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**HIGH-GROWTH SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS BASED  
ON PERFORMANCE ON THE ACT ASPIRE  
EXAMINATIONS**

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## INTRODUCTION

The mission of the Office for Education Policy is to examine educational issues through the lens of academic research and disseminate our findings to educators, policymakers, and other stakeholders around Arkansas. Annually, we highlight excellent schools around the state in our **Outstanding Educational Performance Awards**, or the OEP awards.

This edition of the **OEP Awards** highlights schools in Arkansas based on student growth on the ACT Aspire exams in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA). This is a departure from prior awards, which were based on student proficiency.

We choose to focus on student growth for these OEP awards because we think it is a better reflection than proficiency rates of how the school is impacting students. Growth is calculated at the student level, and essentially reflects how much a student improved his or her score from the prior year compared to what was predicted based on prior achievement history. Proficiency rates, even those that move beyond the ‘percent proficient’ like our OEP GPA and Arkansas’ weighted achievement score, are more correlated with student demographics than growth scores. This means that schools can demonstrate high student growth regardless of the characteristics of the students that they serve.

In the 2016-17 academic year, ACT Aspire examinations were administered to students in grades 3 through 10 in Math, Reading, Writing, English and Science. For the purposes of this report, the scores obtained in Reading, Writing and English were combined to create a combined ELA score.

For the purposes of these awards, we are using the content-area growth calculated and reported by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). Note that we used only growth for math and English Language Arts, excluding the growth score for English Learner progress to English Language Proficiency). In addition, we identify the highest growth schools by school level as identified by the ADE under Arkansas’ ESSA Plan: Elementary, Middle, and High school level. In this report, we present a list of the top 20 schools in the state for Overall growth (average of Math and ELA growth), Math growth, and ELA growth. In some cases, these “top 20 lists” will contain more than 20 schools as some schools’ growth scores will be identical. This is not a new phenomenon, as we also exceeded 20 schools in previous reports when using the OEP GPA as an indicator for student achievement.

In the following weeks, we will focus on high-growth 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 growth while serving a high percentage of low-income students).

We are pleased to be able to highlight how students are growing academically in schools across the state, and hope the information will spark discussion among stakeholders about how to ensure all schools are growing the knowledge of Arkansas students.

## **I. 2017 OEP AWARDS: HIGH GROWTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS BASED ON CONTENT GROWTH IN THE ACT ASPIRE EXAMS**

This section highlights elementary schools across the state whose students demonstrated high growth on the Arkansas ACT Aspire exams. The ACT Aspire was administered to students in grades 3 through 10 in April 2017 in Math and ELA courses which include English, Writing, and Reading.

Each table in this section presents the Top 20 schools for the noted subject area and school level. In addition, these tables include the region in which the schools are located, the grades served at the school, the weighted achievement score, and the content growth score in that particular subject.

The level of the schools, namely Elementary, Middle, and High, have been based on the school allocation given through the [My School Info](#) portal of the Arkansas Department of Education website.

## A. Elementary School Overall ACT Aspire Growth Scores, 2017

Table 1: Top 20 *Elementary Schools* in Arkansas based on *Overall ACT Aspire Growth*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Final Weighted Achievement	Overall Content Growth
1	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	K-6	99.74	89.66
2	Greenbrier Springhill Elementary (Greenbrier)	CN	K-5	98.10	89.50
3	Central Elementary (Batesville)	NE	K-6	78.31	89.30
4	Willowbrook Elementary (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	95.04	88.83
5	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	P-3	77.05	88.55
6	Greenbrier Wooster Elementary (Greenbrier)	CN	K-5	98.12	88.52
7	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	81.50	88.44
8	City Heights Elementary (Van Buren)	NW	K-5	85.20	88.40
9	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	NW	K-3	80.80	88.16
10	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	CN	K-4	89.76	87.99
11	Eastside Elementary (Cabot)	CN	K-4	87.95	87.90
12	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	P-6	87.46	87.85
13	Hunt Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	93.79	87.76
14	Don Roberts Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	98.43	87.69
15	Bernice Young Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	97.66	87.68
16	Westside Elementary (Searcy)	NE	K-3	96.47	87.59
17	Jones Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	79.74	87.56
18	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	SW	K-6	80.67	87.53
19	Sonora Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	73.37	87.34
20	Crestwood Elementary (N. Little Rock)	CN	K-5	89.42	87.29

Tables 2-6: Top 5 Elementary Schools in Arkansas by Region, Overall Growth



Table 2: Top 5 schools in Northwest Region based on Overall Elementary ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Overall Content Growth
1	Willowbrook Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	335	95.04	88.83
2	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	P-3	92	77.05	88.55
3	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	214	81.50	88.44
4	City Heights Elementary (Van Buren)	K-5	149	85.20	88.40
5	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	K-3	132	80.80	88.16



Table 3: Top 5 schools in the Northeast Region based on Overall Elementary ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Overall Content Growth
1	Salem Elementary (Salem)	K-6	227	99.74	89.66
2	Central Elementary (Batesville)	K-6	190	78.31	89.30
3	Westside Elementary (Searcy)	K-3	135	96.47	87.59
4	West Elementary (Batesville)	K-6	284	85.73	87.00
5	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson Co.)	K-4	107	84.72	85.65



Table 4: Top 5 schools in the *Central* Region based on *Overall* Elementary ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Overall Content Growth
1	Greenbrier Springhill Elementary (Greenbrier)	K-5	176	98.10	89.50
2	Greenbrier Wooster Elementary (Greenbrier)	K-5	178	98.12	88.52
3	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	K-4	123	89.76	87.99
4	Eastside Elementary (Cabot)	K-4	151	87.95	87.90
5	Don Roberts Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	416	98.43	87.69



Table 5: Top 5 schools in the *Southwest* Region based on *Overall* Elementary ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Overall Content Growth
1	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	132	80.67	87.53
2	Genoa Central Elementary (Genoa Central)	K-4	152	88.40	86.52
3	Nashville Primary (Nashville)	K-3	160	65.09	85.47
4	Centerpoint Primary (Centerpoint)	P-3	54	79.61	84.88
5	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	535	76.11	83.97
5	DeQueen Primary (DeQueen)	K-2	535	76.11	83.97



Table 6: Top 5 schools in the *Southeast* Region based on **Overall** Elementary ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Hermitage Elementary (Hermitage)	P-6	123	58.47	84.39
<b>2</b>	Rison Elementary (Cleveland County)	K-5	153	65.70	83.78
<b>3</b>	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	P-5	35	105.36	82.43
<b>4</b>	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	P-6	143	87.41	82.09
<b>5</b>	Eastside New Vision Charter (Warren)	K-3	131	49.81	82.03



## B. Elementary School Math ACT Aspire Growth Scores, 2017

Table 7: Top 10 *Elementary Schools* in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire *Math* Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	NW	K-3	80.80	93.65
<b>2</b>	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	CN	K-4	89.76	91.90
<b>3</b>	City Heights Elementary (Van Buren)	NW	K-5	85.20	91.20
<b>3</b>	Monitor Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	66.54	91.20
<b>5</b>	Central Elementary (Batesville)	NE	K-6	78.31	90.50
<b>5</b>	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	K-6	99.74	90.50
<b>7</b>	Willowbrook Elementary (Bentonville)	NW	K-4	95.04	90.15
<b>8</b>	Baker Interdistrict Elementary (Pulaski County Special)	CN	K-5	100.69	89.80
<b>9</b>	Bernice Young Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	97.66	89.45
<b>9</b>	Don Roberts Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	98.43	89.45
<b>9</b>	Greenbrier Springhill Elementary (Greenbrier)	CN	K-5	98.10	89.45

Tables 8-12: Top 5 Elementary Schools in Arkansas by Region, **Math** Growth



Table 8: Top 5 schools in **Northwest** Region based on Elementary **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Math Content Growth
1	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	K-3	132	80.80	93.65
2	City Heights Elementary (Van Buren)	K-5	149	85.20	91.20
2	Monitor Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	246	66.54	91.20
4	Willowbrook Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	335	95.04	90.15
5	Bernice Young Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	251	97.66	89.45



