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**BEATING THE ODDS: HIGH-GROWTH SCHOOLS
BASED ON THE ACT ASPIRE EXAMINATIONS,
SERVING LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES**

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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 2018-19 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.

IV. 2019 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 2018-2019 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 and the growth score of that school in the relevant content area.

J. Elementary Schools “Beating the Odds”

Beating the Odds: Overall ACT Aspire, 2019

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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	K-6	67%	255	87.90
2	Weiner Elementary (Harrisburg)	NE	K-6	68%	51	87.68
3	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	SW	K-6	71%	101	87.37
4	Cross County Elementary Tech Academy (Cross County)	NE	K-6	73%	126	87.00
5	Lamar Elementary (Lamar)	NW	K-3	72%	93	86.81
6	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	SE	P-6	75%	151	86.55
7	Frank Tillery Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	70%	284	86.54
8	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	P-3	86%	85	86.19
9	George Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	86%	273	86.02
10	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	CN	K-4	72%	132	85.97

Beating the Odds: Math ACT Aspire, 2019

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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	SW	K-6	71%	101	90.41
2	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	K-6	67%	255	89.48
3	Cross County Elementary Tech Academy (Cross County)	NE	K-6	73%	126	89.42
4	Frank Tillery Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	70%	284	87.90
5	Monitor Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	85%	289	87.82
6	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	CN	K-4	72%	132	87.81
7	Harp Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	72%	188	87.46
8	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	SW	K-5	73%	136	87.31
9	Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	SW	4-6	75%	454	86.84
10	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	SE	P-6	75%	151	86.65

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Frank Tillery Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	70%	284	87.90
2	Monitor Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	85%	289	87.82
3	Harp Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	72%	188	87.46
4	George Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	86%	273	86.05
5	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	76%	242	85.98



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Salem Elementary (Salem)	K-6	67%	255	89.48
2	Cross County Elementary Tech Academy (Cross County)	K-6	73%	126	89.42
3	Weiner Elementary (Harrisburg)	K-6	68%	51	86.04
4	Calico Rock Elementary (Calico Rock)	K-6	75%	102	85.98
5	Marked Tree Elementary (Marked Tree)	P-5	83%	96	85.80



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	K-4	72%	132	87.81
2	Florence Mattison Elementary (Conway)	K-4	75%	163	86.17
3	Jessieville Elementary (Jessieville)	P-5	77%	171	85.38
4	Ida Burns Elementary (Conway)	K-4	73%	136	84.37
5	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	98%	240	84.25



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	71%	101	90.41
2	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	K-5	73%	136	87.31
3	Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	4-6	75%	454	86.84
4	Nevada Elementary (Nevada)	K-6	78%	109	84.85
5	Fairview Elementary (Texarkana)	K-5	81%	128	84.84



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	P-6	75%	151	86.65
2	Thomas C Brunson Elementary (Warren)	4-5	72%	250	85.24
3	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside (Chicot))	P-3	93%	21	82.21
4	KIPP: Blytheville College Prep (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	3-6	87%	58	81.08
5	Barton Elementary (Barton-Lexa)	K-6	86%	204	80.98

Beating the Odds: ELA ACT Aspire, 2019

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Weiner Elementary (Harrisburg)	NE	K-6	68%	51	89.31
2	Delight Elementary (South Pike County)	SW	K-6	74%	48	88.79
3	Lamar Elementary (Lamar)	NW	K-3	72%	93	88.53
4	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	P-3	86%	85	87.75
5	Nashville Primary (Nashville)	SW	K-3	72%	125	86.60
6	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	SE	P-6	75%	150	86.46
7	Theodore Jones Elementary (Conway)	CN	K-4	72%	141	86.42
8	Crawford Elementary (Russellville)	NW	K-4	89%	114	86.33
9	Salem Elementary (Salem)	NE	K-6	67%	254	86.32
10	Harris Elementary (Pulaski County Special)	CN	P-5	78%	63	86.17

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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Lamar Elementary (Lamar)	K-3	72%	93	88.53
2	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	P-3	86%	85	87.75
3	Crawford Elementary (Russellville)	K-4	89%	114	86.33
4	Bonnie Grimes Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	71%	227	86.11
5	Robert E. Lee Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	90%	202	86.05



