%	2.06
3	Terry Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	85%	149	38%	2.06
5	Vilonia Elementary (Vilonia)	K-4	69%	256	40%	2.00



*Table 78: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Southwest Arkansas Based on PARCC Math*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Centerpoint Primary (Centerpoint)	P-3	77%	60	47%	2.23
2	Van Cove Elementary (Cossatot River)	P-6	78%	108	40%	2.16
3	Wickes Elementary (Cossatot River)	P-6	81%	180	39%	2.11
3	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	78%	507	36%	2.11
5	Joann Walters Elementary (Dierks)	K-6	67%	152	38%	2.09



*Table 79: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Southeast Arkansas Based on PARCC Math*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	P-6	72%	166	41%	2.06
<b>2</b>	Kingsland Elementary (Cleveland County)	K-5	83%	53	28%	1.83
<b>3</b>	C.B. Partee Elementary (Brinkley)	K-6	81%	137	27%	1.80
<b>4</b>	Crossett Elementary (Crossett )	P-4	71%	242	30%	1.79
<b>5</b>	Dewitt Elementary (Dewitt)	K-5	69%	227	24%	1.77

## Literacy PARCC Results

Table 80: Top 10 "High-Poverty" *Elementary* Schools based on PARCC *Literacy* Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	NW	K-6	83%	123	60%	2.52
2	Forest Heights Stem Academy (Little Rock)	CN	K-8	66%	489	57%	2.45
3	Dover Elementary (Dover)	NW	K-5	69%	286	50%	2.29
4	Omaha Elementary (Omaha)	NW	K-6	81%	115	50%	2.24
4	Cowsert Elementary (Clinton)	NW	K-3	71%	87	55%	2.24
6	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	NW	K-4	69%	40	45%	2.23
7	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson Co.)	NE	K-4	68%	137	49%	2.22
8	Geyer Springs Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	1-5	89%	126	42%	2.21
9	Eastside Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	74%	293	44%	2.20
10	Vilonia Elementary (Vilonia)	CN	K-4	69%	256	45%	2.19

Table 81-85: Top 5 *Elementary* Schools in Arkansas by Region, PARCC *Literacy* Achievement.



Table 81: Top 5 “High-Poverty” *Elementary* Schools in *Northwest* Arkansas Based on PARCC *Literacy*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Norfolk Elementary (Norfolk)	K-6	83%	123	60%	2.52
2	Dover Elementary (Dover)	K-5	69%	286	50%	2.29
3	Omaha Elementary (Omaha)	K-6	81%	115	50%	2.24
3	Cowsert Elementary (Clinton)	K-3	71%	87	55%	2.24
5	Woodland Heights Elementary (Harrison)	K-4	69%	40	45%	2.23



Table 82: Top 5 “High-Poverty” *Elementary* Schools in *Northeast* Arkansas Based on PARCC *Literacy*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson Co.)	K-4	68%	137	49%	2.22
2	Riverside West Elementary (Riverside)	K-6	69%	134	46%	2.16
3	Bay Elementary (Bay)	K-6	71%	170	42%	2.15
4	Mountain View Elementary (Mountain View)	P-4	73%	196	41%	2.09
5	Mammoth Spring Elementary (Mammoth Spring)	K-6	69%	149	38%	2.05



*Table 83: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Central Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Forest Heights Stem Academy (Little Rock)	K-8	66%	489	57%	2.45
2	Geyer Springs Elementary (Little Rock)	1-5	89%	126	42%	2.21
3	Vilonia Elementary (Vilonia)	K-4	69%	256	45%	2.19
4	Otter Creek Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	81%	254	39%	2.05
4	College Station Elementary (Pulaski County Special)	P-5	76%	118	39%	2.05



*Table 84: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Southwest Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Centerpoint Intermediate (Centerpoint)	4-5	69%	149	39%	2.09
2	Wickes Elementary (Cossatot River)	P-6	81%	180	44%	2.08
3	Fairview Elementary (Texarkana)	K-4	83%	94	39%	2.02
4	Van Cove Elementary (Cossatot River)	P-6	78%	108	33%	1.98
5	Centerpoint Primary (Centerpoint)	P-3	77%	60	38%	1.97