Table 9: Top 5 schools in **Northeast** Region based on Elementary **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Math Content Growth
1	Salem Elementary (Salem)	K-6	227	99.74	90.50
1	Central Elementary (Batesville)	K-6	190	78.31	90.50
3	West Elementary (Batesville)	K-6	284	85.73	88.75
4	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson Co.)	K-4	107	84.72	87.70
4	Timbo Elementary (Mountain View)	K-6	55	88.86	87.70



Table 10: Top 5 schools in **Central** Region based on Elementary **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	K-4	123	89.76	91.90
<b>2</b>	Baker Interdistrict Elementary (Pulaski County Special)	K-5	154	100.69	89.80
<b>3</b>	Don Roberts Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	416	98.43	89.45
<b>3</b>	Greenbrier Springhill Elementary (Greenbrier)	K-5	176	98.10	89.45
<b>5</b>	Eastside Elementary (Cabot)	K-4	151	87.95	89.10



Table 11: Top 5 schools in **Southwest** Region based on Elementary **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Genoa Central Elementary (Genoa Central)	K-4	152	88.40	88.75
<b>2</b>	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	132	80.67	88.40
<b>3</b>	Nashville Primary (Nashville)	K-3	160	65.09	87.00
<b>4</b>	Centerpoint Primary (Centerpoint)	P-3	54	79.61	85.60
<b>5</b>	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	K-6	98	94.42	84.55



Table 12: Top 5 schools in *Southeast* Region based on Elementary *Math* ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Rison Elementary (Cleveland County)	K-5	153	65.70	84.55
<b>2</b>	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	P-6	143	87.41	83.50
<b>2</b>	Eastside New Vision Charter (Warren)	K-3	131	49.81	83.50
<b>4</b>	Hermitage Elementary (Hermitage)	P-6	123	58.47	83.15
<b>5</b>	Park Avenue Elementary (Stuttgart)	K-4	226	61.26	82.10

### C. Elementary School ELA ACT Aspire Growth Scores, 2017

Table 13: Top 10 Elementary Schools in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire ELA Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Final Weighted Achievement	ELA Content Growth
1	Greenbrier Wooster Elementary (Greenbrier)	CN	K-5	98.12	91.20
2	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	P-6	87.46	89.80
2	Greenbrier Springhill Elementary (Greenbrier)	CN	K-5	98.10	89.80
4	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	P-3	77.05	89.45
4	Hunt Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	93.79	89.45
4	Jones Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	79.74	89.45
7	Euper Lane Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	P-6	86.80	89.10
7	Lepanto Elementary (East Poinsett Co.)	NE	K-4	69.53	89.10
9	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	K-6	99.74	88.75
10	Sutton Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	P-6	63.47	88.40
10	Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	NW	K-4	80.55	88.40
10	Greenbrier Westside Elementary (Greenbrier)	CN	K-5	96.60	88.40
10	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway)	CN	K-4	84.41	88.40

Tables 14-18: Top 5 Elementary Schools in Arkansas by Region, ELA Growth



Table 14: Top 5 schools in Northwest Region based on Elementary ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	ELA Content Growth
1	Cavanaugh Elementary (Fort Smith)	P-6	138	87.46	89.80
2	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	P-3	92	77.05	89.45
2	Hunt Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	284	93.79	89.45
2	Jones Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	229	79.74	89.45
5	Euper Lane Elementary (Fort Smith)	P-6	210	86.80	89.10



Table 15: Top 5 schools in Northeast Region based on Elementary ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	ELA Content Growth
1	Lepanto Elementary (East Poinsett Co.)	K-4	48	69.53	89.10
2	Salem Elementary (Salem)	K-6	227	99.74	88.75
3	Central Elementary (Batesville)	K-6	189	78.31	88.05
4	Westside Elementary (Searcy)	K-3	135	96.47	87.70
5	Viola Elementary (Viola)	K-6	111	85.54	87.00



Table 16: Top 5 schools in **Central** Region based on Elementary **ELA** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Greenbrier Wooster Elementary (Greenbrier)	K-5	178	98.12	91.20
<b>2</b>	Greenbrier Springhill Elementary (Greenbrier)	K-5	176	98.10	89.80
<b>3</b>	Greenbrier Westside Elementary (Greenbrier)	K-5	172	96.60	88.40
<b>3</b>	Jim Stone Elementary (Conway)	K-4	152	84.41	88.40
<b>5</b>	Eastside Elementary (Cabot)	K-4	151	87.95	87.00
<b>5</b>	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	239	54.34	87.00



Table 17: Top 5 schools in **Southwest** Region based on Elementary **ELA** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	132	80.67	86.65
<b>2</b>	Bobby Barrett Elementary (Mount Ida)	K-6	114	76.95	85.95
<b>3</b>	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	534	76.11	85.25
<b>3</b>	DeQueen Primary (DeQueen)	K-2	534	76.11	85.25
<b>5</b>	Genoa Central Elementary (Genoa Central)	K-4	152	88.40	84.55



Table 18: Top 5 schools in *Southeast* Region based on Elementary *ELA* ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Hermitage Elementary (Hermitage)	P-6	123	58.47	85.60
<b>2</b>	Gillett Elementary (DeWitt)	P-5	35	105.36	83.15
<b>2</b>	Clarendon Elementary (Clarendon)	K-6	137	57.32	83.15
<b>4</b>	Rison Elementary (Cleveland County)	K-5	153	65.70	82.80
<b>5</b>	Drew Central Elementary (Drew Central)	K-4	120	58.67	81.75



## **II. 2017 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS BASED ON CONTENT GROWTH IN THE ACT ASPIRE EXAMS**

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Each table in this section presents the Top 20 schools for the noted subject area and school level. In addition, these tables include the region in which the schools are located, the grades served at the school, the weighted achievement score, and the content growth score in that particular subject.

The level of the schools, namely Elementary, Middle, and High, have been based on the school allocation given through the [My School Info](#) portal of the Arkansas Department of Education website.

## D. Middle School Overall ACT Aspire Growth Scores, 2017

Table 199: Top 20 Middle Schools in Arkansas based on Overall ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Final Weighted Achievement	Overall Content Growth
1	LISA Academy North Middle Charter (LISA Academy)	CN	6-8	82.27	86.45
2	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs)	NW	5-8	95.96	86.30
3	Cabot Middle North (Cabot)	CN	5-6	89.70	85.24
4	Heber Springs Middle (Heber Springs)	NE	6-8	82.93	85.23
5	Greenwood Junior High (Greenwood)	NW	7-8	91.35	85.20
6	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	89.11	84.70
7	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)	NW	6-8	90.20	84.64
8	Garland Learning Center (Hope)	SW	P-8	84.29	84.54
9	Cabot Junior High North (Cabot)	CN	7-8	86.96	84.49
10	Greenbrier Middle (Greenbrier)	CN	6-7	97.06	84.46
11	eStem Middle (eStem Public Charter)	CN	5-8	84.09	84.38
12	J. William Fulbright Junior High (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	97.98	84.35
13	Eureka Springs Middle (Eureka Springs)	NW	5-8	81.31	84.30
14	Bismarck Middle (Bismarck)	CN	5-8	90.33	84.26
15	Beebe Junior High (Beebe)	NE	7-8	75.78	84.19
16	L. A. Chaffin Jr. High (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	90.22	84.17
17	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	SW	5-6	55.68	84.12
18	Hellstern Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	89.90	84.06
19	Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory Academy)	CN	5-8	52.34	84.01
20	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	NE	7-8	63.39	83.72

Tables 20-24: Top 5 Middle Schools in Arkansas by Regions, **Overall Growth**



Table 200: Top 5 schools in **Northwest** Region based on **Overall Middle ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs)	285	5-8	95.96	86.30
<b>2</b>	Greenwood Junior High (Greenwood)	522	7-8	91.35	85.20
<b>3</b>	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville)	792	7-8	89.11	84.70
<b>4</b>	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)	83	6-8	90.20	84.64
<b>5</b>	J. William Fulbright Junior High (Bentonville)	791	7-8	97.98	84.35



Table 21: Top 5 schools in the **Northeast** Region based on **Overall Middle ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Heber Springs Middle (Heber Springs)	356	6-8	82.93	85.23
<b>2</b>	Beebe Junior High (Beebe)	473	7-8	75.78	84.19
<b>3</b>	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	430	7-8	63.39	83.72
<b>4</b>	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	154	7-8	67.09	83.60
<b>5</b>	Pocahontas Junior High (Pocahontas)	388	7-9	73.03	83.48