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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Weiner Elementary (Harrisburg)	K-6	68%	51	89.31
2	Salem Elementary (Salem)	K-6	67%	254	86.32
3	Woodrow Wilson Elementary (Paragould)	2-4	71%	145	85.25
4	Sidney Deener Elementary (Searcy)	K-3	68%	77	84.99
5	Manila Elementary (Manila)	P-4	66%	125	84.66



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Theodore Jones Elementary (Conway)	K-4	72%	141	86.42
2	Harris Elementary (Pulaski County Special)	P-5	78%	63	86.17
3	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	98%	240	85.16
4	Ida Burns Elementary (Conway)	K-4	73%	136	84.40
5	Oak Grove Elementary (Pulaski County Special)	P-5	73%	75	84.20



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Delight Elementary (South Pike County)	K-6	74%	48	88.79
2	Nashville Primary (Nashville)	K-3	72%	125	86.60
3	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	71%	101	84.34
3	Bobby Barrett Elementary (Mount Ida)	K-6	75%	125	83.34
5	Nashville Elementary (Nashville)	4-6	75%	454	83.23



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	P-6	75%	150	86.46
2	Dermott Elementary (Dermott)	K-6	95%	93	82.44
3	Gillett Elementary (Dewitt)	P-5	71%	36	82.29
4	Hermitage Elementary (Hermitage)	P-6	83%	130	81.73
5	Barton Elementary (Barton-Lexa)	K-6	86%	204	81.10

K. Middle Schools “Beating the Odds”

Beating the Odds: Overall ACT Aspire, 2019

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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	NE	7-8	71%	420	85.30
2	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	NE	5-6	76%	408	84.15
3	Swifton Middle (Jackson Co.)	NE	5-7	66%	176	83.91
4	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	77%	642	83.55
5	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	NW	5-8	68%	293	82.89
6	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	NW	5-8	73%	217	82.80
7	Pleasant View Campus (Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County Schools)	NW	5-8	77%	110	82.58
8	Harrisburg Middle (Harrisburg)	NE	5-8	74%	288	82.41
9	Yerger Junior High (Hope)	SW	7-8	80%	192	82.28
10	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	SW	5-6	89%	219	82.27

Beating the Odds: Math ACT Aspire, 2019

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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	NE	7-8	71%	420	88.04
2	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	77%	642	86.19
3	Swifton Middle (Jackson Co.)	NE	5-7	66%	176	85.97
4	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	NW	5-8	68%	293	83.99
5	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)	NW	5-6	74%	349	83.97
6	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	NE	5-6	76%	408	83.87
7	Harrisburg Middle (Harrisburg)	NE	5-8	74%	288	83.73
8	Cave City Middle (Cave City)	NE	6-8	75%	249	83.66
9	Lamar Middle (Lamar)	NW	4-7	71%	414	83.65
10	College Hill Middle (Texarkana)	SW	6-6	81%	298	83.35

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	6-7	77%	642	86.19
2	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	5-8	68%	293	83.99
3	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)	5-6	74%	349	83.97
4	Lamar Middle (Lamar)	4-7	71%	414	83.65
5	Sonora Middle (Springdale)	6-7	85%	636	83.20



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	7-8	71%	420	88.04
2	Swifton Middle (Jackson Co.)	5-7	66%	176	85.97
3	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	5-6	76%	408	83.87
4	Harrisburg Middle (Harrisburg)	5-8	74%	288	83.73
5	Cave City Middle (Cave City)	6-8	75%	249	83.66



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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	eSTEM East Village Junior High Public Charter (eSTEM Public Charter School)	7-9	66%	239	81.68
2	Pine Bluff Lighthouse College Prep Academy High (Pine Bluff Lighthouse Academy)	7-8	90%	39	80.37
3	Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock (Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock)	K-8	96%	139	79.79
4	Malvern Middle (Malvern)	7-8	75%	260	79.42
5	Watson Chapel Jr. High (Watson Chapel)	7-9	79%	534	79.34



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	College Hill Middle (Texarkana)	6-6	81%	298	83.35
2	DeQueen Middle (DeQueen)	6-7	72%	338	82.57
3	Mena Middle (Mena)	6-8	70%	362	81.30
4	Magnolia Jr. High (Magnolia)	7-9	70%	555	80.21
5	Yerger Junior High (Hope)	7-8	80%	192	79.90



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Star City Middle (Star City)	6-8	68%	305	82.22
2	Warren Middle (Warren)	6-8	70%	351	80.93
3	KIPP:Delta College Prep (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	6-8	92%	188	79.68
4	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	5-6	66%	223	79.57
5	Hamburg Middle (Hamburg)	6-8	70%	376	78.91