*Table 85: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Southeast Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Kingsland Elementary (Cleveland County)	K-5	83%	53	38%	2.06
2	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	P-6	72%	167	45%	2.02
3	Hazen Elementary (Hazen)	P-8	76%	268	38%	1.90
4	Portland Elementary (Hamburg)	P-5	66%	56	32%	1.86
5	Barton Elementary (Barton-Lexa)	K-6	82%	219	31%	1.84

## N. Middle School Achievement, 2015

### Overall PARCC Results

Table 86: Top 10 "High-Poverty" *Middle* Schools based on *Overall PARCC Achievement*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	%FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Clinton Intermediate (Clinton)	NW	4-6	77%	655	40%	2.09
2	Lingle Middle (Rogers)	NW	6-8	68%	1,705	39%	2.07
3	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)	NW	6-8	66%	202	40%	2.04
4	Nettleton Middle (Nettleton)	NE	6-6	66%	460	36%	2.02
5	Oakdale Middle (Rogers)	NW	6-8	73%	1,529	35%	1.95
5	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	74%	1,491	33%	1.95
5	Leslie Elementary (Searcy County)	NW	4-6	73%	308	35%	1.95
8	McRae Middle (Prescott)	SW	5-6	81%	304	36%	1.94
9	Lincoln Middle (Lincoln)	NW	5-7	74%	693	35%	1.92
10	DeQueen Middle (DeQueen)	SW	6-7	78%	731	29%	1.87

### Math PARCC Results

Table 87: Top 10 "High-Poverty" *Middle* Schools based on *PARCC Math Achievement*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	%FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Clinton Intermediate (Clinton)	NW	4-6	77%	328	34%	1.96
2	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	NW	5-8	66%	292	36%	1.92
3	McRae Middle (Prescott)	SW	5-6	81%	152	35%	1.89
3	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	74%	749	29%	1.89
5	Nettleton Middle (Nettleton)	NE	6	66%	230	29%	1.86
5	DeQueen Middle (DeQueen)	SW	6-7	78%	366	27%	1.86
7	Dardanelle Middle (Dardanelle)	NW	6-8	74%	456	28%	1.85
8	Lingle Middle (Rogers)	NW	6-8	68%	853	28%	1.82
9	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)	NW	5-6	71%	423	26%	1.79
9	Leslie Elementary (Searcy County)	NW	4-6	73%	154	29%	1.79

Table 88-92: Top 5 *Middle* Schools in Arkansas by Region, PARCC *Math* Achievement.



Table 88: Top 5 “High-Poverty” *Middle* Schools in *Northwest* Arkansas Based on PARCC *Math*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Clinton Intermediate (Clinton)	4-6	77%	328	34%	1.96
2	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	5-8	66%	292	36%	1.92
3	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	6-7	74%	749	29%	1.89
4	Dardanelle Middle (Dardanelle)	6-8	74%	456	28%	1.85
5	Lingle Middle (Rogers)	6-8	68%	853	28%	1.82



Table 89: Top 5 “High-Poverty” *Middle* Schools in *Northeast* Arkansas Based on PARCC *Math*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Nettleton Middle (Nettleton)	6	66%	230	29%	1.86
2	Marked Tree Middle (Marked Tree)	6-8	81%	107	29%	1.69
3	Trumann Intermediate (Trumann)	5-6	82%	212	24%	1.61
4	Cave City Middle (Cave City)	5-8	74%	387	16%	1.51
5	Bald Knob Middle (Bald Knob)	6-8	67%	295	14%	1.50





Table 90: Top 5 “High-Poverty” **Middle** Schools in **Central** Arkansas Based on **PARCC Math**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Hot Springs Intermediate (Hot Springs)	5-6	86%	506	22%	1.62
2	Jessieville Middle (Jessieville)	6-8	71%	196	20%	1.61
3	Mann Magnet Middle (Little Rock)	6-8	73%	750	20%	1.59
4	Wilson Intermediate (Malvern)	5-6	77%	293	21%	1.57
5	Jacksonville Lighthouse Middle (Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter)	5-8	75%	208	12%	1.45



