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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). 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 2017-18 academic year, ACT Aspire examinations were administered to students in grades 3 through 10 in Math, Reading, Writing, English, and Science. 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. 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. 2018 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 2017-2018 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, 2018

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	Overall Content Growth
1	Crawford Elementary (Russellville)	NW	K-4	89%	125	89.16
2	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	CN	K-4	71%	134	87.47
3	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	SW	K-6	74%	138	87.41
4	Parson Hills Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	95%	241	87.20
5	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	77%	236	87.17
6	Cross County Elementary Tech Academy (Cross County)	NE	K-6	73%	158	87.15
7	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	SE	P-6	69%	157	87.06
8	Monitor Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	84%	291	87.05
9	Sonora Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	74%	268	86.68
10	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	P-3	85%	84	86.39

Beating the Odds: Math ACT Aspire, 2018

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	Math Content Growth
1	Monitor Elementary(Springdale) Oscar Hamilton Elementary	NW	K-5	84%	290	90.85
2	(Foreman)	SW	K-6	74%	138	89.80
3	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck) Crawford Elementary	CN	K-4	71%	134	89.45
4	(Russellville)	NW	K-4	89%	125	89.10
4	Cross County Elementary Tech Academy (Cross County)	NE	K-6	73%	158	89.10
4	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc) Vera Kilpatrick Elementary	SE	P-6	69%	157	89.10
4	(Texarkana)	SW	K-4	90%	134	89.10
8	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	77%	236	88.75
9	Harp Elementary (Springdale) Parson Hills Elementary	NW	K-5	69%	240	87.35
10	(Springdale)	NW	K-5	95%	240	87.00
10	Tilles Elementary (Fort Smith) Dwight Elementary	NW	P-6	97%	202	87.00
10	(Russellville)	NW	K-4	66%	86	87.00
10	Jones Elementary (Springdale) Wakefield Elementary (Little	NW	K-5	97%	241	87.00
10	Rock)	CN	P-5	88%	232	87.00

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	Math Content Growth
1	Monitor Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	84%	290	90.85
2	Crawford Elementary (Russellville)	K-4	89%	125	89.10
3	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	77%	236	88.75
4	Harp Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	69%	240	87.35
5	Parson Hills Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	95%	240	87.00
5	Tilles Elementary (Fort Smith)	P-6	97%	202	87.00
5	Dwight Elementary (Russellville)	K-4	66%	86	87.00
5	Jones Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	97%	241	87.00



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	Math Content Growth
1	Cross County Elementary Tech Academy (Cross County)	K-6	73%	158	89.10
2	Izard Co. Cons. Elementary (Izard County Consolidated)	K-4	76%	58	86.30
3	Central Elementary (Batesville)	K-6	66%	195	85.25
4	Tuckerman Elementary (Jackson Co.)	K-4	70%	127	84.55
5	Cord-Charlotte Elementary (Cedar Ridge)	P-5	85%	28	84.20



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	Math Content Growth
1	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	K-4	71%	134	89.45
2	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	88%	232	87.00
3	Florence Mattison Elementary (Conway)	K-4	75%	161	86.30
4	Gardner Stem Magnet (Hot Springs)	K-4	89%	131	84.20
5	Cato Elementary (Pulaski County Special)	P-5	69%	131	83.85



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	Math Content Growth
1	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	74%	138	89.80
2	Vera Kilpatrick Elementary (Texarkana)	K-4	90%	134	89.10
3	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	K-4	81%	107	86.30
4	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	78%	566	85.95
4	DeQueen Primary (DeQueen)	K-2	77%	566	85.95



*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	Math Content Growth
1	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	P-6	69%	157	89.10
2	Hermitage Elementary (Hermitage)	P-6	83%	131	83.85
3	Brunson New Vision Charter (Warren)	4-5	72%	246	82.45
4	Barton Elementary (Barton-Lexa)	K-6	86%	220	81.75
5	KIPP: Blytheville College Prep (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	4-6	89%	74	80.70