Beating the Odds: ELA ACT Aspire, 2019

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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	SW	5-6	89%	219	85.97
2	Yerger Junior High (Hope)	SW	7-8	80%	191	84.68
3	Pleasant View Campus (Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County Schools)	NW	5-8	77%	110	84.50
4	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	NE	5-6	76%	408	84.43
5	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	NE	7-8	77%	162	83.79
6	Decatur Middle (Decatur)	NW	P-8	81%	139	83.59
7	Berryville Middle (Berryville)	NW	6-8	75%	409	82.96
8	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	NW	5-8	73%	217	82.57
9	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	NE	7-8	71%	420	82.55
10	Mountainburg Middle (Mountainburg)	NW	5-8	73%	177	82.45

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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Pleasant View Campus (Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County Schools)	5-8	77%	110	84.50
2	Decatur Middle (Decatur)	P-8	81%	139	83.59
3	Berryville Middle (Berryville)	6-8	75%	409	82.96
4	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	5-8	73%	217	82.57
5	Mountainburg Middle (Mountainburg)	5-8	73%	177	82.45



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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	5-6	76%	408	84.43
2	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	7-8	77%	162	83.79
3	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	7-8	71%	420	82.55
4	Imboden Area Charter (Imboden Charter)	K-8	81%	32	82.20
5	Swifton Middle (Jackson Co.)	5-7	66%	176	81.86



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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock (Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock)	K-8	96%	119	81.86
2	Pine Bluff Lighthouse College Prep Academy High (Pine Bluff Lighthouse Academy)	7-8	90%	39	81.60
3	Mills Middle (Pulaski County Special)	6-8	75%	347	81.35
4	Jessieville Middle (Jessieville)	6-8	71%	188	81.34
5	Malvern Middle (Malvern)	7-8	75%	260	80.92



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	5-6	89%	219	85.97
2	Yerger Junior High (Hope)	7-8	80%	191	84.68
3	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	7-9	72%	420	82.20
4	Hope Academy Of Public Service (Hope)	5-9	85%	240	82.06
5	North Heights Jr. High (Texarkana)	7-8	72%	464	81.63



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside (Chicot))	6-8	85%	215	81.00
2	Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	7-9	73%	243	79.97
3	Star City Middle (Star City)	6-8	68%	305	79.53
4	KIPP:Delta College Prep (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	6-8	92%	188	78.92
5	Hazen Elementary (Hazen)	P-8	72%	255	78.89

L. High Schools “Beating the Odds”

Beating the Odds: Overall ACT Aspire, 2019

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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Flippin High (Flippin)	NW	9-12	69%	112	82.76
2	Hazen High (Hazen)	SE	9-12	70%	64	82.56
3	Maynard High (Maynard)	NE	7-12	69%	140	82.40
4	St. Joe K-12 (Ozark Mountain)	NW	K-12	73%	83	82.39
5	Barton High (Barton-Lexa)	SE	7-12	85%	211	82.22
6	Jasper High (Jasper)	NW	7-12	70%	141	82.00
7	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	NE	7-12	67%	369	81.91
8	Decatur High (Decatur)	NW	9-12	72%	58	81.88
9	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory (Cave City)	NE	9-12	77%	181	81.68
10	Sparkman High (Harmony Grove (Ouachita))	SW	7-12	73%	38	81.47

Beating the Odds: Math ACT Aspire, 2019

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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Barton High (Barton-Lexa)	SE	7-12	85%	211	84.09
2	Maynard High (Maynard)	NE	7-12	69%	140	83.85
3	Hazen High (Hazen)	SE	9-12	70%	64	83.55
4	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	NE	7-12	67%	369	83.54
5	Flippin High (Flippin)	NW	9-12	69%	111	82.93
6	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory (Cave City)	NE	9-12	77%	181	82.78
7	Decatur High (Decatur)	NW	9-12	72%	58	82.66
8	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	71%	525	82.11
9	Mt. Judea K-12 (Deer/Mt. Judea)	NW	K-12	79%	80	81.81
10	Springdale High (Springdale)	NW	10-12	75%	671	81.72