Table 91: Top 5 “High-Poverty” **Middle** Schools in **Southwest** Arkansas Based on **PARCC Math**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	McRae Middle (Prescott)	5-6	81%	152	35%	1.89
2	DeQueen Middle (DeQueen)	6-7	78%	366	27%	1.86
3	Mena Middle (Mena)	6-8	66%	366	22%	1.73
4	Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	4-6	73%	439	20%	1.68
5	Central Elementary (Magnolia)	4-6	68%	608	24%	1.64



Table 92: Top 5 “High-Poverty” **Middle** Schools in **Southeast** Arkansas Based on PARCC Math

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	KIPP:Delta College Prep (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	5-8	92%	289	20%	1.69
2	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	5-6	66%	243	19%	1.58
3	KIPP: Blytheville College Prep (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	5-8	88%	295	18%	1.48
4	Drew Central Middle (Drew Central)	5-8	75%	295	13%	1.38
5	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside (Chicot))	6-8	85%	201	9%	1.28

\* Note, there are only seven schools that fall in this category

## Literacy PARCC Results

Table 93: Top 10 "High-Poverty" **Middle Schools** based on PARCC Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)	NW	6-8	66%	101	57%	2.39
2	Lingle Middle (Rogers)	NW	6-8	68%	852	50%	2.32
3	Clinton Intermediate (Clinton)	NW	4-6	77%	327	47%	2.22
3	Oakdale Middle (Rogers)	NW	6-8	73%	762	47%	2.22
5	Nettleton Middle (Nettleton)	NE	6-6	66%	230	44%	2.17
6	Leslie Elementary (Searcy County)	NW	4-6	73%	154	42%	2.11
7	Mann Magnet Middle (Little Rock)	CN	6-8	73%	760	42%	2.09
8	Lincoln Middle (Lincoln)	NW	5-7	74%	350	43%	2.08
9	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	74%	742	37%	2.01
10	Marked Tree Middle (Marked Tree)	NE	6-8	81%	107	38%	2.00

Table 94-98: Top 5 **Middle Schools** in Arkansas by Region, PARCC Literacy Achievement.



Table 94: Top 5 "High-Poverty" **Middle Schools** in Northwest Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)	6-8	66%	101	57%	2.39
2	Lingle Middle (Rogers)	6-8	68%	852	50%	2.32
3	Clinton Intermediate (Clinton)	4-6	77%	327	47%	2.22
3	Oakdale Middle (Rogers)	6-8	73%	762	47%	2.22
5	Leslie Elementary (Searcy County)	4-6	73%	154	42%	2.11



*Table 95: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in Northeast Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	Nettleton Middle (Nettleton)	6	66%	230	44%	2.17
<b>2</b>	Marked Tree Middle (Marked Tree)	6-8	81%	107	38%	2.00
<b>3</b>	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	5-6	70%	482	25%	1.71
<b>4</b>	Cave City Middle (Cave City)	5-8	74%	386	26%	1.68
<b>5</b>	Trumann Intermediate (Trumann)	5-6	82%	213	25%	1.61



*Table 96: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in Central Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	Mann Magnet Middle (Little Rock)	6-8	73%	760	42%	2.09
<b>2</b>	Jacksonville Lighthouse Middle (Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter)	5-8	75%	211	35%	1.90
<b>3</b>	Southeast Middle (Pine Bluff)	6-7	85%	356	28%	1.75
<b>4</b>	Northwood Middle (Pulaski County Special)	6-8	68%	331	29%	1.74
<b>5</b>	Hot Springs Intermediate (Hot Springs)	5-6	86%	503	30%	1.73



*Table 97: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in Southwest Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	McRae Middle (Prescott)	5-6	81%	152	38%	1.99
<b>2</b>	Cabe Middle (Gurdon)	5-8	80%	203	36%	1.93
<b>3</b>	Mena Middle (Mena)	6-8	66%	365	32%	1.92
<b>4</b>	DeQueen Middle (DeQueen)	6-7	78%	365	31%	1.89
<b>5</b>	Camden Fairview Middle (Camden Fairview)	6-8	74%	514	32%	1.84



*Table 98: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in Southeast Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside (Chicot))	6-8	85%	201	27%	1.75
<b>2</b>	Drew Central Middle (Drew Central)	5-8	75%	295	26%	1.60
<b>3</b>	KIPP: Blytheville College Prep (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	5-8	88%	295	24%	1.57
<b>4</b>	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	5-6	66%	242	19%	1.56
<b>5</b>	KIPP:Delta College Prep (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	5-8	92%	292	17%	1.48