Table 22: Top 5 schools in the **Central** Region based on **Overall** Middle ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	LISA Academy North Middle Charter (LISA Academy)	209	6-8	82.27	86.45
<b>2</b>	Cabot Middle North (Cabot)	760	5-6	89.70	85.24
<b>3</b>	Cabot Junior High North (Cabot)	791	7-8	86.96	84.49
<b>4</b>	Greenbrier Middle (Greenbrier)	482	6-7	97.06	84.46
<b>5</b>	eStem Middle (eStem Public Charter)	455	5-8	84.09	84.38



Table 23: Top 5 schools in the **Southwest** Region based on **Overall** Middle ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Garland Learning Center (Hope)	144	P-8	84.29	84.54
<b>2</b>	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	244	5-6	55.68	84.12
<b>3</b>	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	401	7-9	71.32	83.18
<b>4</b>	Gary E. Cobb Middle (Genoa Central)	333	5-8	87.57	82.76
<b>5</b>	Yerger Junior High (Hope)	233	7-8	41.35	80.30



Table 24: Top 5 schools in the *Southeast* Region based on *Overall Middle ACT Aspire Growth*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Monticello Middle (Monticello)	344	6-8	73.99	81.58
<b>2</b>	Star City Middle (Star City)	340	6-8	58.55	80.66
<b>3</b>	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	199	5-6	69.35	80.47
<b>4</b>	Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	276	7-9	48.58	80.43
<b>5</b>	Warren Middle (Warren)	337	6-8	55.91	80.18

## E. Middle School Math ACT Aspire Growth Scores, 2017

Table 25: Top 10 *Middle Schools* in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire *Math* Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Final Weighted Achievement	Math Content Growth
1	LISA Academy North Middle Charter (LISA Academy)	CN	6-8	82.27	90.50
2	Beebe Junior High (Beebe)	NE	7-8	75.78	88.05
3	Cabot Junior High North (Cabot)	CN	7-8	86.96	87.35
4	Bismarck Middle (Bismarck)	CN	5-8	90.33	87.00
5	Cabot Middle North (Cabot)	CN	5-6	89.70	86.65
5	Greenbrier Middle (Greenbrier)	CN	6-7	97.06	86.65
7	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	89.11	85.95
7	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)	NW	6-8	90.20	85.95
7	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	NE	7-8	63.39	85.95
10	Pocahontas Junior High (Pocahontas)	NE	7-9	73.03	85.60

Tables 26-30: Top 5 Middle Schools in Arkansas by Regions, **Math Growth**



Table 26: Top 5 schools in **Northwest** Region based on Middle **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
1	Lincoln Junior High (Bentonville)	791	7-8	89.11	85.95
1	Nemo Vista Middle (Nemo Vista)	83	6-8	90.20	85.95
3	Pinkston Middle (Mountain Home)	550	6-7	84.29	85.25
4	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs)	285	5-8	95.96	84.90
4	Eureka Springs Middle (Eureka Springs)	149	5-8	81.31	84.90
4	Northridge Middle (Van Buren)	553	6-8	80.58	84.90
4	Washington Junior High (Bentonville)	658	7-8	83.58	84.90



Table 27: Top 5 schools in **Northeast** Region based on Middle **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
1	Beebe Junior High (Beebe)	473	7-8	75.78	88.05
2	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	430	7-8	63.39	85.95
3	Pocahontas Junior High (Pocahontas)	387	7-9	73.03	85.60
4	Heber Springs Middle (Heber Springs)	356	6-8	82.93	84.55
5	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	154	7-8	67.09	83.85



Table 28: Top 5 schools in **Central** Region based on Middle **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	LISA Academy North Middle Charter (LISA Academy)	208	6-8	82.27	90.50
<b>2</b>	Cabot Junior High North (Cabot)	791	7-8	86.96	87.35
<b>3</b>	Bismarck Middle (Bismarck)	270	5-8	90.33	87.00
<b>4</b>	Cabot Middle North (Cabot)	760	5-6	89.70	86.65
<b>4</b>	Greenbrier Middle (Greenbrier)	481	6-7	97.06	86.65



Table 29: Top 5 schools in **Southwest** Region based on Middle **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Gary E. Cobb Middle (Genoa Central)	333	5-8	87.57	84.55
<b>2</b>	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	401	7-9	71.32	82.45
<b>3</b>	Goza Middle (Arkadelphia)	393	6-8	67.53	81.05
<b>4</b>	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	244	5-6	55.68	80.00
<b>5</b>	Garland Learning Center (Hope)	144	P-8	84.29	79.65
<b>5</b>	Washington Middle (El Dorado)	594	5-6	70.50	79.65





Table 30: Top 5 schools in *Southeast* Region based on Middle *Math* ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	199	5-6	69.35	82.80
<b>2</b>	Monticello Middle (Monticello)	344	6-8	73.99	81.05
<b>2</b>	DeWitt Middle (DeWitt)	260	6-8	73.78	81.05
<b>4</b>	Star City Middle (Star City)	339	6-8	58.55	80.00
<b>5</b>	Warren Middle (Warren)	337	6-8	55.91	79.65
<b>5</b>	Stuttgart Junior High (Stuttgart)	224	7-8	57.72	79.65
<b>5</b>	Hamburg Middle (Hamburg)	376	6-8	60.04	79.65

## F. Middle School ELA ACT Aspire Growth Scores, 2017

Table 31: Top 10 Middle Schools in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire ELA Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Final Weighted Achievement	ELA Content Growth
1	Garland Learning Center (Hope)	SW	P-8	84.29	89.45
2	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	SW	5-6	55.68	88.40
3	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs)	NW	5-8	95.96	87.35
4	Greenwood Junior High (Greenwood)	NW	7-8	91.35	86.65
5	Heber Springs Middle (Heber Springs)	NE	6-8	82.93	85.95
6	Ruth Barker Middle (Bentonville)	NW	5-6	91.85	85.60
7	Hellstern Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	89.90	84.90
8	J. William Fulbright Junior High (Bentonville)	NW	7-8	97.98	84.20
8	Berryville Middle (Berryville)	NW	6-8	77.04	84.20
8	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	NE	5-6	74.71	84.20
8	eStem Middle (eStem Public Charter)	CN	5-8	84.09	84.20

Tables 32-36: Top 5 Middle Schools in Arkansas by Regions, ELA Growth



Table 32: Top 5 schools in Northwest Region based on Middle ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	ELA Content Growth
1	Valley Springs Middle (Valley Springs)	5-8	285	95.96	87.35
2	Greenwood Junior High (Greenwood)	7-8	521	91.35	86.65
3	Ruth Barker Middle (Bentonville)	5-6	554	91.85	85.60
4	Hellstern Middle (Springdale)	6-7	914	89.90	84.90
5	J. William Fulbright Junior High (Bentonville)	7-8	789	97.98	84.20
5	Berryville Middle (Berryville)	6-8	418	77.04	84.20



Table 33: Top 5 schools in Northeast Region based on Middle ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	ELA Content Growth
1	Heber Springs Middle (Heber Springs)	6-8	356	82.93	85.95
2	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	5-6	416	74.71	84.20
3	Cave City Middle (Cave City)	6-8	270	75.79	83.85
3	Westside Middle (Westside Cons. (Craighead))	5-7	353	76.43	83.85
5	Valley View Junior High (Valley View)	7-9	629	91.89	83.50



Table 34: Top 5 schools in **Central** Region based on Middle **ELA** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	eStem Middle (eStem Public Charter)	5-8	455	84.09	84.20
<b>2</b>	Cabot Middle North (Cabot)	5-6	760	89.70	83.85
<b>3</b>	Covenant Keepers Charter (Covenantkeepers Charter)	6-8	119	49.63	83.50
<b>4</b>	Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory Academy)	5-8	122	52.34	83.15
<b>4</b>	LISA Academy (LISA Academy)	7-8	330	83.01	83.15



Table 35: Top 5 schools in **Southwest** Region based on Middle **ELA** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Garland Learning Center (Hope)	P-8	144	84.29	89.45
<b>2</b>	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	5-6	244	55.68	88.40
<b>3</b>	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	7-9	400	71.32	83.85
<b>4</b>	Ashdown Junior High (Ashdown)	6-8	302	61.38	82.45
<b>5</b>	Yerger Junior High (Hope)	7-8	233	41.35	81.75



Table 36: Top 5 schools in *Southeast* Region based on Middle *ELA* ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	7-9	276	48.58	82.45
<b>2</b>	Monticello Middle (Monticello)	6-8	344	73.99	82.10
<b>3</b>	Star City Middle (Star City)	6-8	340	58.55	81.40
<b>4</b>	Warren Middle (Warren)	6-8	337	55.91	80.70
<b>4</b>	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside (Chicot))	6-8	199	59.48	80.70

### **III. 2017 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING HIGH SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS BASED ON CONTENT GROWTH IN THE ACT ASPIRE EXAMS**

This section highlights elementary schools across the state whose students demonstrated high growth on the Arkansas ACT Aspire exams. The ACT Aspire was administered to students in grades 3 through 10 in April 2017 in Math and ELA courses which include English, Writing, and Reading.

