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Executive Summary

The NWA Report Card highlights how students in area schools are performing!

The goal of this report is to help parents, school personnel, community members, and policy makers understand how effectively the students in their community are being served by public schools. The past two years have been difficult for families, teachers, and students, but despite the challenging context, Northwest Arkansas students are demonstrating greater growth in achievement and earning higher scores on the ACT Aspire than are the students in the state overall. Schools in NWA also received higher School Quality and Student Success scores and graduate a greater percentage of high school students.

We think the **Growth Score** is the most important measure of school quality. Growth Scores measures how much individual students at the school increase their achievement scores from year to year. Using growth as a measure of school success levels the playing field because all students are evaluated by the extent to which they grow from their own starting point; thus, students facing socioeconomic barriers to achievement have the same opportunity for growth as do their peers from advantaged backgrounds. All students can grow their understanding, and we should expect all schools to foster student growth, regardless of family income, first language, or learning needs. To be in the top 25% of schools in the state, elementary schools need a growth score of 82 or higher, middle level schools need a growth score of 82 or higher.

The Achievement Score is a familiar measure of student performance that

reflects how well students score on the state's annual exams. Schools serving more advantaged students typically receive "good" scores because a high percentage of their students passed, while schools serving a larger percentage of students who lived in poverty, participated in special education, or were learning English often receive lower scores because a higher percentage of their students were unable to pass the test. While meeting grade-level standards is important, the clear connection between Achievement Scores and student demographics suggests that point-in-time test scores are not a good measure of how well a school is educating students, but rather a reflection of the wealth of the community being served by the school.

The School Quality/ Student Success

Indicator Score includes a variety of measures, like student attendance, the percentage of students reading at grade level, student achievement and growth on the annual science assessment. In addition to the measures used for elementary and middle level schools, high school scores also reflect student enrollment in advanced courses, computer science courses, and community service learning as well as student performance on the ACT college-readiness exam and student GPA.

This report card presents information about these key performance indicators for the districts in Benton and Washington counties. The Growth, Achievement, School Quality, and Overall scores of each 15 traditional districts are compared to the average scores of the regional districts with similar enrollment: each of the 5 large districts is compared to the large district average, while each of the 10 small districts is compared to the small district average. The scores of the 6 public charter schools are compared to the average of all schools in the NWA area. Districts that do not receive a letter grade are not included in group level averages.



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By the numbers

NWA Highlights

Highest Overall:

- Haas Hall Academy: Highest Growth
- Haas Hall Academy: Highest Achievement
- Haas Hall Academy: Highest School Quality Score
- Farmington School District: Highest Graduation Rate

Highest Traditional School District:

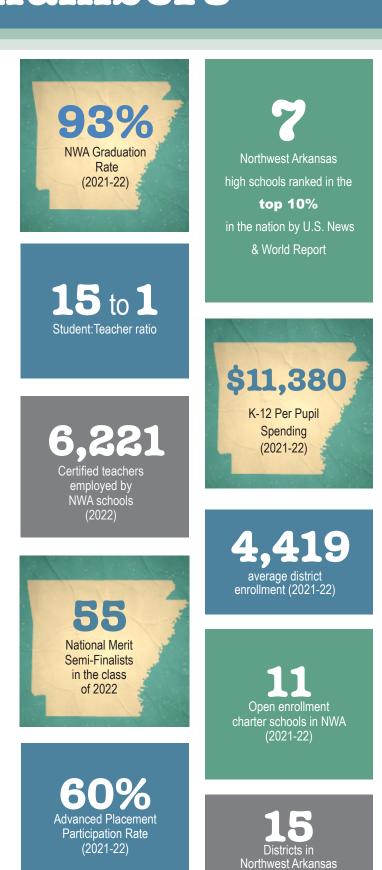
- Bentonville School District: Highest Growth
- Bentonville School District: Highest Achievement
- Bentonville School District: Highest School Quality Score
- Farmington School District: Highest Graduation Rate

Highest serving at least 50% of students that face economic disadvantages:

- Rogers School District: Highest Growth
- Rogers School District: Highest Achievement
- Rogers School District: Highest School Quality Score
- Rogers School District and Gentry School District tied: **Highest Graduation Rate**

There are many things that contribute to a 'good' school, but we believe student academic growth is the most meaningful indicator that districts are doing what's really important: helping all students learn.

Many NWA districts had high growth at one or two school levels, and there is evidence of variation in growth rates between schools within the same district. We recommend district and school leaders examine where their students are not demonstrating high growth, examine high growth schools to see what those schools are doing differently, and consider how they can further support learning for all of their students.



Northwest Arkansas Region Enrollment: 92,790 | 146 Schools

The annual per-pupil expenditure, ACT Composite score, and percentage of students who graduated 4 years after entering high school are additional indicators of school performance.

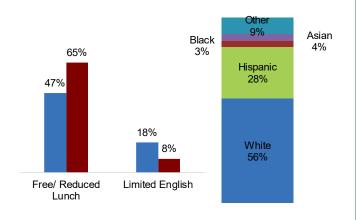
Student Characteristics: Why is this important? Students who participate in Free/Reduced lunch programs, or are identified as Limited English Proficient are At Risk for not meeting proficiency targets or graduating. When comparing district performance, it is important to consider the percentage of At Risk students enrolled.

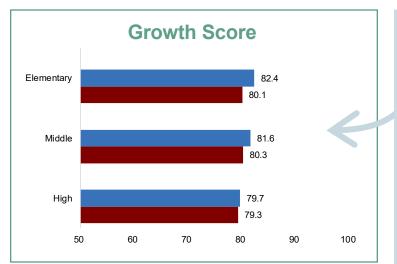
> NWA State

Finance, ACT, & Graduation

	NWA	State
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$11,380	\$11,620
ACT Composite Score	20.8	18.8
Graduation Rate	93%	88%
Student: Teacher Ratio	15 to 1	

Student Characteristics





Growth Score:

This indicates how much the district's students in grades 3-10 improved over time on state assessments in English language arts and mathematics. This score also includes how well non-native speakers are progressing toward English language proficiency.

Districts serving fewer At Risk students don't always have higher growth scores. Growth scores are less related to student characteristics than achievement scores.

Growth scores range from 71.7 to 89.9

Northwest Arkansas Region

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The Achievement Score indicates how well the district's students in grades 3-10 performed on state assessments in English language arts and mathematics. This achievement score is weighted so schools earn more points for students in higher achievement levels.

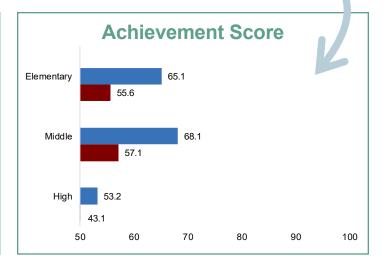
Districts serving fewer At Risk students typically have higher achievement scores. Achievement scores are more related to student characteristics than growth scores.

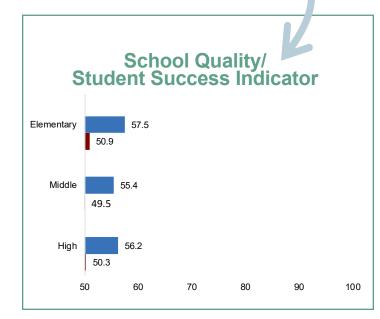
Achievement scores range from 0 to 112

The School Quality and Student Success score combines several measures of student engagement, readiness, completion, and success.

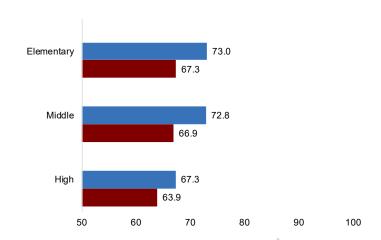
Schools get points for student attendance, reading at grade level, science achievement, and science growth. High school scores also reflect student enrollment in advanced courses, computer science courses, and community service learning. ACT performance and GPA are also considered.

School Quality scores range from 12.7 to 85.7





Overall ESSA Index



This is the **overall score** assigned to schools in the district. The overall score is based on several components: Achievement, Growth, School Quality and Student Success, and Graduation Rate for high schools.