## O. Junior High School Achievement, 2015

### Overall PARCC Results

Table 99: Top 10 "High-Poverty" **Junior High** schools base on **Overall PARCC Achievement**

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	%FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Clinton Junior High (Clinton)	NW	7-9	68%	595	36%	1.98
2	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	67%	1,279	31%	1.78
3	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	SW	7-9	72%	816	28%	1.76
4	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	SW	8-9	73%	680	27%	1.75
5	Douglas Macarthur Junior High (Jonesboro)	NE	7-9	69%	1,201	29%	1.72
6	George Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	78%	1,316	27%	1.61
7	Morrilton Junior High (South Conway County)	NW	7-8	69%	734	21%	1.59
8	Dora Kimmons Junior High (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	92%	1,625	20%	1.55
9	Lakeside Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	76%	1,438	22%	1.54
10	Clarksville Junior High (Clarksville)	NW	7-9	68%	1,125	17%	1.52
10	Hot Springs Middle (Hot Springs)	CN	7-8	79%	1,031	21%	1.52
10	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	NE	7-8	73%	406	18%	1.52

## Math PARCC Results

Table 100: Top 10 "High-Poverty" **Junior High** Schools based on PARCC **Math** Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	SW	8-9	73%	341	31%	1.86
2	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	67%	634	32%	1.83
3	Clinton Jr High (Clinton)	NW	7-9	68%	298	27%	1.81
4	Douglas Macarthur Junior High (Jonesboro)	NE	7-9	69%	589	26%	1.72
5	Clarksville Junior High (Clarksville)	NW	7-9	68%	532	20%	1.65
5	George Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	78%	666	26%	1.65
7	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	SW	7-9	72%	409	21%	1.63
8	Morrilton Junior High (South Conway County)	NW	7-8	69%	367	19%	1.56
9	Lakeside Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	76%	715	21%	1.55
10	Dora Kimmons Junior High (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	92%	813	15%	1.48

\* Note: Due to the small number of schools in the Junior High category, math achievement will not be examined on the regional level.

## Literacy PARCC Results

Table 101: Top 10 "High-Poverty" **Junior High** Schools based on PARCC Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
<b>1</b>	Clinton Junior High (Clinton)	NW	7-9	68%	297	45%	2.16
<b>2</b>	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	SW	7-9	72%	407	35%	1.89
<b>3</b>	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	67%	645	30%	1.72
<b>4</b>	Douglas Macarthur Junior High (Jonesboro)	NE	7-9	69%	612	31%	1.71
<b>5</b>	Hot Springs Middle (Hot Springs)	CN	7-8	79%	515	30%	1.69
<b>6</b>	Pleasant View Junior High (Mulberry)	NW	7-9	81%	69	25%	1.65
<b>6</b>	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	SW	8-9	73%	339	23%	1.65
<b>8</b>	Dora Kimmons Junior High (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	92%	812	25%	1.62
<b>8</b>	Morrilton Junior High (South Conway County)	NW	7-8	69%	367	23%	1.62
<b>10</b>	Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	SE	7-9	73%	315	25%	1.61

\* Note: Due to the small number of schools in the Junior High category, Literacy achievement will not be examined on the regional level.



## P. High School Achievement, 2016

### Overall PARCC Results

Table 102: Top 10 "High-Poverty" **High Schools** based on **Overall PARCC Achievement**

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	%FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
<b>1</b>	Norfolk High (Norfolk)	NW	7-12	81%	280	53%	2.33
<b>2</b>	Marshall High (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	68%	509	46%	2.25
<b>3</b>	Cave City High (Cave City)	NE	9-12	69%	363	45%	2.19
<b>3</b>	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	NE	9-12	69%	165	42%	2.19
<b>5</b>	Timbo High (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	81%	124	41%	2.12
<b>6</b>	Cotter High (Cotter)	NW	7-12	66%	366	40%	2.03
<b>7</b>	Horatio High (Horatio)	SW	7-12	66%	468	34%	2.02
<b>8</b>	St. Joe High (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	67%	116	29%	1.99
<b>9</b>	Omaha High (Omaha)	NW	7-12	70%	225	33%	1.98
<b>10</b>	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	SE	7-12	69%	344	35%	1.95