Each table in this section presents the Top 20 schools for the noted subject area and school level. In addition, these tables include the region in which the schools are located, the grades served at the school, the weighted achievement score, and the content growth score in that particular subject.

The level of the schools, namely Elementary, Middle, and High, have been based on the school allocation given through the [My School Info](#) portal of the Arkansas Department of Education website.

## G. High School Overall ACT Aspire Scores, 2017

Table 37: Top 20 *High Schools* in Arkansas based on *Overall ACT Aspire Growth*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Final Weighted Achievement	Overall Content Growth
1	LISA Academy North High Charter (LISA Academy)	CN	9-12	69.39	86.66
2	Haas Hall Academy Bentonville (Haas Hall Bentonville)	NW	7-12	116.95	86.57
3	Bismarck High (Bismarck)	CN	9-12	85.47	85.78
4	Greenbrier Junior High (Greenbrier)	CN	8-9	90.60	85.77
5	Van Buren Freshman Academy (Van Buren)	NW	9	63.77	85.26
6	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	7-12	117.57	85.20
7	Russellville Jr. High (Russellville)	NW	8-9	70.87	84.98
8	Arkansas Arts Academy High (Arkansas Arts Academy)	NW	9-12	89.77	84.59
9	Trumann High (Trumann)	NE	9-12	46.59	84.50
10	Southside Charter High (Southside Independence))	NE	10-12	60.94	84.39
11	Arkansas School For The Deaf H.S. (Ark. School For The Deaf)	CN	9-12	10.20	84.05
12	Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy High (Responsive Ed Solutions Northwest Ark Classical Academy)	NW	9-12	97.02	83.97
13	Eureka Springs High (Eureka Springs)	NW	9-12	73.54	83.95
14	Danville High (Danville)	NW	9-12	51.58	83.81
15	Timbo High (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	77.54	83.71
16	eStem High Charter (eStem Public Charter)	CN	9-12	65.20	83.70
17	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	73.93	83.45
18	Wilbur D. Mills High (Pulaski County Special)	CN	9-12	28.05	83.30
19	Cabot High (Cabot)	CN	10-12	65.29	83.26
20	Greenbrier High (Greenbrier)	CN	10-12	78.69	83.16

Tables 38-42: Top 5 **High Schools** in Arkansas by Regions, **Overall Growth**



Table 38: Top 5 schools in **Northwest** Region based on **Overall High ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Haas Hall Academy Bentonville (Haas Hall Bentonville)	7-12	192	116.95	86.57
<b>2</b>	Van Buren Freshman Academy (Van Buren)	9	401	63.77	85.26
<b>3</b>	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	7-12	206	117.57	85.20
<b>4</b>	Russellville Jr. High (Russellville)	8-9	646	70.87	84.98
<b>5</b>	Arkansas Arts Academy High (Arkansas Arts Academy)	9-12	88	89.77	84.59



Table 39: Top 5 schools in the **Northeast** Region based on **Overall High ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Trumann High (Trumann)	9-12	226	46.59	84.50
<b>2</b>	Southside Charter High (Southside Independence)	10-12	126	60.94	84.39
<b>3</b>	Timbo High (Mountain View)	7-12	57	77.54	83.71
<b>4</b>	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	7-12	69	73.93	83.45
<b>5</b>	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	7-12	359	67.80	83.14





Table 40: Top 5 schools in the **Central** Region based on **Overall High ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	LISA Academy North High Charter (LISA Academy)	9-12	75	69.39	86.66
<b>2</b>	Bismarck High (Bismarck)	9-12	143	85.47	85.78
<b>3</b>	Greenbrier Junior High (Greenbrier)	8-9	509	90.60	85.77
<b>4</b>	Arkansas School For The Deaf H.S. (Ark. School For The Deaf)	9-12	16	10.20	84.05
<b>5</b>	eStem High Charter (eStem Public Charter)	9-12	245	65.20	83.70



Table 41: Top 5 schools in the **Southwest** Region based on **Overall High ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Nashville High (Nashville)	10-12	120	53.23	83.11
<b>2</b>	Fordyce High (Fordyce)	7-12	185	46.61	83.08
<b>3</b>	Umpire K-12 (Cossatot River)	K-12	73	58.55	82.55
<b>4</b>	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	8-9	338	71.81	82.45
<b>5</b>	Washington Academy (Texarkana)	7-12	29	31.67	82.42



Table 42: Top 5 schools in the *Southeast* Region based on **Overall High ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Overall Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	172	76.73	82.93
<b>2</b>	Star City High (Star City)	9-12	227	46.82	81.87
<b>3</b>	Rison High (Cleveland County)	7-12	294	63.08	81.55
<b>4</b>	Kipp:Delta Collegiate High (Kipp Delta Public Schools)	9-12	122	51.02	81.37
<b>5</b>	Hazen High (Hazen)	9-12	99	52.22	81.04

## H. High School Math ACT Aspire Scores, 2017

Table 43: Top 10 *High Schools* in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire *Math Growth*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Final Weighted Achievement	Math Content Growth
1	Bismarck High (Bismarck)	CN	9-12	85.47	90.85
2	LISA Academy North High Charter (LISA Academy)	CN	9-12	69.39	89.45
3	Arkansas Arts Academy High (Arkansas Arts Academy)	NW	9-12	89.77	88.05
4	Haas Hall Academy Bentonville (Haas Hall Bentonville)	NW	7-12	116.95	87.70
5	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	7-12	117.57	86.65
6	Ark. For The Deaf H.S. (Ark. School For The Deaf)	CN	9-12	10.20	86.30
7	Greenbrier Junior High (Greenbrier)	CN	8-9	90.60	85.95
7	Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy High (Responsive Ed Solutions Northwest Ark Classical Academy)	NW	9-12	97.02	85.95
9	Russellville Jr. High (Russellville)	NW	8-9	70.87	85.60
9	Timbo High (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	77.54	85.60

Tables 44-48: Top 5 **High Schools** in Arkansas by Regions, **Math Growth**



Table 44: Top 5 schools in **Northwest** Region based on High **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Arkansas Arts Academy High (Arkansas Arts Academy)	9-12	88	89.77	88.05
<b>2</b>	Haas Hall Academy Bentonville (Haas Hall Bentonville)	7-12	192	116.95	87.70
<b>3</b>	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	7-12	206	117.57	86.65
<b>4</b>	Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy High (Responsive Ed Solutions Northwest Ark Classical Academy)	9-12	41	97.02	85.95
<b>5</b>	Russellville Jr. High (Russellville)	8-9	646	70.87	85.60



Table 45: Top 5 schools in **Northeast** Region based on High **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Timbo High (Mountain View)	7-12	57	77.54	85.60
<b>2</b>	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	7-12	359	67.80	84.90
<b>3</b>	Manila High (Manila)	9-12	144	55.17	84.20
<b>4</b>	Trumann High (Trumann)	9-12	226	46.59	83.85
<b>4</b>	Concord High (Concord)	7-12	133	73.99	83.85



Table 46: Top 5 schools in **Central** Region based on High **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
1	Bismarck High (Bismarck)	9-12	143	85.47	90.85
2	LISA Academy North High Charter (LISA Academy)	9-12	75	69.39	89.45
3	Ark. For The Deaf H.S. (Ark. School For The Deaf)	9-12	16	10.20	86.30
4	Greenbrier Junior High (Greenbrier)	8-9	509	90.60	85.95
5	Greenbrier High (Greenbrier)	10-12	238	78.69	84.55
5	LISA Academy High (LISA Academy)	9-12	210	57.11	84.55