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Flippin High (Flippin)	9-12	69%	111	82.93
2	Decatur High (Decatur)	9-12	72%	58	82.66
3	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	8-9	71%	525	82.11
4	Mt. Judea K-12 (Deer/Mt. Judea)	K-12	79%	80	81.81
5	Springdale High (Springdale)	10-12	75%	671	81.72



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Maynard High (Maynard)	7-12	69%	140	83.85
2	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	7-12	67%	369	83.54
3	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory (Cave City)	9-12	77%	181	82.78
4	Trumann High (Trumann)	9-12	70%	179	81.19
5	Highland High (Highland)	9-12	70%	241	81.06



*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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Jessieville High (Jessieville)	9-12	66%	121	80.91
2	Pine Bluff High (Pine Bluff)	9-12	78%	407	80.51
3	Parkview Magnet High (Little Rock)	9-12	67%	514	80.29
4	Hot Springs World Class High (Hot Springs)	9-12	73%	406	80.02
5	Dollarway High (Dollarway)	9-12	90%	119	79.77



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Sparkman High (Harmony Grove (Ouachita))	7-12	73%	38	80.98
2	Kirby High (Kirby)	7-12	75%	107	80.89
3	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	8-9	75%	301	80.73
4	Hope High (Hope)	9-12	73%	242	80.57
5	Mount Ida High (Mount Ida)	7-12	67%	120	80.43



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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Barton High (Barton-Lexa)	7-12	85%	211	84.09
2	Hazen High (Hazen)	9-12	70%	64	83.55
3	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	67%	159	81.60
4	KIPP:Delta Collegiate High (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	9-12	88%	90	79.08
5	McGehee High (McGehee)	7-12	69%	347	78.78

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	St. Joe K-12 (Ozark Mountain) Western Yell Co. High	NW	K-12	73%	83	83.71
2	(Western Yell Co.)	NW	7-12	87%	111	83.23
3	Shirley High (Shirley)	NW	7-12	80%	98	83.12
4	Jasper High (Jasper)	NW	7-12	70%	141	82.66
5	Flippin High (Flippin) Mills University Studies High	NW	9-12	69%	112	82.51
6	(Pulaski County Special)	CN	9-12	68%	272	82.48
7	Oark High (Jasper) Capital City Lighthouse Upper Academy (Capital City	NW	7-12	89%	50	82.21
8	Lighthouse Academy)	CN	7-12	80%	24	81.98
9	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheatley)	NE	7-12	86%	228	81.97
10	Sparkman High (Harmony) Grove (Ouachita)	SW	7-12	73%	38	81.96

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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	St. Joe K-12 (Ozark Mountain)	K-12	73%	83	83.71
2	Western Yell Co. High (Western Yell Co.)	7-12	87%	111	83.23
3	Shirley High (Shirley)	7-12	80%	98	83.12
4	Jasper High (Jasper)	7-12	70%	141	82.66
5	Flippin High (Flippin)	9-12	69%	112	82.51



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Palestine-Wheatley Senior High (Palestine-Wheatley)	7-12	86%	228	81.97
2	Corning High (Corning)	7-12	68%	247	81.83
3	Bradford High (Bradford)	7-12	80%	118	81.69
4	Badger Academy (Beebe)	7-12	77%	12	81.40
5	Trumann High (Trumann)	9-12	70%	179	81.39



*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	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Mills University Studies High (Pulaski County Special)	9-12	68%	272	82.48
2	Capital City Lighthouse Upper Academy (Capital City Lighthouse Academy)	7-12	80%	24	81.98
3	Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High (Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High School)	9-12	70%	24	81.31
4	Jessieville High (Jessieville)	9-12	66%	121	81.30
5	North Little Rock Center Of Excellence (North Little Rock)	9-12	76%	178	81.13



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Sparkman High (Harmony Grove (Ouachita))	7-12	73%	38	81.96
2	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	8-9	75%	301	81.83
3	Hope High (Hope)	9-12	73%	242	81.17
4	Lafayette County High (Lafayette County)	7-12	86%	135	80.97
5	DeQueen High (DeQueen)	10-12	72%	160	80.84



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Combined Content Growth Score
1	Hazen High (Hazen)	9-12	70%	64	81.56
2	Clarendon High (Clarendon)	7-12	90%	102	81.45
3	KIPP:Delta Collegiate High (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	9-12	88%	90	81.27
4	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	67%	159	80.49
5	Barton High (Barton-Lexa)	7-12	85%	211	80.36

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 2018-19 school year, using the ESSA School Index report. Values included

- 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

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