## Math PARCC Results

Table 103: Top 10 "High-Poverty" High Schools based on PARCC Math Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Marshall High (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	68%	224	41%	2.12
2	Norfolk High (Norfolk)	NW	7-12	81%	132	39%	2.09
3	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	NE	9-12	69%	81	38%	2.06
4	Cave City High (Cave City)	NE	9-12	69%	174	36%	2.01
5	Omaha High (Omaha)	NW	7-12	70%	106	30%	1.97
6	Cotter High (Cotter)	NW	7-12	66%	178	30%	1.91
6	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	SE	7-12	69%	175	32%	1.91
8	Horatio High (Horatio)	SW	7-12	66%	231	29%	1.90
8	St. Joe High (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	67%	60	23%	1.90
9	Green Forest High (Green Forest)	NW	9-12	77%	168	35%	1.87
9	Timbo High (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	81%	61	31%	1.87

Table 104-108: Top 5 High Schools in Arkansas by Region, PARCC Math Achievement.



Table 104: Top 5 "High-Poverty" High Schools in Northwest Arkansas Based on PARCC Math

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Marshall High (Searcy County)	7-12	68%	224	41%	2.12
2	Norfolk High (Norfolk)	7-12	81%	132	39%	2.09
3	Omaha High (Omaha)	7-12	70%	106	30%	1.97
4	Cotter High (Cotter)	7-12	66%	178	30%	1.91
5	St. Joe High (Ozark Mountain)	7-12	67%	60	23%	1.90



*Table 105: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in Northeast Arkansas Based on PARCC Math*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	9-12	69%	81	38%	2.06
<b>2</b>	Cave City High (Cave City)	9-12	69%	174	36%	2.01
<b>3</b>	Timbo High (Mountain View)	7-12	81%	61	31%	1.87
<b>4</b>	Mammoth Spring High (Mammoth Spring)	7-12	66%	110	18%	1.65
<b>5</b>	Izard Co. Cons. High (Izard County Consolidated)	9-12	76%	59	22%	1.64



*Table 106: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in Central Arkansas Based on PARCC Math*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	Cutter-Morning Star High (Cutter-Morning Star)	7-12	71%	164	18%	1.53
<b>2</b>	Hot Springs High (Hot Springs)	9-12	76%	359	11%	1.36
<b>3</b>	Jessieville High (Jessieville)	9-12	66%	75	11%	1.25
<b>4</b>	J.A. Fair High (Little Rock)	9-12	83%	363	7%	1.16
<b>5</b>	Pine Bluff High (Pine Bluff)	10-12	79%	200	2%	1.12



*Table 107: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in Southwest Arkansas Based on PARCC Math*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	Horatio High (Horatio)	7-12	66%	231	29%	1.90
<b>2</b>	Mount Ida High (Mount Ida)	7-12	66%	152	26%	1.83
<b>3</b>	Caddo Hills High (Caddo Hills)	7-12	71%	139	24%	1.75
<b>4</b>	Bradley High (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	7-12	74%	113	22%	1.69
<b>5</b>	Oden High (Ouachita River)	7-12	71%	72	21%	1.58



*Table 108: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in Southeast Arkansas Based on PARCC Math*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>% Met/Exceed Expectations</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>1</b>	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	69%	175	32%	1.91
<b>2</b>	Warren High (Warren)	9-12	69%	228	19%	1.63
<b>3</b>	KIPP Blytheville Collegiate High (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	9-12	86%	34	9%	1.47
<b>4</b>	Lakeside High (Lakeside (Chicot))	9-12	78%	121	13%	1.45
<b>5</b>	Brinkley High (Brinkley)	7-12	75%	146	16%	1.43
<b>5</b>	McGehee High (McGehee)	7-12	67%	295	12%	1.43

## Literacy PARCC Results

Table 109: Top 10 "High-Poverty" **High Schools** based on PARCC Literacy Achievement

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Norfolk High (Norfolk)	NW	7-12	81%	148	65%	2.56
2	Cave City High (Cave City)	NE	9-12	69%	189	54%	2.38
2	Marshall High (Searcy County)	NW	7-12	68%	285	50%	2.38
4	Timbo High (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	81%	63	51%	2.37
5	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	NE	9-12	69%	84	46%	2.32
6	Midland High (Midland)	NE	7-12	66%	126	43%	2.25
7	Bruno-Pyatt High (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	71%	53	43%	2.15
7	Cotter High (Cotter)	NW	7-12	66%	188	48%	2.15
9	Horatio High (Horatio)	SW	7-12	66%	237	40%	2.14
10	St. Joe High (Ozark Mountain)	NW	7-12	67%	56	36%	2.07

Table 110-114: Top 5 "High-Poverty" **High Schools** in Arkansas by Region, PARCC Literacy Achievement.