Beating the Odds: ELA ACT Aspire, 2018

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	ELA Content Growth
1	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	NW	P-3	85%	84	89.80
2	Crawford Elementary (Russellville)	NW	K-4	89%	123	89.10
3	Bonnie Grimes Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	75%	215	88.05
4	Sutton Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	P-6	94%	251	87.70
4	Sidney Deener Elementary (Searcy)	NE	K-3	68%	89	87.70
6	Parson Hills Elementary (Springdale)	NW	K-5	95%	239	87.35
6	Meadow Park Elementary (North Little Rock)	CN	P-5	96%	209	87.35
8	S.C. Tucker Elementary (Danville)	NW	K-4	85%	108	87.00
8	Jones Elementary (Rogers)	NW	K-5	84%	236	87.00
8	Beard Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	P-6	68%	162	87.00
8	Fairview Elementary (Fort Smith)	NW	P-6	77%	283	87.00

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	ELA Content Growth
1	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	P-3	85%	84	89.80
2	Crawford Elementary (Russellville)	K-4	89%	123	89.10
3	Bonnie Grimes Elementary (Rogers)	K-5	75%	215	88.05
4	Sutton Elementary (Fort Smith)	P-6	94%	251	87.70
5	Parson Hills Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	95%	239	87.35



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	ELA Content Growth
1	Sidney Deener Elementary (Searcy)	K-3	68%	89	87.70
2	Weiner Elementary (Harrisburg)	K-6	68%	59	86.65
3	Woodrow Wilson Elementary (Paragould) Cross County Elementary Tech Academy	2-4	71%	139	86.30
4	(Cross County)	K-6	73%	158	85.25
4	Rivercrest Elementary (Rivercrest 57)	P-6	83%	336	85.25



*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	ELA Content Growth
1	Meadow Park Elementary (North Little Rock)	P-5	96%	209	87.35
2	Bismarck Elementary (Bismarck)	K-4	71%	134	85.25
3	Lake Hamilton Primary (Lake Hamilton)	K-1	67%	326	84.55
4	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	P-5	88%	232	83.85
4	Guy-Perkins Elementary (Guy-Perkins)	K-6	76%	109	83.85
4	Amboy Elementary (North Little Rock)	P-5	94%	201	83.85
4	Ida Burns Elementary (Conway)	K-4	75%	135	83.85



*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	ELA Content Growth
1	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	74%	138	85.25
1	College Hill Elementary (Texarkana)	K-4	81%	107	85.25
3	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	78%	565	84.90
3	DeQueen Primary (DeQueen)	K-2	77%	565	84.90
5	Wickes Elementary (Cossatot River)	P-6	81%	169	83.50



*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	ELA Content Growth
1	Des Arc Elementary (Des Arc)	P-6	69%	157	84.90
2	Hermitage Elementary (Hermitage)	P-6	83%	131	83.50
3	Eastside Elementary (Warren)	K-3	76%	104	81.75
4	Reed Elementary (Dumas)	3-6	79%	368	80.00
5	Dewitt Elementary (Dewitt)	K-5	71%	233	79.65
5	Park Avenue Elementary (Stuttgart)	K-4	75%	224	79.65

K. Middle Schools “Beating the Odds”

Beating the Odds: Overall ACT Aspire, 2018

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	Overall Content Growth
1	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould) Paragould Junior High	NE	5-6	76%	416	85.34
2	(Paragould)	NE	7-8	71%	435	84.93
3	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville) Pleasant View Campus (Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-	NW	5-8	73%	225	83.94
4	County Schools) Helen Tyson Middle	NW	5-8	77%	96	83.78
5	(Springdale) Butterfield Trail Middle (Van	NW	6-7	75%	701	83.37
6	Buren) Beryl Henry Upper Elementary	NW	6-8	70%	611	83.29
7	(Hope)	SW	5-6	89%	234	83.11
8	J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale) Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory	NW	6-7	89%	713	83.10
9	Academy)	CN	5-8	75%	115	83.01
10	Mansfield Middle (Mansfield)	NW	5-8	69%	226	82.85

Beating the Odds: Math ACT Aspire, 2018

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	Math Content Growth
1	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	NE	7-8	71%	435	88.75
2	Mansfield Middle (Mansfield)	NW	5-8	69%	226	85.95
3	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	NE	5-6	76%	416	85.60
4	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	NW	5-8	73%	225	85.25
5	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	75%	701	84.90
5	Sonora Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	86%	603	84.90
7	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)	NW	5-6	76%	353	84.55
7	Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory Academy)	CN	5-8	75%	115	84.55
9	Butterfield Trail Middle (Van Buren)	NW	6-8	70%	611	84.20
10	J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	89%	713	83.85