Table 47: Top 5 schools in **Southwest** Region based on High **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
1	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	8-9	336	71.81	85.25
2	Nashville High (Nashville)	10-12	120	53.23	83.50
3	Fordyce High (Fordyce)	7-12	185	46.61	83.15
3	Smackover High (Smackover-Norphlet)	9-12	158	50.30	83.15
5	Murfreesboro High (South Pike County)	7-12	198	52.32	82.80



Table 48: Top 5 schools in *Southeast* Region based on High **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Math Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Hazen High (Hazen)	9-12	98	52.22	84.55
<b>2</b>	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	172	76.73	83.50
<b>3</b>	Stuttgart High (Stuttgart)	9-12	223	45.73	82.10
<b>4</b>	Kipp Blytheville Collegiate High (Kipp Delta Public)	7-12	151	50.65	81.75
<b>5</b>	Warren High Conversion Charter (Warren)	9-12	217	36.85	81.05

## I. High School ELA ACT Aspire Scores, 2017

Table 49: Top 10 *High Schools* in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire *ELA Growth*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Miner Academy (Bauxite)	CN	6-12	46.15	88.05
<b>2</b>	Van Buren Freshman Academy (Van Buren)	NW	9	63.77	85.95
<b>3</b>	Haas Hall Academy Bentonville (Haas Hall Bentonville)	NW	7-12	116.95	85.60
<b>3</b>	Greenbrier Junior High (Greenbrier)	CN	8-9	90.60	85.60
<b>5</b>	Trumann High (Trumann)	NE	9-12	46.59	85.25
<b>5</b>	Southside Charter High (Southside Independence)	NE	10-12	60.94	85.25
<b>5</b>	Shirley High (Shirley)	NW	7-12	58.66	85.25
<b>8</b>	Washington Academy (Texarkana)	SW	7-12	31.67	84.90
<b>9</b>	Russellville Jr. High (Russellville)	NW	8-9	70.87	84.55
<b>9</b>	Glen Rose High (Glen Rose)	CN	9-12	64.46	84.55
<b>9</b>	Pine Bluff Lighthouse College Prep Academy High (Pine Bluff Lighthouse Academy)	CN	7-12	46.71	84.55

Tables 50-54: Top 5 **High Schools** in Arkansas by Regions, **ELA Growth**



Table 50: Top 5 schools in **Northwest** Region based on High **ELA ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Van Buren Freshman Academy (Van Buren)	9	400	63.77	85.95
<b>2</b>	Haas Hall Academy Bentonville (Haas Hall Bentonville)	7-12	192	116.95	85.60
<b>3</b>	Shirley High (Shirley)	7-12	94	58.66	85.25
<b>4</b>	Russellville Jr. High (Russellville)	8-9	641	70.87	84.55
<b>5</b>	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	7-12	206	117.57	83.85



Table 51: Top 5 schools in **Northeast** Region based on High **ELA ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Trumann High (Trumann)	9-12	226	46.59	85.25
<b>1</b>	Southside Charter High (Southside (Independence))	10-12	126	60.94	85.25
<b>3</b>	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High(Palestine-Wheatley)	7-12	249	53.02	84.20
<b>4</b>	Rural Special High (Mountain View)	7-12	69	73.93	83.85
<b>5</b>	Green Co. Tech Jr. High (Greene County Tech)	8-9	522	70.16	83.50





Table 52: Top 5 schools in **Central** Region based on High ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Miner Academy (Bauxite)	6-12	2	46.15	88.05
<b>2</b>	Greenbrier Junior High (Greenbrier)	8-9	509	90.60	85.60
<b>3</b>	Glen Rose High (Glen Rose)	9-12	141	64.46	84.55
<b>3</b>	Pine Bluff Lighthouse College Prep Academy High (Pine Bluff Lighthouse Academy)	7-12	38	46.71	84.55
<b>5</b>	LISA Academy North High Charter (LISA Academy)	9-12	75	69.39	83.85
<b>5</b>	Quest Middle Of Pine Bluff (Responsive Ed Solutions Quest Middle School Of Pine Bluff)	5-12	84	28.22	83.85



Table 53: Top 5 schools in **Southwest** Region based on High ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Washington Academy (Texarkana)	7-12	29	31.67	84.90
<b>2</b>	Ashdown High (Ashdown)	9-12	194	49.12	83.85
<b>3</b>	Nashville High (Nashville)	10-12	120	53.23	82.80
<b>3</b>	Fordyce High (Fordyce)	7-12	185	46.61	82.80
<b>3</b>	Umpire K-12 (Cossatot River)	K-12	73	58.55	82.80



Table 54: Top 5 schools in *Southeast* Region based on High *ELA* ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>ELA Content Growth</b>
<b>1</b>	Star City High (Star City)	9-12	227	46.82	83.15
<b>2</b>	Rison High (Cleveland County)	7-12	293	63.08	82.80
<b>3</b>	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	172	76.73	82.10
<b>3</b>	Kipp:Delta Collegiate High (Kipp Delta Public)	9-12	122	51.02	82.10
<b>5</b>	Dermott High (Dermott)	7-12	85	38.46	81.40

#### **IV. 2017 OEP AWARDS: BEATING THE ODDS – HIGH-GROWTH SCHOOLS, BASED ON THE ACT ASPIRE EXAMINATIONS, SERVING LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES**

This section highlights high-growth schools across Arkansas based on the ACT Aspire examinations in Math and English Language Arts (ELA) for the 2016-2017 academic year. For these awards, we consider schools that serve free or reduced lunch to at least 66% of the student body.

High-poverty schools are ranked by school level (Elementary, Middle, or High) based on Overall Growth (Math and ELA combined), as well as for growth in each content area independently. High-poverty schools are also ranked within each region of the state. Tables include the region in which the school is located, the number of test takers, the Final Weighted Achievement as calculated by the Arkansas Department of Education, and the growth score of that school in the relevant content area.

## J. Elementary Schools “Beating the Odds”

Beating the Odds: Overall ACT Aspire, 2017

Table 55: Top 10 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Arkansas based on Overall ACT Aspire Growth (Math and ELA combined)

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	K-6	67%	227	99.74	89.66
2	Central Elementary (Batesville)	NE	K-6	66%	190	78.31	89.30
3	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	P-3	84%	92	77.05	88.55
4	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	77%	214	81.50	88.44
5	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	CN	K-4	69%	123	89.76	87.99
6	Jones Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	84%	229	79.74	87.56
7	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	SW	K-6	73%	132	80.67	87.53
8	Sonora Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	70%	252	73.37	87.34
9	Jones Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	98%	228	61.72	87.16
10	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	CN	P-5	97%	240	54.34	87.13

Beating the Odds: Math ACT Aspire, 2017

Table 56: Top 10 "High-Poverty" Elementary Schools in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire Math Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	CN	K-4	69%	123	89.76	91.90
2	Monitor Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	86%	246	66.54	91.20
3	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	K-6	67%	227	99.74	90.50
3	Central Elementary (Batesville)	NE	K-6	66%	190	78.31	90.50
5	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	77%	213	81.50	89.10
5	Sonora Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	70%	252	73.37	89.10
7	West Elementary (Batesville)	NE	K-6	70%	284	85.73	88.75
8	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	SW	K-6	73%	132	80.67	88.40
8	County Line Elementary (County Line)	NW	K-6	74%	113	86.33	88.40
10	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	P-3	84%	92	77.05	87.70
10	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson Co.)	NE	K-4	72%	107	84.72	87.70
10	Timbo Elementary (Mountain View)	NE	K-6	89%	55	88.86	87.70

Tables 57-61: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Schools in Arkansas by Region, **Math** Growth.