ESSA scores range from 31.8 to 96.5



Big 5 Districts

These 5 school districts enroll 75% of K-12 students in Northwest Arkansas. As a group, the large districts serve more diverse students and have higher achievement scores than the smaller districts. Following each district overview, school-level information is provided.

Traditional Public School Districts are systems of free public schools in which students are assigned to schools based on their home address. Students may apply for transfer to another school within their assigned school district, or to a school in a different district. Districts may accept or reject transfer requests.

Big 5 Districts

Bentonville Enrollment: 18,536 | 23 Schools

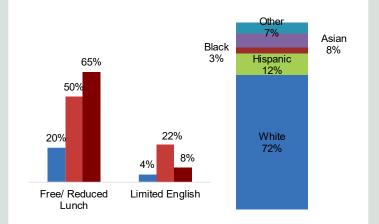
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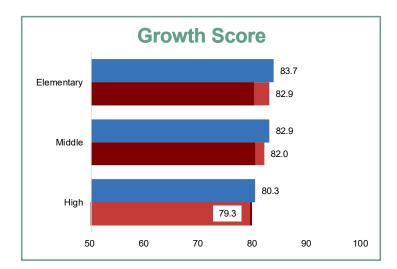
	Big 5
\$11,509	\$11,686
22.4	20.1
93%	88%
	22.4

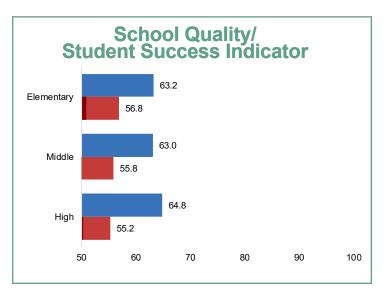
Student: Teacher Ratio 15 to 1

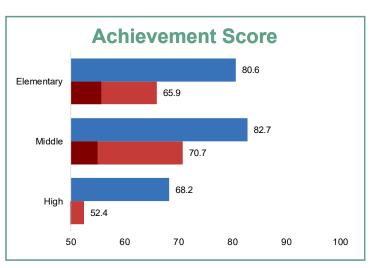


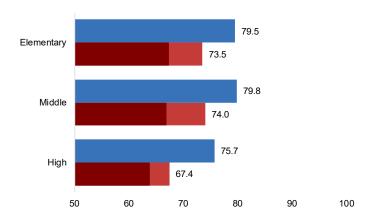
Student Characteristics











Bentonville Schools

School Name	Grades Served	Achievement Percentile Within School Type	Growth Percentile Within School Type	Percent of Students Eligible for Free/ Reduced Lunch	ESSA Index Score	Achievement Score	Growth Score	School Quality Score
Apple Glen Elementary	K-4	93	76	18%	77.6	77.7	82.5	61.2
Centerton Gamble Elementary	K-4	94	82	20%	78.7	79.7	83.0	62.1
Central Park At Morning Star	K-4	91	92	24%	77.6	75.1	84.4	60.5
Cooper Elementary	K-4	94	86	27%	78.7	80.1	83.7	59.1
Elm Tree Elementary	K-4	93	78	13%	78.1	78.1	82.5	63.3
Evening Star Elementary	K-4	99	92	6%	84.7	90.9	84.6	70.3
Mary Mae Jones Elementary	K-4	86	85	50%	75.6	71.7	84.4	55.5
Osage Creek Elementary	K-4	76	36	28%	71.4	66.3	79.7	55.7
R.E. Baker Elementary	K-4	81	89	35%	75.5	70.0	84.9	57.0
Sugar Creek Elementary	K-4	98	93	18%	83.9	88.8	85.2	68.2
Thomas Jefferson Elementary	K-4	96	84	17%	81.3	83.7	83.4	68.6
Willowbrook Elementary	K-4	99	94	7%	84.9	90.8	85.4	69.6
Ardis Ann Middle	5-6	95	86	21%	77.9	78.4	82.7	60.7
Bright Field Middle	5-6	99	99	10%	87.8	98.5	85.1	72.2
Creekside Middle	5-6	88	69	25%	74.9	72.9	81.3	57.9
Old High Middle	5-6	93	59	24%	76.4	77.3	80.8	59.7
Ruth Barker Middle	5-6	91	88	33%	76.2	74.4	82.6	59.0
Grimsley Junior High	7-8	88	69	27%	75.2	73.2	81.4	59.3
J. William Fulbright Junior High	7-8	99	90	14%	84.4	92.9	83.1	69.2
Lincoln Junior High	7-8	98	97	22%	82.4	86.7	84.7	65.0
Washington Junior High	7-8	99	98	23%	83.3	89.2	84.8	64.5
Bentonville High	9-12	98	66	16%	78.7	75.8	80.7	66.8
Bentonville West High	9-12	88	47	27%	71.5	57.8	79.8	62.0

BOLD values indicate performance in the top 10% of schools in the state.

Big 5 Districts

Fayetteville

Enrollment: 10,349 | 16 Schools

Finance, ACT, & Graduation

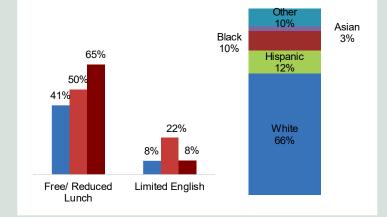
	Fayetteville	Big 5
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$12,842	\$11,686
ACT Composite Score	21.7	20.1
Graduation Rate	90%	88%

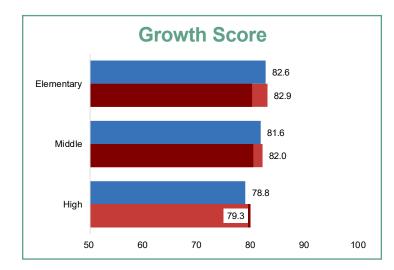
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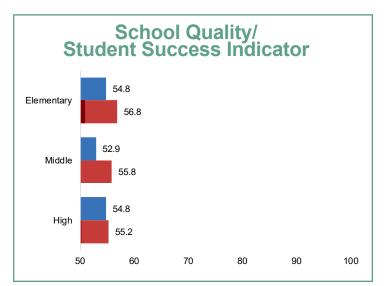
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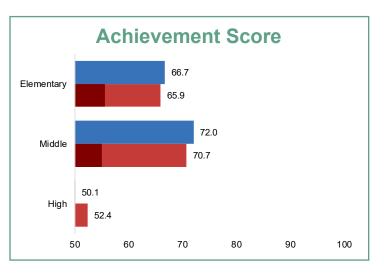
Big 5 Districts State

Fayetteville

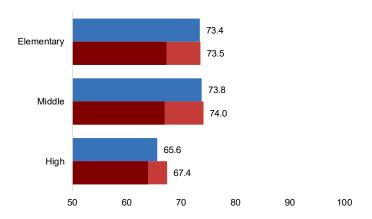








Overall ESSA Index



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Fayetteville Schools

School Name	Grades Served	Achievement Percentile Within School Type	Growth Percentile Within School Type	Percent of Students Eligible for Free/ Reduced Lunch	ESSA Index Score	Achievement Score	Growth Score	School Quality Score
Asbell Elementary	K-4	57	89	83%	69.8	59.0	84.4	46.3
Butterfield Elementary	K-4	85	60	42%	74.5	71.1	81.8	58.1
Happy Hollow Elementary	K-4	74	81	41%	71.9	64.4	83.7	50.2
Holcomb Elementary	K-4	89	73	30%	76.2	73.4	82.6	61.2
Leverett Elementary	K-4	44	35	57%	67.0	55.4	80.8	48.2
Root Elementary	K-4	99	97	16%	84.8	90.4	86.0	67.5
Vandergriff Elementary	K-4	98	85	8%	83.1	89.7	83.9	65.1
Washington Elementary	K-4	50	72	54%	68.6	56.7	82.4	50.9
Owl Creek	K-6	34	47	63%	64.9	50.7	80.9	45.0
Holt Middle	5-6	76	82	50%	71.9	65.0	82.7	51.7
McNair Middle	5-6	99	92	20%	81.1	87.0	83.2	60.4
Ramay Junior High	7-8	34	17	55%	62.8	49.7	78.2	42.4
Woodland Junior High	7-8	96	89	28%	78.2	81.4	82.5	56.4
Agee Lierly Life Preparation Services	9-12	3	1	61%	44.7	7.6	71.8	23.7
Fayetteville High	9-12	70	27	30%	67.7	50.6	78.9	55.9
Fayetteville Virtual Academy A District Conversion Charter	K-12	71	56	32%	71.4	51.2	79.6	75.1