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	Math Content Growth
1	Mansfield Middle (Mansfield)	5-8	69%	226	85.95
2	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	5-8	73%	225	85.25
3	Helen Tyson Middle (Springdale)	6-7	75%	701	84.90
3	Sonora Middle (Springdale)	6-7	86%	603	84.90
5	Kraus Middle (Clarksville)	5-6	76%	353	84.55



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	Math Content Growth
1	Paragould Junior High (Paragould)	7-8	71%	435	88.75
2	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	5-6	76%	416	85.60
3	Cave City Middle (Cave City)	6-8	78%	257	81.40
3	Douglas Macarthur Junior High (Jonesboro)	7-9	66%	618	81.40
5	Harrisburg Middle (Harrisburg)	5-8	74%	304	80.70



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	Math Content Growth
1	Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory Academy)	5-8	75%	115	84.55
2	Lonoke Middle (Lonoke)	6-8	70%	346	81.40
2	Malvern Middle (Malvern)	7-8	73%	243	81.40
4	Watson Chapel Jr. High (Watson Chapel)	7-9	70%	508	80.00
5	Mabelvale Middle (Little Rock)	6-8	82%	523	79.30
5	North Little Rock Middle (North Little Rock)	6-8	71%	1,573	79.30



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	5-6	89%	234	82.80
2	Yerger Junior High (Hope)	7-8	80%	190	80.00
3	DeQueen Middle (DeQueen)	6-7	71%	297	79.65
3	Mena Middle (Mena)	6-8	67%	351	79.65
5	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	7-9	70%	409	78.95



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	Math Content Growth
1	KIPP:Delta College Prep (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	6-8	92%	194	80.70
2	Warren Middle (Warren)	6-8	70%	359	80.35
3	Hamburg Middle (Hamburg)	6-8	66%	350	79.65
4	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	5-6	66%	217	78.95
5	Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	7-9	72%	223	78.60

Beating the Odds: ELA ACT Aspire, 2018

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	ELA Content Growth
1	Pleasant View Campus (Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County Schools)	NW	5-8	77%	96	86.65
2	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	NE	5-6	76%	414	85.25
3	Dora Kimmons Jr. High (Fort Smith)	SW	5-6	89%	234	83.15
4	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	NW	7-9	94%	716	83.15
5	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	NW	5-8	70%	607	82.45
6	Butterfield Trail Middle (Van Buren)	NW	6-8	73%	225	82.45
7	J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)	NW	6-7	77%	37	82.45
8	William O. Darby Jr. High (Fort Smith)	NW	7-9	89%	711	82.45
9	Imboden Area Charter (Imboden Charter)	NE	K-8	93%	571	82.45
10	Berryville Middle (Berryville)	NW	6-8	73%	414	82.10
10	Waldron Middle (Waldron)	NW	5-8	73%	429	82.10

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	ELA Content Growth
1	Pleasant View Campus (Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County Schools)	5-8	77%	96	86.65
2	Dora Kimmons Jr. High (Fort Smith)	7-9	94%	716	83.15
3	Cedarville Middle (Cedarville)	5-8	73%	225	82.45
3	Butterfield Trail Middle (Van Buren)	6-8	70%	607	82.45
3	J. O. Kelly Middle (Springdale)	6-7	89%	711	82.45
3	William O. Darby Jr. High (Fort Smith)	7-9	93%	571	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	ELA Content Growth
1	Oak Grove Middle (Paragould)	5-6	76%	414	85.25
2	Imboden Area Charter (Imboden Charter)	K-8	77%	37	82.45
3	East Junior High (West Memphis)	7-9	86%	253	81.75
3	Nettleton Junior High (Nettleton)	7-8	72%	442	81.75
5	Cave City Middle (Cave City)	6-8	78%	257	81.40