Table 57: Top 5 “high-poverty” Elementary schools in **Northwest** Region based on **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Monitor Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	86%	246	66.54	91.20
<b>2</b>	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	77%	213	81.50	89.10
<b>2</b>	Sonora Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	70%	252	73.37	89.10
<b>4</b>	County Line Elementary (County Line)	K-6	74%	113	86.33	88.40
<b>5</b>	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	P-3	84%	92	77.05	87.70



Table 58: Top 5 “high-poverty” Elementary schools in **Northeast** Region based on **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Salem Elementary (Salem)	K-6	67%	227	99.74	90.50
<b>1</b>	Central Elementary (Batesville)	K-6	66%	190	78.31	90.50
<b>3</b>	West Elementary (Batesville)	K-6	70%	284	85.73	88.75
<b>4</b>	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson Co.)	K-4	72%	107	84.72	87.70
<b>4</b>	Timbo Elementary (Mountain View)	K-6	89%	55	88.86	87.70



Table 59: Top 5 “high-poverty” Elementary schools in **Central** Region based on **Math ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
1	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	K-4	69%	123	89.76	91.90
2	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	97%	240	54.34	87.00
2	Cato Elementary (Pulaski County Special)	P-5	67%	129	70.36	87.00
4	Gardner Stem Magnet (Hot Springs)	K-4	89%	130	74.36	85.25
5	McDermott Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	75%	118	52.79	84.90



Table 60: Top 5 “high-poverty” Elementary schools in **Southwest** Region based **Math ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
1	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	73%	132	80.67	88.40
2	Nashville Primary (Nashville)	K-3	75%	160	65.09	87.00
3	Centerpoint Primary (Centerpoint)	P-3	79%	54	79.61	85.60
4	Fairview Elementary (Camden Fairview)	K-1	83%	177	52.41	84.20
4	Ivory Primary (Camden Fairview)	2-3	80%	177	52.41	84.20
4	Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	4-6	73%	440	76.46	84.20



*Table 61: Top 5 “high-poverty” Elementary schools in Southeast Region based on Math ACT Aspire Growth*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	P-6	75%	143	87.41	83.50
<b>2</b>	Hermitage Elementary (Hermitage)	P-6	83%	123	58.47	83.15
<b>3</b>	Park Avenue Elementary (Stuttgart)	K-4	75%	226	61.26	82.10
<b>4</b>	Kingsland Elementary (Cleveland County)	K-5	82%	42	73.51	81.05
<b>5</b>	C.B. Partee Elementary (Brinkley)	K-6	81%	132	59.60	79.65



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Table 62: Top 10 "High-Poverty" Elementary Schools in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire ELA Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	P-3	84%	92	77.05	89.45
<b>1</b>	Jones Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	84%	229	79.74	89.45
<b>3</b>	Lepanto Elementary (East Poinsett Co. Dist.)	NE	K-4	83%	48	69.53	89.10
<b>4</b>	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	K-6	67%	227	99.74	88.75
<b>5</b>	Sutton Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	P-6	94%	247	63.47	88.40
<b>6</b>	Central Elementary (Batesville)	NE	K-6	66%	189	78.31	88.05
<b>6</b>	Beard Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	K-6	68%	156	79.40	88.05
<b>6</b>	Dardanelle Intermediate (Dardanelle)	NW	4-5	75%	312	81.29	88.05
<b>9</b>	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	77%	212	81.50	87.70
<b>9</b>	Linda Knapp-Childers Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	89%	240	65.09	87.70

Tables 63-67: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Schools in Arkansas by Region, ELA Growth.



Table 63: Top 5 “high-poverty” Elementary schools in *Northwest* Region based on ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	P-3	84%	92	77.05	89.45
1	Jones Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	84%	229	79.74	89.45
3	Sutton Elementary (Fort Smith)	P-6	94%	247	63.47	88.40
4	Beard Elementary (Fort Smith)	K-6	68%	156	79.40	88.05
4	Dardanelle Intermediate (Dardanelle)	4-5	75%	312	81.29	88.05



Table 64: Top 5 “high-poverty” Elementary schools in *Northeast* Region based on ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Lepanto Elementary (East Poinsett Co. Dist.)	K-4	83%	48	69.53	89.10
2	Salem Elementary (Salem)	K-6	67%	227	99.74	88.75
3	Central Elementary (Batesville)	K-6	66%	189	78.31	88.05
4	Viola Elementary (Viola)	K-6	70%	111	85.54	87.00
5	West Elementary (Batesville)	K-6	70%	284	85.73	85.25



Table 65: Top 5 “high-poverty” Elementary schools in **Central** Region based on **ELA ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
1	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	97%	239	54.34	87.00
2	Oaklawn Magnet (Hot Springs)	K-4	92%	216	66.54	86.65
3	Theodore Jones Elem. (Conway)	K-4	71%	147	70.83	86.30
4	Amboy Elementary (N. Little Rock)	P-5	93%	181	55.89	84.90
5	Cato Elementary (Pulaski County Special)	P-5	67%	129	70.36	84.55
5	Lake Hamilton Primary (Lake Hamilton)	K-1	70%	301	76.42	84.55
5	Ida Burns Elementary (Conway)	K-4	72%	142	76.11	84.55
5	Jessieville Elementary (Jessieville)	P-5	77%	176	61.40	84.55



Table 66: Top 5 “high-poverty” Elementary schools in **Southwest** Region based **ELA ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
1	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	73%	132	80.67	86.65
2	Bobby Barrett Elementary (Mount Ida)	K-6	75%	114	76.95	85.95
3	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	79%	534	76.11	85.25
3	DeQueen Primary (DeQueen)	K-2	81%	534	76.11	85.25
5	Centerpoint Primary (Centerpoint)	P-3	79%	54	79.61	84.20



Table 67: Top 5 “high-poverty” Elementary schools in *Southeast* Region based on ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Hermitage Elementary (Hermitage)	P-6	83%	123	58.47	85.60
<b>2</b>	Clarendon Elementary (Clarendon)	K-6	94%	137	57.32	83.15
<b>3</b>	Drew Central Elem. (Drew Central)	K-4	79%	120	58.67	81.75
<b>4</b>	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	P-6	75%	143	87.41	80.35
<b>4</b>	Park Avenue Elementary (Stuttgart)	K-4	75%	226	61.26	80.35

## K. Middle Schools “Beating the Odds”

Beating the Odds: Overall ACT Aspire, 2017

Table 68: Top 10 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in Arkansas based on Overall ACT Aspire Growth (Math and ELA combined)

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Garland Learning Center (Hope)	SW	P-8	85%	144	84.29	84.54
2	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	SW	5-6	89%	244	55.68	84.12
3	Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory Academy)	CN	5-8	86%	122	52.34	84.01
4	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	NE	7-8	70%	430	63.39	83.72
5	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	NE	7-8	74%	154	67.09	83.60
6	J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	87%	618	73.10	83.52
7	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	NW	5-8	73%	211	73.16	83.34
8	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	NE	5-6	74%	417	74.71	83.24
9	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	SW	7-9	71%	401	71.32	83.18
10	William O. Darby Jr. High (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	93%	582	52.99	82.99

Beating the Odds: Math ACT Aspire, 2017

Table 69: Top 10 "High-Poverty" Middle Schools in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire Math Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	NE	7-8	70%	430	63.39	85.95
2	Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory Academy)	CN	5-8	86%	121	52.34	84.90
3	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	NW	5-8	73%	211	73.16	84.55
4	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	NE	7-8	74%	154	67.09	83.85
5	J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	87%	618	73.10	83.50
5	Sonora Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	84%	734	66.28	83.50
7	William O. Darby Jr. High (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	93%	582	52.99	82.80
7	Butterfield Trail Middle (Van Buren)	NW	6-8	71%	575	67.54	82.80
7	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	SE	5-6	66%	199	69.35	82.80
10	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	NE	5-6	74%	417	74.71	82.45
10	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	SW	7-9	71%	401	71.32	82.45
10	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	73%	663	76.14	82.45
10	Dardanelle Middle (Dardanelle)	NW	6-8	72%	416	75.90	82.45

Tables 70-74: Top 5 “**High-Poverty**” Schools in Arkansas by Region, **Math** Growth.