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Big 5 Districts

Rogers Enrollment: 15,603 | 23 Schools

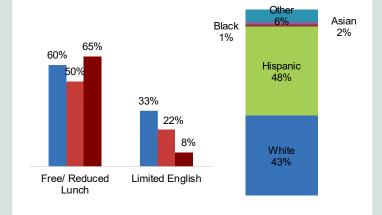
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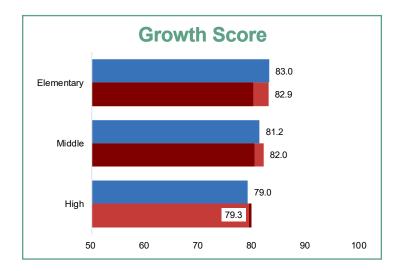
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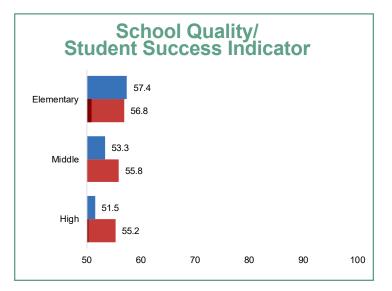
	Rogers	Big 5
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$10,996	\$11,686
ACT Composite Score	18.8	20.1
Graduation Rate	93%	88%

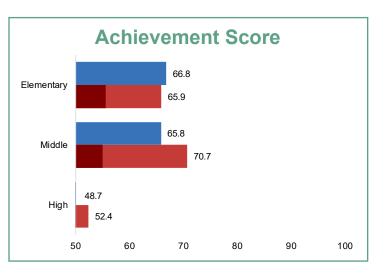
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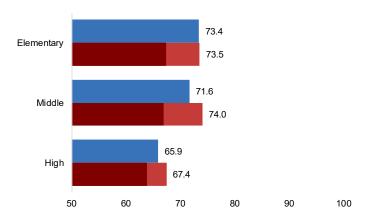
Student Characteristics











Rogers Schools

School Name	Grades Served	Achievement Percentile Within School Type	Growth Percentile Within School Type	Percent of Students Eligible for Free/ Reduced Lunch	ESSA Index Score	Achievement Score	Growth Score	School Quality Score
Bellview Elementary	K-5	95	94	19%	81.4	82.3	84.8	67.5
Bonnie Grimes Elementary	K-5	74	80	70%	72.6	64.4	83.7	54.7
Eastside Elementary	K-5	92	97	64%	79.2	77.6	85.2	62.7
Elza R. Tucker Elementary	K-5	73	81	56%	72.4	63.7	83.6	55.1
Fairview Elementary	K-5	92	37	20%	75.6	76.1	79.5	61.8
Frank Tillery Elementary	K-5	84	84	68%	75.6	70.8	84.1	58.3
Garfield Elementary	K-5	74	83	69%	73.0	64.5	84.3	55.2
Grace Hill Elementary	K-5	49	69	77%	70.0	56.6	84.4	53.3
Janie Darr Elementary	K-5	98	58	13%	82.9	89.9	80.4	74.5
Joe Mathias Elementary	K-5	54	68	70%	69.7	57.9	83.0	52.9
Jones Elementary	K-5	71	75	74%	71.6	63.4	82.8	53.4
Lowell Elementary	K-5	44	62	60%	67.6	55.4	81.7	48.9
Northside Elementary	K-5	63	79	58%	72.1	61.0	84.2	57.9
Old Wire Elementary	K-5	69	61	81%	71.5	62.6	83.3	53.0
Reagan Elementary	K-5	58	43	51%	69.5	59.2	81.0	55.3
Westside Elementary	K-5	57	91	60%	71.6	59.2	84.8	56.4
Elmwood Middle	6-8	90	64	46%	75.6	74.1	81.6	58.9
Kirksey Middle	6-8	80	54	58%	71.9	66.9	81.1	53.0
Lingle Middle	6-8	73	60	61%	70.8	63.6	81.4	52.2
Oakdale Middle	6-8	51	44	68%	67.6	56.8	80.9	48.5
Rogers Heritage High	9-12	40	30	56%	62.4	40.9	78.3	48.6
Rogers High	9-12	76	50	44%	67.5	52.3	79.4	51.7
Rogers New Technology High	9-12	88	35	55%	72.0	58.4	79.7	59.9

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Big 5 Districts

Siloam Springs Enrollment: 4,290 | 6 Schools

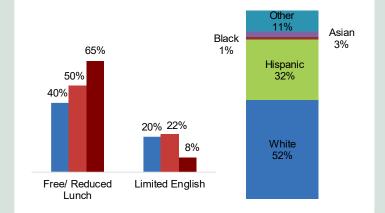
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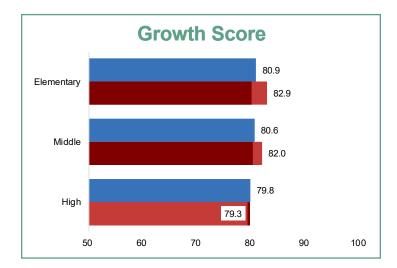
	Siloam Springs	Big 5
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$11,585	\$11,686
ACT Composite Score	19.1	20.1
Graduation Rate	88%	88%

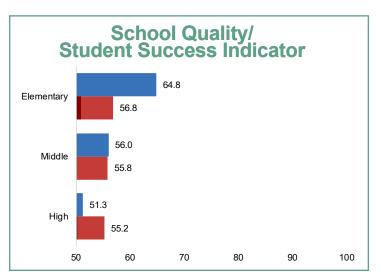
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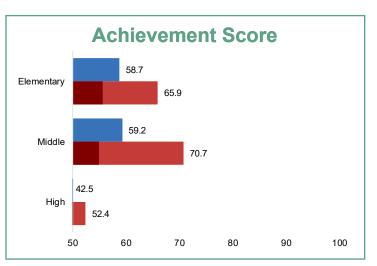
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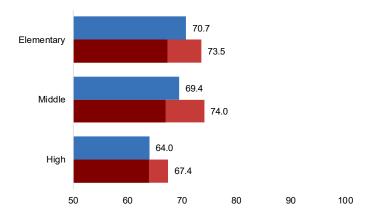
Student Characteristics











Siloam Springs Schools

School Name	Grades Served	Achievement Percentile Within School Type	Growth Percentile Within School Type	Percent of Students Eligible for Free/ Reduced Lunch	ESSA Index Score	Achievement Score	Growth Score	School Quality Score
Northside Elementary	P-K	56	57	38%	69.3	58.7	80.9	55.5
Delbert "Pete" & Pat Allen Elementary	1-2	56	57	58%	73.5	80.9	80.9	83.5
Southside Elementary	3-4	56	57	53%	68.7	58.7	80.9	51.4
Siloam Springs Intermediate	5-6	59	50	49%	69.8	59.2	80.9	57.6
Siloam Springs Middle	7-8	60	42	46%	69.1	59.3	80.3	54.4
Siloam Springs High School Conversion Charter	9-12	46	31	40%	64.0	42.5	79.8	51.3

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Big 5 Districts

Springdale Enrollment: 21,796 | 29 Schools

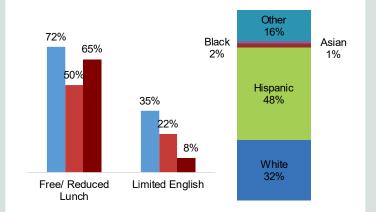
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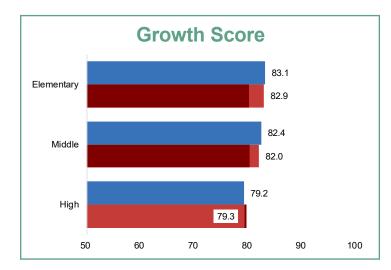
	Springdale	Big 5
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$11,497	\$11,686
ACT Composite Score	19.4	20.1
Graduation Rate	85%	88%