*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	ELA Content Growth
1	Lonoke Middle (Lonoke)	6-8	70%	343	81.75
1	Jessieville Middle (Jessieville)	6-8	71%	209	81.75
3	Little Rock Prep Academy Middle (Little Rock Preparatory Academy)	5-8	75%	115	81.40
4	Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock (Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock)	K-8	96%	101	81.05
5	Watson Chapel Jr. High (Watson Chapel)	7-9	70%	506	80.35



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Beryl Henry Upper Elementary (Hope)	5-6	89%	234	83.15
2	North Heights Jr. High (Texarkana)	7-8	72%	479	81.75
3	DeQueen Middle (DeQueen)	6-7	71%	297	81.40
4	Yerger Junior High (Hope)	7-8	80%	188	81.05
4	Hope Academy (Hope)	P-9	85%	200	81.05



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	ELA Content Growth
1	Dumas Junior High (Dumas)	7-9	72%	223	81.75
2	Warren Middle (Warren)	6-8	70%	358	80.70
2	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside (Chicot))	6-8	85%	199	80.70
4	Star City Middle (Star City)	6-8	66%	322	80.35
5	Hamburg Middle (Hamburg)	6-8	66%	350	79.65

L. High Schools “Beating the Odds”

Beating the Odds: Overall ACT Aspire, 2018

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	Overall Content Growth
1	Danville High (Danville)	NW	9-12	70%	120	84.20
	Western Yell Co. High					
2	(Western Yell County)	NW	7-12	84%	111	82.07
	Cross County High A New					
3	Tech (Cross County)	NE	7-12	73%	162	82.00
4	Trumann High (Trumann)	NE	9-12	70%	208	81.98
5	Shirley High (Shirley)	NW	7-12	80%	102	81.92
6	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	NE	7-12	73%	358	81.90
7	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	SE	7-12	66%	154	81.87
	Izard Co. Cons. High (Izard					
8	County Consolidated)	NE	9-12	70%	55	81.86
	Cave City High Career &					
9	Collegiate Preparatory (Cave	NE	9-12	78%	174	81.73
	City)					
10	Maynard High (Maynard)	NE	7-12	69%	135	81.72
	Southwest Junior High					
10	(Springdale)	NW	8-9	71%	527	81.72

Beating the Odds: Math ACT Aspire, 2018

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	Math Content Growth
1	SIATech High Charter (SIATech Little Rock Charter)	CN	9-12	82%	7	84.90
2	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	NE	7-12	73%	358	84.20
3	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	71%	527	83.50
4	Danville High (Danville)	NW	9-12	70%	120	83.15
5	Western Yell Co. High (Western Yell Co.)	NW	7-12	84%	111	82.80
5	Springdale High (Springdale)	NW	10-12	74%	690	82.80
7	Timbo High (Mountain View)	NE	7-12	81%	50	82.45
8	Lakeside Junior High (Springdale)	NW	8-9	84%	593	82.10
8	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory (Cave City)	NE	9-12	78%	174	82.10
8	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	SE	7-12	66%	154	82.10

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	Math Content Growth
1	Southwest Junior High (Springdale)	8-9	71%	527	83.50
2	Danville High (Danville)	9-12	70%	120	83.15
3	Western Yell Co. High (Western Yell Co.)	7-12	84%	111	82.80
3	Springdale High (Springdale)	10-12	74%	690	82.80
5	Lakeside Junior High (Springdale)	8-9	84%	593	82.10



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	Math Content Growth
1	Gosnell High (Gosnell)	7-12	73%	358	84.20
2	Timbo High (Mountain View)	7-12	81%	50	82.45
3	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory (Cave City)	9-12	78%	174	82.10
4	Trumann High (Trumann)	9-12	70%	208	81.75
4	Maynard High (Maynard)	7-12	69%	135	81.75



*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	Math Content Growth
1	SIATech High Charter (SIATech Little Rock Charter)	9-12	82%	7	84.90
2	Jessieville High (Jessieville)	9-12	66%	116	81.05
3	Guy-Perkins High (Guy-Perkins)	7-12	67%	93	80.70
4	Dollarway High (Dollarway)	9-12	90%	127	80.00
5	Hot Springs World Class High (Hot Springs)	9-12	73%	393	79.65