Table 70: Top 5 “high-poverty” Middle schools in **Northwest** Region based on **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	5-8	73%	211	73.16	84.55
<b>2</b>	J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)	6-7	87%	618	73.10	83.50
<b>2</b>	Sonora Middle (Springdale)	6-7	84%	734	66.28	83.50
<b>4</b>	William O. Darby Jr. High (Fort Smith)	7-9	93%	582	52.99	82.80
<b>4</b>	Butterfield Trail Middle (Van Buren)	6-8	71%	575	67.54	82.80



Table 71: Top 5 “high-poverty” Middle schools in **Northeast** Region based on **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	7-8	70%	430	63.39	85.95
<b>2</b>	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	7-8	74%	154	67.09	83.85
<b>3</b>	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	5-6	74%	417	74.71	82.45
<b>4</b>	Imboden Area Charter (Imboden Charter)	K-8	84%	26	50.00	81.75
<b>5</b>	Harrisburg Middle (Harrisburg)	5-8	74%	275	67.97	81.40



Table 72: Top 5 “high-poverty” Middle schools in *Central* Region based on *Math* ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory Academy)	5-8	86%	121	52.34	84.90
2	Covenant Keepers Charter (Covenantkeepers Charter)	6-8	94%	124	49.63	81.75
3	Jessieville Middle (Jessieville)	6-8	71%	193	66.34	80.35
3	Mann Magnet Middle (Little Rock)	6-8	70%	796	62.63	80.35
5	Malvern Middle (Malvern)	7-8	72%	270	61.39	80.00
5	Mabelvale Middle (Little Rock)	6-8	89%	521	46.61	80.00
5	North Little Rock Middle (N. Little Rock)	6-8	74%	1598	53.86	80.00



Table 73: Top 5 “high-poverty” Middle schools in *Southwest* Region based *Math* ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	7-9	71%	401	71.32	82.45
2	Beryl Henry Upper Elem. (Hope)	5-6	89%	244	55.68	80.00
3	Garland Learning Center (Hope)	P-8	85%	144	84.29	79.65
4	Mena Middle (Mena)	6-8	66%	362	78.64	79.30
5	Yerger Junior High (Hope)	7-8	80%	233	41.35	78.95





Table 74: Top 5 “high-poverty” Middle schools in *Southeast* Region based on *Math ACT Aspire Growth*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	5-6	66%	199	69.35	82.80
<b>2</b>	Kipp:Delta College Prep (Kipp Delta Public School)	5-8	92%	248	55.08	78.95
<b>3</b>	Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	7-9	78%	276	48.58	78.25
<b>3</b>	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside (Chicot))	6-8	85%	199	59.48	78.25
<b>5</b>	Drew Central Middle (Drew Central)	5-8	74%	277	56.88	76.50

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Table 75: Top 10 "High-Poverty" Middle Schools in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire ELA Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Garland Learning Center (Hope)	SW	P-8	85%	144	84.29	89.45
2	Beryl Henry Upper Elem. (Hope)	SW	5-6	89%	244	55.68	88.40
3	Berryville Middle (Berryville)	NW	6-8	69%	418	77.04	84.20
3	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	NE	5-6	74%	416	74.71	84.20
5	Cave City Middle (Cave City)	NE	6-8	75%	270	75.79	83.85
5	J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	87%	618	73.10	83.85
5	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	SW	7-9	71%	400	71.32	83.85
5	Pleasant View Campus (Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County)	NW	5-8	78%	90	74.18	83.85
9	Covenant Keepers Charter (Covenantkeepers Charter)	CN	6-8	94%	119	49.63	83.50
10	Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory Academy)	CN	5-8	86%	122	52.34	83.15
10	William O. Darby Jr. High (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	93%	572	52.99	83.15
10	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	NE	7-8	74%	154	67.09	83.15

Tables 76-80: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Schools in Arkansas by Region, ELA Growth.



Table 76: Top 5 “high-poverty” Middle schools in Northwest Region based on ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Berryville Middle (Berryville)	6-8	69%	418	77.04	84.20
2	J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)	6-7	87%	618	73.10	83.85
2	Pleasant View Campus (Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County)	5-8	78%	90	74.18	83.85
4	William O. Darby Jr. High (Fort Smith)	7-9	93%	572	52.99	83.15
5	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	6-7	73%	636	76.14	82.80



Table 77: Top 5 “high-poverty” Middle schools in Northeast Region based on ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	5-6	74%	416	74.71	84.20
2	Cave City Middle (Cave City)	6-8	75%	270	75.79	83.85
3	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	7-8	74%	154	67.09	83.15
4	Bald Knob Middle (Bald Knob)	6-8	69%	256	61.69	82.45
5	Blytheville Middle (Blytheville)	6-8	84%	353	45.37	81.75



Table 78: Top 5 “high-poverty” Middle schools in *Central* Region based on ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Covenant Keepers Charter (Covenantkeepers Charter)	6-8	94%	119	49.63	83.50
2	Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory Academy)	5-8	86%	122	52.34	83.15
3	Watson Chapel Jr. High (Watson Chapel)	7-9	75%	526	41.43	82.45
4	Jessieville Middle (Jessieville)	6-8	71%	193	66.34	81.75
5	Dunbar Magnet Middle (Little Rock)	6-8	88%	564	55.04	79.30
5	Hot Springs Middle (Hot Springs)	7-8	83%	430	50.06	79.30



Table 79: Top 5 “high-poverty” Middle schools in *Southwest* Region based ELA ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Garland Learning Center (Hope)	P-8	85%	144	84.29	89.45
2	Beryl Henry Upper Elem. (Hope)	5-6	89%	244	55.68	88.40
3	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	7-9	71%	400	71.32	83.85
4	Ashdown Junior High (Ashdown)	6-8	69%	302	61.38	82.45
5	Yerger Junior High (Hope)	7-8	80%	233	41.35	81.75



*Table 80: Top 5 “high-poverty” Middle schools in Southeast Region based on ELA ACT Aspire Growth*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	7-9	78%	276	48.58	82.45
<b>2</b>	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside (Chicot))	6-8	85%	199	59.48	80.70
<b>3</b>	Kipp:Delta College Prep (Kipp Delta Public)	5-8	92%	248	55.08	80.00
<b>4</b>	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	5-6	66%	199	69.35	78.25
<b>5</b>	Drew Central Middle (Drew Central)	5-8	74%	277	56.88	76.50

## L. High Schools “Beating the Odds”

Beating the Odds: Overall ACT Aspire, 2017

Table 81: Top 10 "High-Poverty" High Schools in Arkansas based on Overall ACT Aspire Growth (Math and ELA combined)

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Trumann High (Trumann)	NE	9-12	69%	226	46.59	84.50
2	Southside Charter High (Southside Independence)	NE	10-12	68%	126	60.94	84.39
3	Danville High (Danville)	NW	9-12	70%	139	51.58	83.81
4	Timbo High (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	78%	57	77.54	83.71
5	Wilbur D. Mills High (Pulaski County Special)	CN	9-12	66%	271	28.05	83.30
6	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	NE	7-12	70%	359	67.80	83.14
7	Shirley High (Shirley)	NW	7-12	80%	94	58.66	83.12
8	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	71%	550	69.61	83.11
9	Augusta High (Augusta)	NE	7-12	84%	102	46.60	83.01
10	Des Arc High School (Des Arc)	SE	7-12	66%	172	76.73	82.93

## Beating the Odds: Math ACT Aspire, 2017

Table 82: Top 10 "High-Poverty" High Schools in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire Math Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Timbo High (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	78%	57	77.54	85.60
2	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	SW	8-9	76%	336	71.81	85.25
3	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	NE	7-12	70%	359	67.80	84.90
4	Danville High (Danville)	NW	9-12	70%	139	51.58	84.20
4	Manila High (Manila)	NE	9-12	66%	144	55.17	84.20
4	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	71%	550	69.61	84.20
7	Trumann High (Trumann)	NE	9-12	69%	226	46.59	83.85
8	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	SE	7-12	66%	172	76.73	83.50
8	Southside Charter High (Southside Independence))	NE	10-12	68%	126	60.94	83.50
10	Augusta High (Augusta)	NE	7-12	84%	102	46.60	83.15
10	Northside High (Fort Smith)	NW	10-12	82%	472	41.95	83.15
10	The Academies Of West Memphis Charter (West Memphis)	NE	10-12	72%	330	43.10	83.15
10	Wilbur D. Mills High (Pulaski County Special)	CN	9-12	66%	270	28.05	83.15

Tables 83-87: Top 5 “**High-Poverty**” Schools in Arkansas by Region, **Math** Growth.