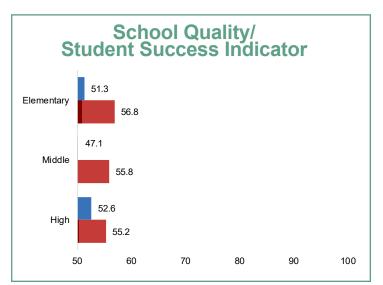
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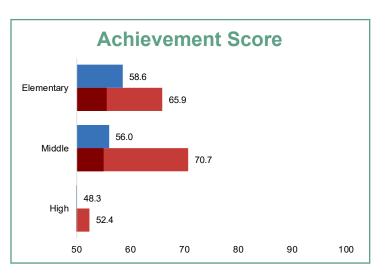
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Student Characteristics









Elementary 69.6 73.5 Middle 64.7 High 64.7 50 60 70 80 90 100

Springdale Schools

School Name	Grades Served	Achievement Percentile Within School Type	Growth Percentile Within School Type	Percent of Students Eligible for Free/ Reduced Lunch	ESSA Index Score	Achievement Score	Growth Score	School Quality Score
Bayyari Elementary	K-5	48	93	89%	69.3	56.4	84.9	47.3
Bernice Young Elementary	K-5	96	80	34%	80.7	83.8	83.4	64.2
Elmdale Elementary	K-5	23	23	88%	61.3	43.8	77.8	44.1
George Elementary	K-5	43	93	88%	69.2	55.3	84.9	49.5
Harp Elementary	K-5	49	76	78%	67.8	56.6	82.8	44.1
Hunt Elementary	K-5	92	98	54%	79.2	77.0	86.3	60.7
John Tyson Elementary	K-5	90	95	74%	78.3	74.6	86.9	58.4
Jones Elementary	K-5	19	55	95%	62.5	41.4	82.5	44.8
Linda Childers Knapp Elementary	K-5	39	76	89%	67.2	53.6	83.3	45.0
Monitor Elementary	K-5	35	72	85%	66.1	51.3	82.6	45.5
Parson Hills Elementary	K-5	17	45	97%	61.8	40.7	81.9	43.8
Jim D Rollins Elementary School of Innovation	K-5	16	84	91%	74.0	69.7	80.4	63.0
Sonora Elementary	K-5	45	48	72%	68.2	55.6	80.8	55.3
Thurman G. Smith Elementary	K-5	42	65	71%	68.6	55.1	82.9	52.7
Turnbow Elementary	K-5	40	81	84%	68.2	54.0	84.1	48.0
Walker Elementary	K-5	63	78	67%	70.8	61.0	83.3	52.1
Westwood Elementary	K-5	26	67	88%	64.3	46.3	81.9	47.6
Willis Shaw Elementary	K-5	89	79	34%	76.3	73.2	82.5	62.6
Helen Tyson Middle	6-7	44	82	82%	68.3	54.6	83.7	49.0
Hellstern Middle	6-7	93	90	44%	78.1	77.0	83.7	62.0
J. O. Kelly Middle	6-7	19	38	93%	60.6	41.2	80.9	38.4
Sonora Middle	6-7	31	43	87%	62.3	46.9	80.9	36.6
Central Junior High	8-9	93	57	51%	71.1	61.4	80.4	62.5
George Junior High	8-9	25	15	89%	59.5	35.0	80.2	47.2
Lakeside Junior High	8-9	23	11	87%	58.5	33.5	78.2	51.2
Southwest Junior High	8-9	67	43	78%	66.0	49.6	80.7	55.1
Har-Ber High	10-12	69	25	51%	66.4	50.5	78.3	52.0
Springdale High	10-12	14	12	80%	55.5	26.7	77.5	41.4
Don Tyson School Of Innovation	K-12	90	31	58%	71.7	59.8	79.1	60.3

BOLD values indicate performance in the top 10% of schools in the state.



These 10 school districts serve about 16% of K-12 students in Northwest Arkansas. As a group, the small districts have lower student:teacher ratios and higher graduation rates than the larger districts.

Traditional Public School Districts are systems of free public schools in which students are assigned to schools based on their home address. Students may apply for transfer to another school within their assigned school district, or to a school in a different district. Districts may accept or reject transfer requests.

Decatur Enrollment: 570 | 3 Schools

Finance, ACT, & Graduation

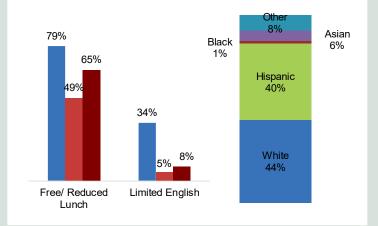
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ACT Composite Score	17.5	19.3
Graduation Rate	91%	93%

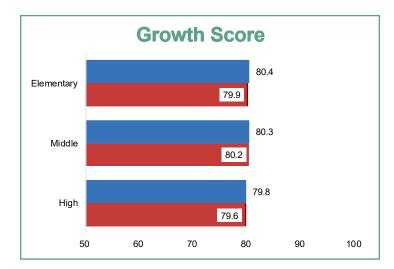
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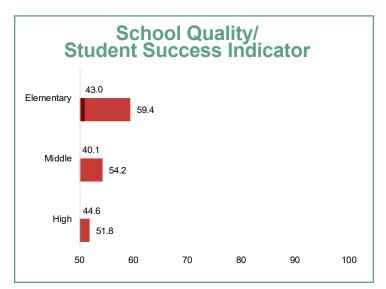
Student Characteristics

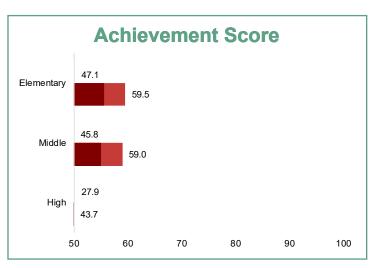
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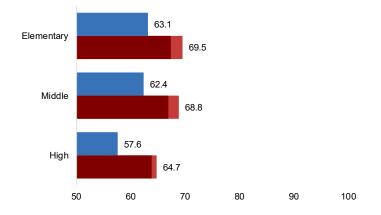
Small 10 Districts State











Elkins Enrollment: 1,292 | 4 Schools

Finance, ACT, & Graduation

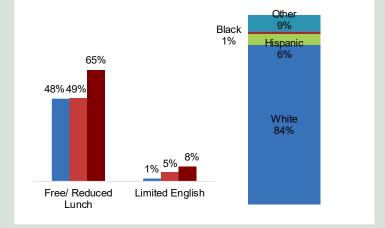
	Elkins	Small 10
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Graduation Rate	96%	93%

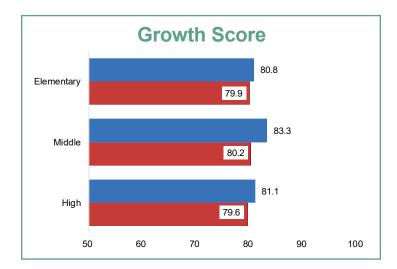
Student: Teacher Ratio 13 to 1

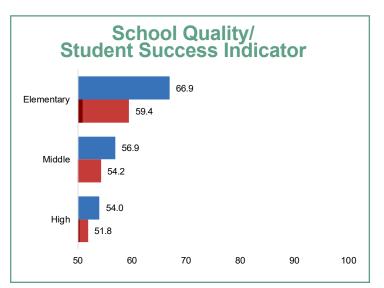


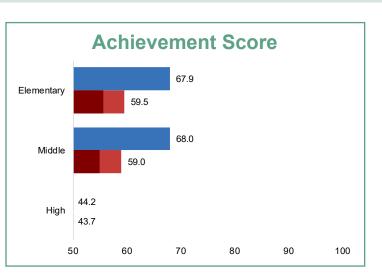
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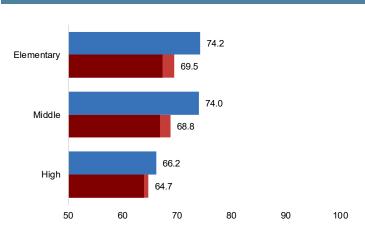
Small 10 Districts State