Table 110: Top 5 "High-Poverty" **High Schools** in Northwest Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Norfolk High (Norfolk)	7-12	81%	148	65%	2.56
2	Marshall High (Searcy County)	7-12	68%	285	50%	2.38
3	Bruno-Pyatt High (Ozark Mountain)	7-12	71%	53	43%	2.15
3	Cotter High (Cotter)	7-12	66%	188	48%	2.15
5	St. Joe High (Ozark Mountain)	7-12	67%	56	36%	2.07



Table 111: Top 5 “High-Poverty” **High Schools** in Northeast Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Cave City High (Cave City)	9-12	69%	189	54%	2.38
2	Timbo High (Mountain View)	7-12	81%	63	51%	2.37
3	Marked Tree High (Marked Tree)	9-12	69%	84	46%	2.32
4	Midland High (Midland)	7-12	66%	126	43%	2.25
5	East Poinsett Co. High (East Poinsett Co. School Dist.)	7-12	74%	212	39%	2.00



Table 112: Top 5 “High-Poverty” **High Schools** in Central Arkansas Based on PARCC Literacy

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Cutter-Morning Star High (Cutter-Morning Star)	7-12	71%	177	33%	1.72
2	Pine Bluff High (Pine Bluff)	10-12	79%	264	30%	1.65
3	Hot Springs High (Hot Springs)	9-12	76%	435	27%	1.49
4	J.A. Fair High (Little Rock)	9-12	83%	396	18%	1.43
5	Jessieville High (Jessieville)	9-12	66%	138	22%	1.41



Table 113: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in *Southwest* Arkansas Based on *PARCC Literacy*

	School (District)	% FRL	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Horatio High (Horatio)	7-12	66%	237	40%	2.14
2	Bradley High (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	7-12	74%	99	39%	1.96
3	Mount Ida High (Mount Ida)	7-12	66%	159	34%	1.92
4	Gurdon High (Gurdon)	9-12	67%	115	30%	1.82
5	Caddo Hills High (Caddo Hills)	7-12	71%	145	29%	1.81
5	Blevins High (Blevins)	7-12	78%	139	27%	1.81



Table 114: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in *Southeast* Arkansas Based on *PARCC Literacy*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	% Met/Exceed Expectations	GPA
1	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	69%	169	39%	2.00
2	KIPP Blytheville Collegiate High (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	9-12	86%	54	37%	1.98
3	Lakeside High (Lakeside (Chicot))	9-12	78%	144	26%	1.58
4	McGehee High (McGehee)	7-12	67%	329	22%	1.45
5	Warren High School (Warren)	9-12	69%	234	21%	1.44

## 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 via the link <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/student-assessment/test-scores/year?y=2015>. 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 grade / course level.

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>GPA Points Awarded</b>
<b>Exceeded Expectations</b>	4.0
<b>Met Expectations</b>	3.0
<b>Approached Expectations</b>	2.0
<b>Partially Met Expectations</b>	1.0
<b>Did Not Meet Expectations</b>	0.0

We calculated the GPA measure for every Math and Literacy score. The GPA measure is comprehensive in that it takes into account all of the test score levels (Exceeded, Met, Approached, Partially Met, Did not Meet Expectations), instead of lumping together Met or Exceeded Expectations.



## 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		
5		
K-3		
K-4		
K-5		
K-6		
K-7		
K-8		
P-2		
P-3		
P-4		
P-5		
P-6		
P-7		
P-8		
K-12		

### C. School Classification – High School Awards

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

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

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

*Table B: School Classifications*

<b>Junior High</b>		<b>High School</b>
7-8		7-12
7-9		8-12
8-9		9-12
8		10-12
9		11-12
		9-10