Table 83: Top 5 “high-poverty” High schools in **Northwest** Region based on **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Danville High (Danville)	9-12	70%	139	51.58	84.20
<b>1</b>	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	8-9	71%	550	69.61	84.20
<b>3</b>	Northside High (Fort Smith)	10-12	82%	472	41.95	83.15
<b>4</b>	Booneville High (Booneville)	10-12	67%	86	54.57	82.45
<b>4</b>	Lakeside Junior High (Springdale)	8-9	84%	595	47.91	82.45



Table 84: Top 5 “high-poverty” High schools in **Northeast** Region based on **Math** ACT Aspire Growth

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Timbo High (Mountain View)	7-12	78%	57	77.54	85.60
<b>2</b>	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	7-12	70%	359	67.80	84.90
<b>3</b>	Manila High (Manila)	9-12	66%	144	55.17	84.20
<b>4</b>	Trumann High (Trumann)	9-12	69%	226	46.59	83.85
<b>5</b>	Southside Charter High (Southside Independence)	10-12	68%	126	60.94	83.50





Table 85: Top 5 “high-poverty” High schools in *Central* Region based on *Math* ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Wilbur D. Mills High (Pulaski County Special)	9-12	66%	270	28.05	83.15
2	Jessieville High (Jessieville)	9-12	66%	120	50.81	82.80
3	North Little Rock High (N. Little Rock)	9-12	67%	1098	43.04	81.40
4	England High (England)	7-12	75%	182	47.21	80.70
5	Dollarway High School (Dollarway)	9-12	90%	131	24.45	80.35



Table 86: Top 5 “high-poverty” High schools in *Southwest* Region based *Math* ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	8-9	76%	336	71.81	85.25
2	Murfreesboro High (South Pike County)	7-12	66%	198	52.32	82.80
3	Blevins High (Blevins)	7-12	80%	126	52.66	82.10
3	Umpire K-12 (Cossatot River)	K-12	76%	73	58.55	82.10
5	Mineral Springs High (Mineral Springs)	7-12	87%	106	42.95	81.40
5	Oden High (Ouachita River)	7-12	81%	44	67.39	81.40



Table 87: Top 5 “high-poverty” High schools in Southeast Region based on Math ACT Aspire Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	66%	172	76.73	83.50
2	Kipp Blytheville Collegiate High (Kipp Delta Public)	7-12	86%	151	50.65	81.75
3	Kipp:Delta Collegiate High (Kipp Delta Public)	9-12	88%	122	51.02	80.70
3	Lee High (Lee County)	7-12	87%	182	24.07	80.70
5	Hermitage High (Hermitage)	7-12	68%	137	48.05	80.35
5	Lakeside High (Lakeside (Chicot))	9-12	78%	120	32.80	80.35

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Table 88: Top 10 "High-Poverty" High Schools in Arkansas based on ACT Aspire ELA Growth)

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Shirley High (Shirley)	NW	7-12	80%	94	58.66	85.25
<b>1</b>	Southside Charter High (Southside (Independence))	NE	10-12	68%	126	60.94	85.25
<b>1</b>	Trumann High (Trumann)	NE	9-12	69%	226	46.59	85.25
<b>4</b>	Pine Bluff Lighthouse College Prep Academy High (Pine Bluff Lighthouse Academy)	CN	7-12	93%	38	46.71	84.55
<b>5</b>	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheatley)	NE	7-12	86%	249	53.02	84.20
<b>6</b>	Quest Middle Of Pine Bluff (Responsive Ed Solutions Quest Middle Of Pine Bluff)	CN	5-12	94%	84	28.22	83.85
<b>7</b>	Wilbur D. Mills High (Pulaski County Special)	CN	9-12	66%	271	28.05	83.50
<b>8</b>	Bradford High (Bradford)	NE	7-12	80%	123	57.00	83.15
<b>8</b>	Danville High (Danville)	NW	9-12	70%	138	51.58	83.15
<b>8</b>	Flippin High (Flippin)	NW	9-12	69%	93	51.56	83.15
<b>8</b>	Maynard High (Maynard)	NE	7-12	69%	132	49.63	83.15

Tables 89-93: Top 5 “**High-Poverty**” Schools in Arkansas by Region, **ELA Growth**.



Table 89: Top 5 “high-poverty” High schools in **Northwest** Region based on **ELA ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
1	Shirley High (Shirley)	7-12	80%	94	58.66	85.25
2	Danville High (Danville)	9-12	70%	138	51.58	83.15
2	Flippin High (Flippin)	9-12	69%	93	51.56	83.15
4	Lead Hill High (Lead Hill)	7-12	72%	88	55.28	82.80
5	Hartford High (Hackett)	7-12	75%	67	46.48	82.45
5	Waldron High (Waldron)	9-12	73%	203	54.33	82.45
5	Western Grove High (Ozark Mountain)	7-12	67%	80	38.58	82.45



Table 90: Top 5 “high-poverty” High schools in **Northeast** Region based on **ELA ACT Aspire Growth**

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
1	Trumann High (Trumann)	9-12	69%	226	46.59	85.25
1	Southside Charter High (Southside Independence)	10-12	68%	126	60.94	85.25
3	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheatley)	7-12	86%	249	53.02	84.20
4	Bradford High (Bradford)	7-12	80%	123	57.00	83.15
4	Maynard High (Maynard)	7-12	69%	132	49.63	83.15



Table 91: Top 5 “high-poverty” High schools in *Central* Region based on *ELA ACT Aspire Growth*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Pine Bluff Lighthouse College Prep Academy High (Pine Bluff Lighthouse Academy)	7-12	93%	38	46.71	84.55
2	Quest Middle Of Pine Bluff (Responsive Ed Solutions Quest Middle Of Pine Bluff)	5-12	94%	84	28.22	83.85
3	Wilbur D. Mills High (Pulaski County Special)	9-12	66%	271	28.05	83.50
4	North Little Rock High (N. Little Rock)	9-12	67%	1,094	43.04	82.10
5	Jessieville High (Jessieville)	9-12	66%	120	50.81	80.70
5	England High (England)	7-12	75%	182	47.21	80.70



Table 92: Top 5 “high-poverty” High schools in *Southwest* Region based *ELA ACT Aspire Growth*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Final Weighted Achievement	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Umpire K-12 (Cossatot River)	K-12	76%	73	58.55	82.80
2	Murfreesboro High (South Pike County)	7-12	66%	198	52.32	81.75
2	Bradley High (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	7-12	71%	97	66.88	81.75
4	Mineral Springs High (Mineral Springs)	7-12	87%	106	42.95	81.40
4	Junction City High (Junction City)	7-12	67%	203	44.48	81.40



Table 93: Top 5 “high-poverty” High schools in *Southeast* Region based on *ELA ACT Aspire Growth*

	<b>School (District)</b>	<b>Grades Served</b>	<b>% FRL</b>	<b># of Test Takers</b>	<b>Final Weighted Achievement</b>	<b>Combined Content Growth Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	66%	172	76.73	82.10
<b>1</b>	Kipp:Delta Collegiate High (Kipp Delta Public)	9-12	88%	122	51.02	82.10
<b>3</b>	Dermott High (Dermott)	7-12	94%	85	38.46	81.40
<b>4</b>	Hermitage High (Hermitage)	7-12	68%	137	48.05	80.70
<b>4</b>	Central High (Helena/ West Helena)	7-12	95%	352	34.87	80.70

## APPENDIX

### A. Methods

All data used in this report were obtained from the Arkansas Department of Education via the link <https://myschoolinfo.arkansas.gov/Plus/Schools>.

We generated a statewide report for the 2016-17 school year, using the ESSA School Index report. Values included

- Final Weighted Achievement Adjusted for 95% Tested
- Grade Range
- Grade Span (School Level)
- Poverty Rate
- Combined Content Growth Score Current Year
- Combined Math Growth Score Current Year
- Combined ELA Growth Score Current Year

For more information about how school levels were assigned, see [http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/ESEA/Documents to Share/Grade Spans and Grade Configurations rv.pdf](http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/ESEA/Documents%20to%20Share/Grade%20Spans%20and%20Grade%20Configurations%20rv.pdf)

For more information about how growth values were calculated, see [http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/ESEA/Documents to Share/School%20Growth%20Explanation%20for%20ES%20and%20DC%20111017.pdf](http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/ESEA/Documents%20to%20Share/School%20Growth%20Explanation%20for%20ES%20and%20DC%20111017.pdf)