Small 10 Districts State

Farmington Enrollment: 2,603 | 5 Schools

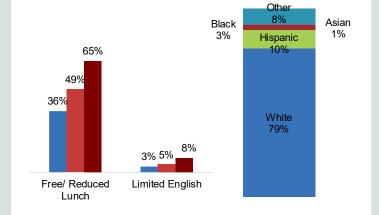
Finance, ACT, & Graduation

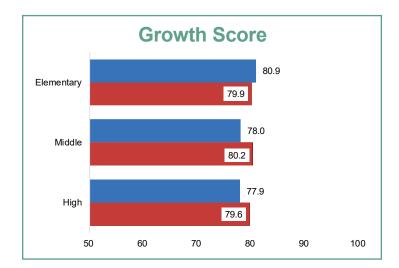
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Graduation Rate	>99%	93%

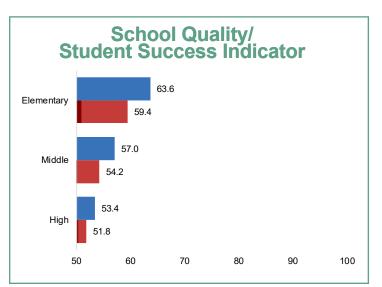
Student: Teacher Ratio 11 to 1

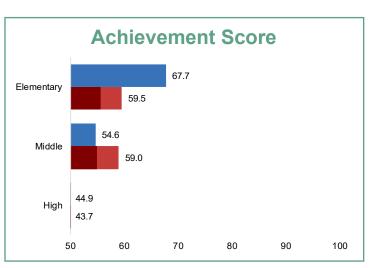


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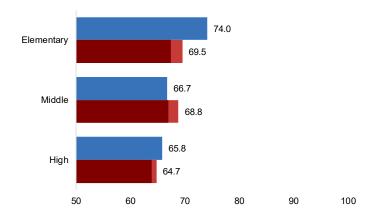








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Gentry Enrollment:1,527 | 4 Schools

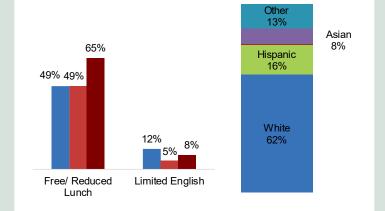
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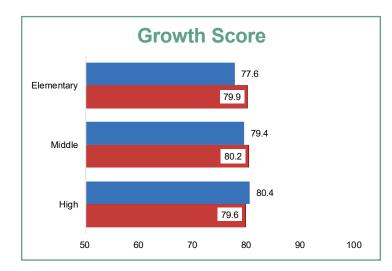
Finance, ACT, & Graduation

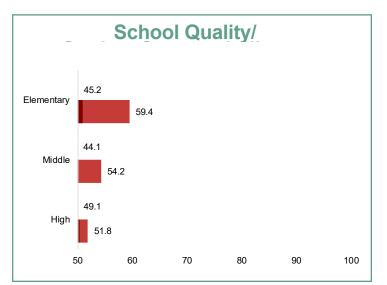
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ACT Composite Score	19.9	19.3
Graduation Rate	93%	93%

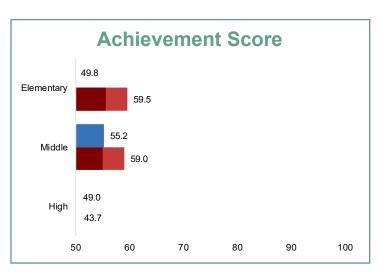
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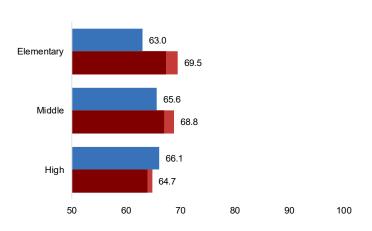
Student Characteristics











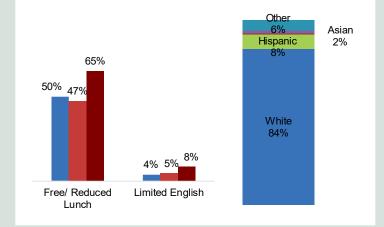
Gravette Enrollment: 1,920 | 4 Schools

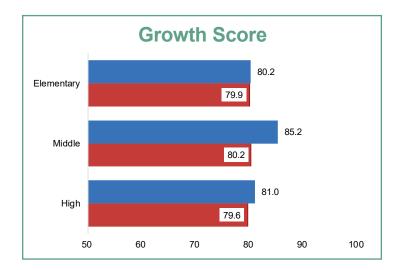
Finance, ACT, & Graduation

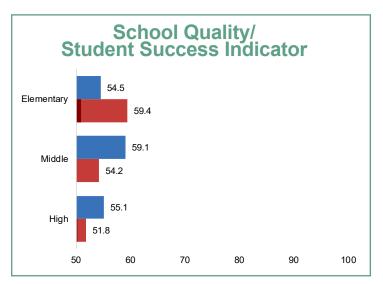
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Per Pupil Expenditure	\$11,581	\$11,187
ACT Composite Score	20.0	19.3
Graduation Rate	89%	93%

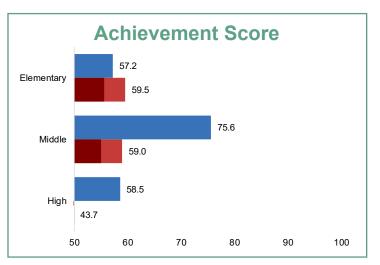
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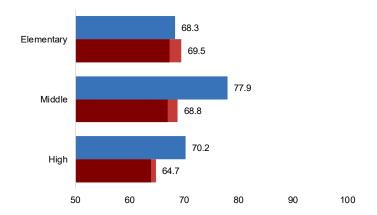
Gravette Small 10 Districts State











Greenland Enrollment: 712 | 3 Schools

Finance, ACT, & Graduation

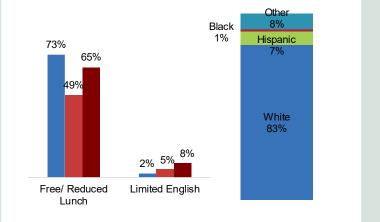
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Per Pupil Expenditure	\$13,697	\$11,187
ACT Composite Score	20.2	19.3
Graduation Rate	94%	93%

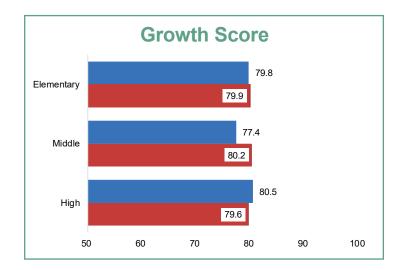
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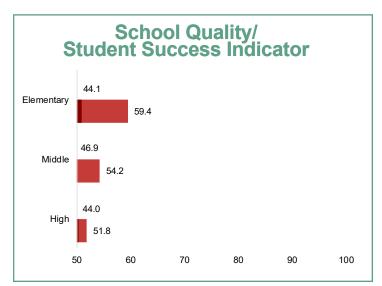


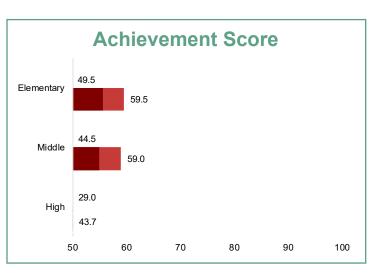
Greenland

Small 10 Districts State

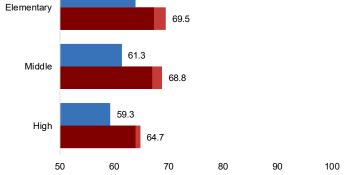








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Lincoln Enrollment: 1,061 | 3 Schools