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	8-9	72%	324	81.75
2	Blevins High (Blevins)	7-12	83%	118	81.05
3	Bradley High (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	7-12	69%	87	80.70
3	Hope High (Hope)	9-12	73%	254	80.70
5	Bearden High (Bearden)	7-12	70%	139	80.00



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	Math Content Growth
1	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	66%	154	82.10
2	Barton High (Barton-Lexa)	7-12	85%	197	81.05
3	Warren High District Conversion Charter (Warren)	9-12	70%	211	80.00
4	Hermitage High (Hermitage)	7-12	68%	144	79.30
4	Central High (Helena/ West Helena)	7-12	95%	337	79.30

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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	ELA Content Growth
1	Danville High (Danville)	NW	9-12	70%	120	85.25
2	Shirley High (Shirley)	NW	7-12	80%	102	84.55
3	Capital City Lighthouse Upper Academy (Capital City Lighthouse Academy)	CN	7-12	80%	11	84.20
4	Cross County High A New Tech (Cross County)	NE	7-12	73%	161	83.85
4	Lead Hill High (Lead Hill)	NW	7-12	72%	98	83.85
6	Dollarway High (Dollarway)	CN	9-12	90%	127	83.50
7	St. Joe K-12 (Ozark Mountain)	NW	K-12	83%	91	82.80
7	Caddo Hills High (Caddo Hills)	SW	7-12	72%	157	82.80
9	Hermitage High (Hermitage)	SE	7-12	68%	144	82.45
9	Izard Co. Cons. High (Izard County Consolidated)	NE	9-12	70%	55	82.45
9	County Line High (County Line)	NW	7-12	68%	131	82.45
9	Waldron High (Waldron)	NW	9-12	71%	176	82.45
9	Paris High (Paris)	NW	9-12	71%	129	82.45
9	Strong High (Strong-Huttig)	SW	7-12	92%	63	82.45

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	ELA Content Growth
1	Danville High (Danville)	9-12	70%	120	85.25
2	Shirley High (Shirley)	7-12	80%	102	84.55
3	Lead Hill High (Lead Hill)	7-12	72%	98	83.85
4	St. Joe K-12 (Ozark Mountain)	K-12	83%	91	82.80
5	County Line High (County Line)	7-12	68%	131	82.45
5	Waldron High (Waldron)	9-12	71%	176	82.45
5	Paris High (Paris)	9-12	71%	129	82.45



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	ELA Content Growth
1	Cross County High A New Tech (Cross County)	7-12	73%	161	83.85
2	Izard Co. Cons. High (Izard County Consolidated)	9-12	70%	55	82.45
3	Trumann High (Trumann)	9-12	70%	208	82.10
4	Maynard High (Maynard)	7-12	69%	135	81.75
5	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory (Cave City)	9-12	78%	174	81.40
5	West Side High (West Side (Cleburne))	7-12	66%	132	81.40



*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	ELA Content Growth
1	Capital City Lighthouse Upper Academy (Capital City Lighthouse Academy)	7-12	80%	11	84.20
2	Dollarway High (Dollarway)	9-12	90%	127	83.50
3	Guy-Perkins High (Guy-Perkins)	7-12	67%	93	81.75
4	North Little Rock Center Of Excellence (North Little Rock)	9-12	75%	190	81.05
5	Mountain Pine High (Mountain Pine)	7-12	77%	139	80.00



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Caddo Hills High (Caddo Hills)	7-12	72%	157	82.80
2	Strong High (Strong-Huttig)	7-12	92%	63	82.45
3	DeQueen Junior High (DeQueen)	8-9	72%	324	81.75
4	Umpire K-12 (Cossatot River)	K-12	76%	67	81.40
4	Murfreesboro High (South Pike County)	7-12	66%	188	81.40
4	Mineral Springs High (Mineral Springs)	7-12	87%	97	81.40



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	ELA Content Growth
1	Hermitage High (Hermitage)	7-12	68%	144	82.45
2	Des Arc High (Des Arc)	7-12	66%	154	81.75
3	Central High (Helena/ West Helena)	7-12	95%	336	80.70
4	Warren High District Conversion Charter (Warren)	9-12	70%	211	80.35
5	Dermott High (Dermott)	7-12	94%	84	80.00
5	Lee High (Lee County)	7-12	87%	165	80.00

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

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