Finance, ACT, & Graduation

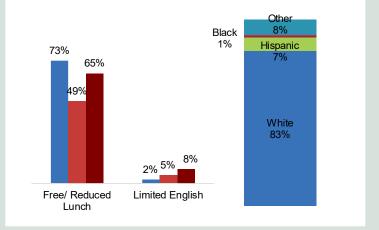
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Per Pupil Expenditure	\$11,377	\$11,187
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Graduation Rate	92%	93%

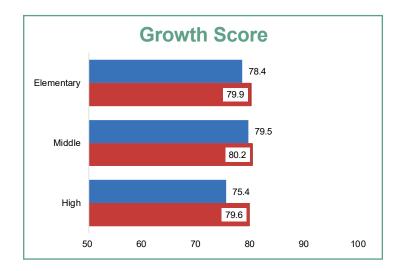
Student: Teacher Ratio 9 to 1

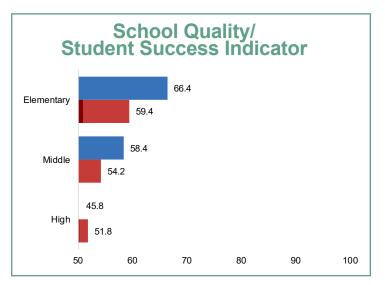
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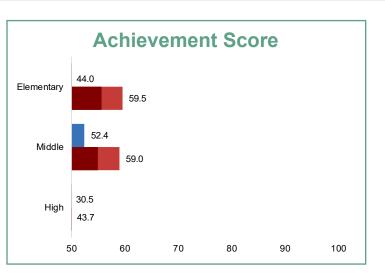
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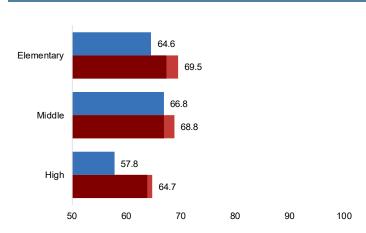
Small 10 Districts State











Pea Ridge Enrollment: 2,321 | 5 Schools

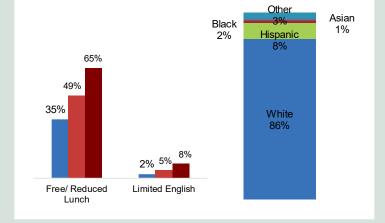
Pea Ridge Small 10 Districts State

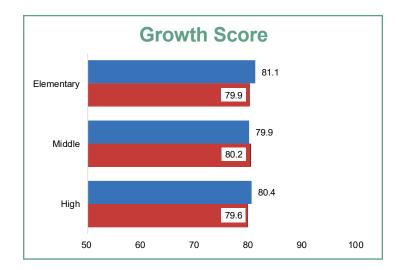
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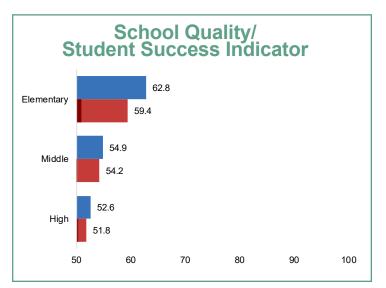
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Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,843	\$11,187
ACT Composite Score	18.3	19.3
Graduation Rate	90%	93%

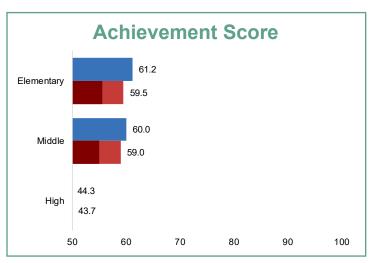
Student: Teacher Ratio 15 to 1

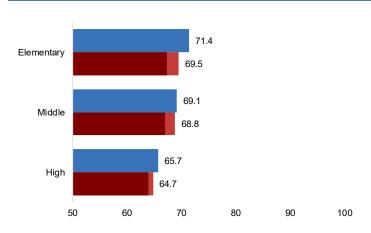
Student Characteristics











Prairie Grove

Enrollment: 2,068 | 4 Schools

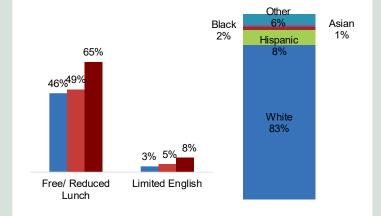
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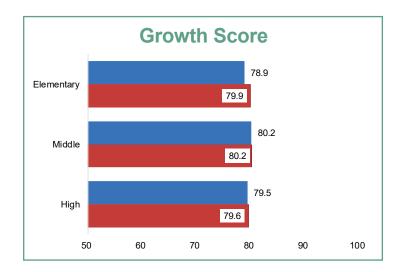
	Prairie Grove	Small 10
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,216	\$11,187
ACT Composite Score	20.0	19.3
Graduation Rate	94%	93%

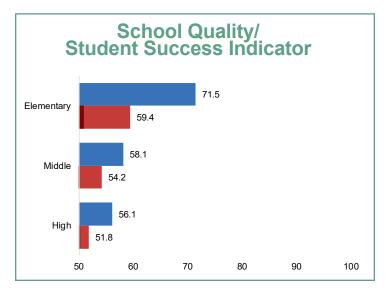
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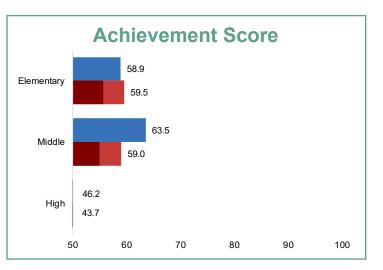


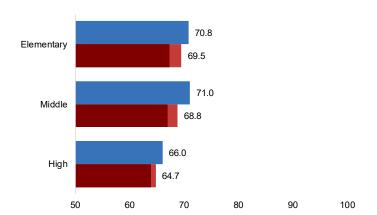
Prairie Grove Small 10 Districts State











West Fork Enrollment: 870 | 3 Schools

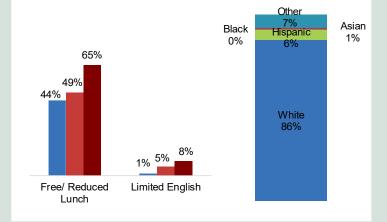
Finance, ACT, & Graduation

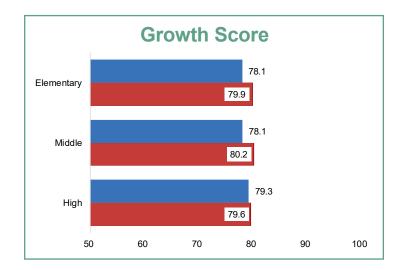
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Per Pupil Expenditure	\$10,929	\$11,187
ACT Composite Score	19.0	19.3
Graduation Rate	95%	93%

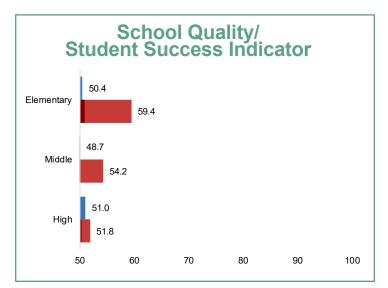
Student: Teacher Ratio 10 to 1

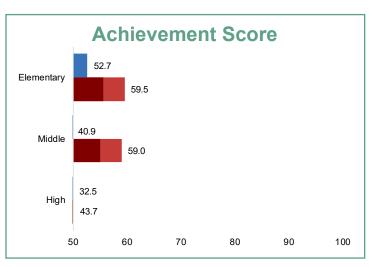


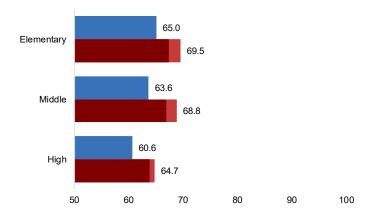
West Fork Small 10 Districts State













NWA Charter Schools

These 6 open-enrollment public charter schools serve about 8% of K-12 students in Northwest Arkansas. As a group, the charters have higher achievement scores than the traditional public schools in Northwest Arkansas and spend fewer dollars per student annually.

Open-Enrollment Public Charter Schools are free public schools that can draw students from across district boundaries. Students who want to attend an open-enrollment charter school complete an application. Charter schools are prohibited from selecting students based on academic performance, student demographic characteristics, family income, or any other type of information. If more students apply to attend the charter school than there are seats available, the school must hold a public, random lottery to select students.

Arkansas Arts Academy

Enrollment: 1,191 | 2 Schools

AAA NWA State

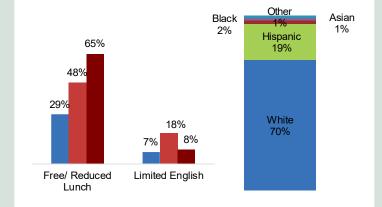
Charter School

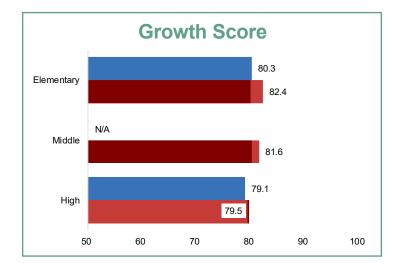
Finance, ACT, & Graduation

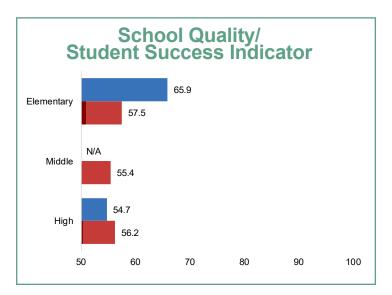
AAA	NWA
\$9,673	\$11,380
21.1	20.8
76%	93%
	\$9,673 21.1

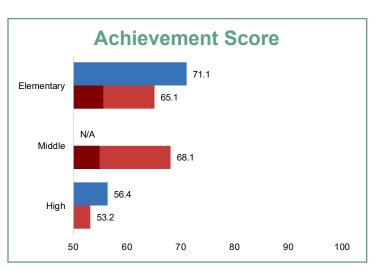
Student: Teacher Ratio 13 to 1

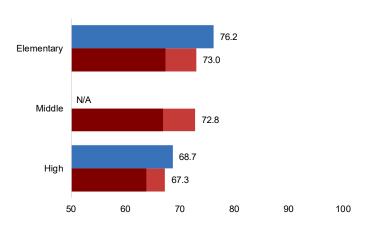
Student Characteristics











Arkansas Connections Academy Charter School

Enrollment: 3,390 | 1 School

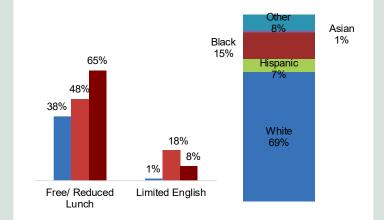
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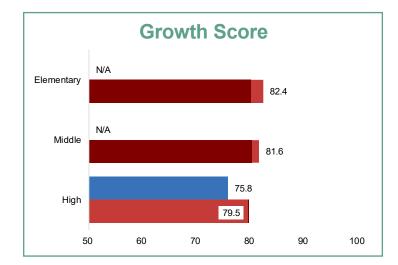
	ACA	NWA
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$7,725	\$11,380
ACT Composite Score	17.9	20.8
Graduation Rate	68%	93%

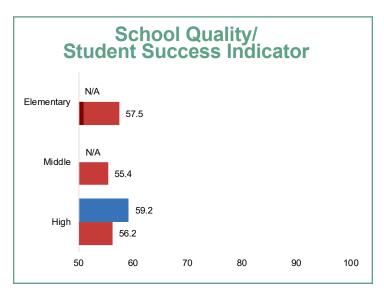
Student: Teacher Ratio 40 to 1

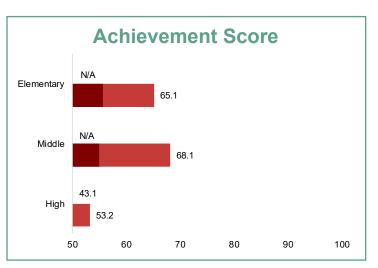
Arkansas Connections Academy 🔴 NWA 🕚 State

Student Characteristics









Elementary N/A Middle 73.0 High 60.1 50 60 70 80 90 100

Founders Classical

Enrollment: 781 | 2 Schools

🕨 Founders Classical 🛛 NWA 🕘 State

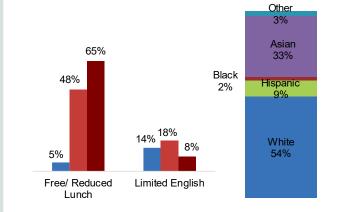
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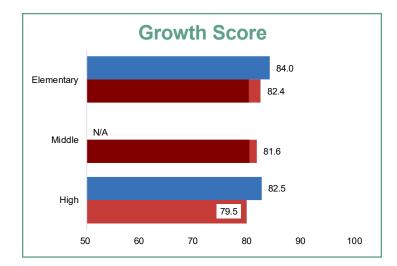
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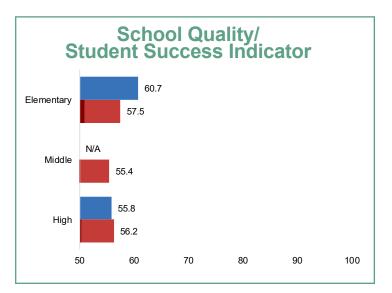
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Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,473	\$11,380
ACT Composite Score	23.1	20.8
Graduation Rate	88%	93%

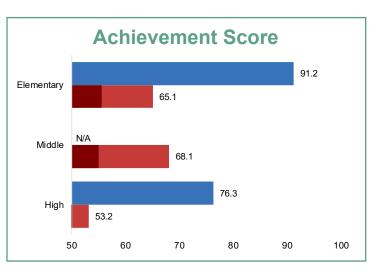
Student: Teacher Ratio 15 to 1

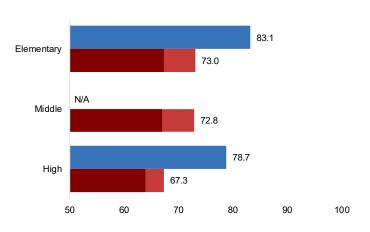












Haas Hall Academy

Enrollment: 1,331 4 Schools

> Haas Hall Academy NWA State

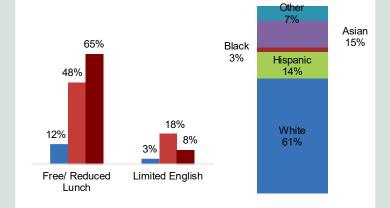
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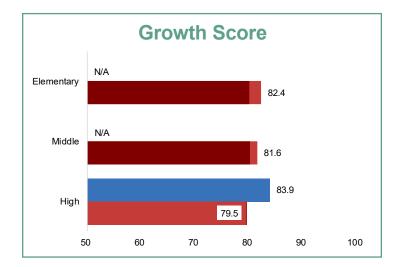
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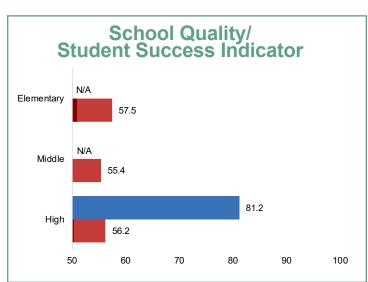
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Per Pupil Expenditure	\$8,277	\$11,380	
ACT Composite Score	26.8	20.8	
Graduation Rate	96%	93%	

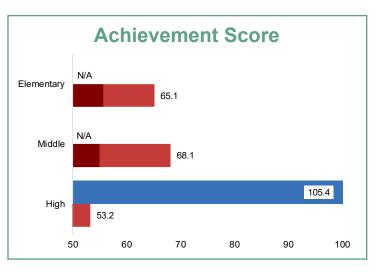
Student: Teacher Ratio 16 to 1

Student Characteristics









N/A Elementary 73.0 N/A Middle 72.8 93.2 High 67.3 50 60 70 80 90 100

Hope Academy Enrollment: 49 | 1 School

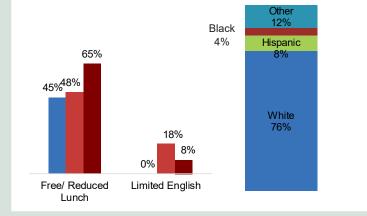
Finance, ACT, & Graduation

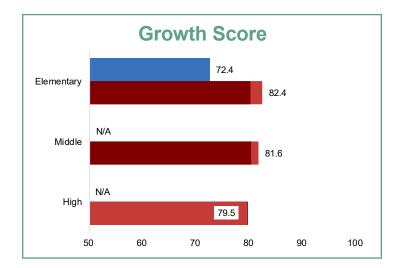
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Per Pupil Expenditure	\$24,020	\$11,380		
ACT Composite Score	N/A	20.8		
Graduation Rate	N/A	93%		

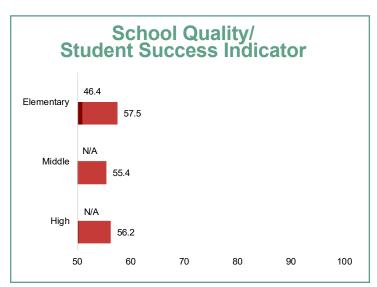
Student: Teacher Ratio 10 to 1

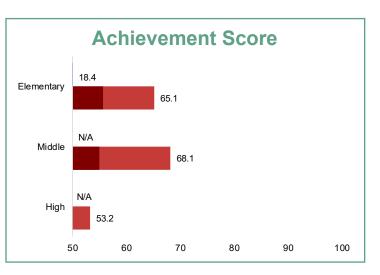
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Student Characteristics









Elementary 49.6 Middle High 5 60 70 80 90 100

LISA Academy Springdale Charter School

Enrollment: 347

1 School

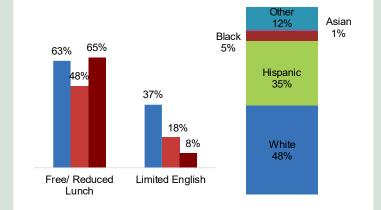
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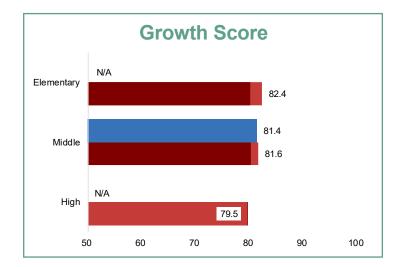
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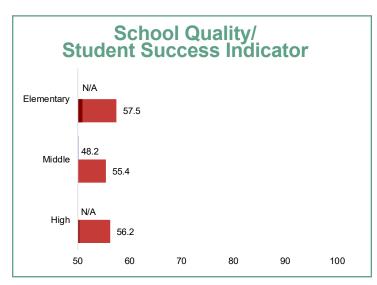
	LISA Academy	NWA	
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$11,857	\$11,380	
ACT Composite Score	N/A	20.8	
Graduation Rate	N/A	93%	

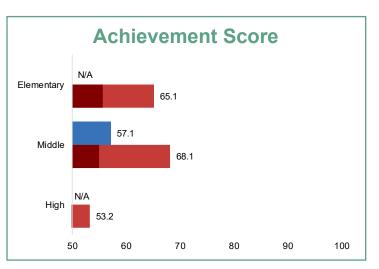
Student: Teacher Ratio 15 to 1

Student Characteristics







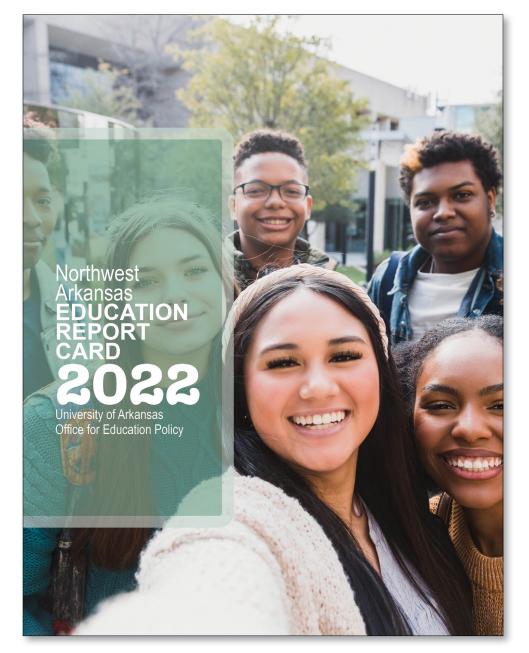


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Northwest Arkansas Overall

		Growth Score (2021-22)	Achievement Score (2021-22)	School Quality Score (2021-22)	Overall ESSA Score (2021-22)	Graduation Rate (2021-22)	Enrollment (2021-22)	Percent of Students Eligible for Free/ Reduced Lunch (2021-22)	Student: Teacher Ratio (2021-22)	Per Pupil Net Current Expenditure (2021-22)
Big 5	Bentonville	82.5	78.7	63.6	78.5	93%	18,536	21%	15:1	\$11,509
	Fayetteville	81.3	64.6	54.3	71.1	89%	10,349	38%	16:1	\$12,842
	Rogers	81.3	61.8	54.6	70.7	93%	15,603	55%	16:1	\$10,996
	Siloam Springs	80.6	56.0	57.9	68.2	88%	4,290	47%	16:1	\$11,585
	Springdale	81.2	53.5	51.3	67.3	85%	21,796	71%	15:1	\$11,497
Small 10	Decatur	80.2	41.5	42.7	61.3	91%	570	79%	8:1	\$14,075
	Elkins	81.6	64.1	60.6	71.8	96%	1,292	48%	11:1	\$10,094
	Farmington	79.4	59.7	59.6	70.3	99%	2,603	27%	11:1	\$9,276
	Gentry	78.6	51.1	46.1	64.5	93%	1,527	57%	12:1	\$11,778
	Gravette	81.7	62.6	55.8	71.3	89%	1,920	42%	13:1	\$11,581
	Greenland	78.7	42.0	45.0	61.6	90%	712	72%	9:1	\$13,697
	Lincoln	78.1	45.0	56.8	63.2	92%	1,061	71%	8:1	\$11,377
	Pea Ridge	80.4	59.0	57.3	69.2	90%	2,321	34%	17:1	\$9,843
	Prairie Grove	79.7	58.2	62.9	69.5	94%	2,068	36%	14:1	\$9,216
	West Fork	78.5	45.1	50.1	63.1	95%	870	47%	9:1	\$10,929
6 Charter	Arkansas Arts Academy	79.8	62.9	59.9	71.6	76%	1,191	29%	13:1	\$9,673
	Arkansas Connections Academy	75.8	39.3	59.2	60.1	70%	3,390	38%	40:1	\$7,725
	Founders Classical Academies	83.3	83.8	58.3	80.9	89%	964	5%	10:1	\$9,473
	Haas Hall Academy	83.9	105.4	81.2	93.2	96%	1,331	11%	15:1	\$8,277
	Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas	72.4	18.4	46.4	49.6	N/A	49	45%	10:1	\$24,020
	LISA Academy Springdale	80.8	57.1	48.2	67.6	N/A	347	64%	10:1	\$11,857
	Big 5	81.5	63.6	56.1	71.6	88%	70,574	49%	15:1	\$11,686
	Small 10	80.0	56.4	55.8	68.0	93%	14,944	53%	12:1	\$11,000
	6 Charter	80.0	89.5	68.1	83.4	87%	7,272	37%	12:1	\$11,187 \$11,267
	NWA	82.7	63.1	56.6	71.5	93%	92,790	47%	15:1	\$11,267
	Arkansas Overall	80.3	53.8	50.9	67.1	88%	473,861	65%	14:1	\$11,620

Note that the Finance data for LISA Academy Springdale includes the finances for all LISA Academy school and is therefore not included in the NWA charter average.





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