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HIGHLIGHTING HIGH-GROWTH ARKANSAS SCHOOLS, 2024**

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

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INTRODUCTION

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

This edition of the **OEP Awards** highlights schools in Arkansas based on student growth on the Arkansas Teaching, Learning & Assessment System (ATLAS) 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, 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 2023-24 academic year, ATLAS examinations were administered to students in grades 3 through 10 in Math, Reading, Writing, English, Science, Algebra, Geometry and Biology. The score obtained in Math, Algebra and Geometry were combined to create an overall Math score. 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 report, 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.

III. 2024 OEP AWARDS: HIGH ACHIEVING HIGH SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS BASED ON CONTENT GROWTH IN THE ATLAS EXAMS

This section highlights elementary schools across the state whose students demonstrated high growth on the Arkansas ATLAS exams. The ATLAS was administered to students in grades 3 through 10 in April 2024 in Math and ELA courses which include English, Writing, and Reading.

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

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

G. High School Overall ATLAS Scores, 2024

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Overall Content Growth
1	Arkansas Arts Academy High (Arkansas Arts Academy)	NW	7-12	87.78
2	Haas Hall Academy Jones Center (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	7-12	87.16
3	Haas Hall Bentonville (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	7-12	86.57
4	LISA Academy North High (LISA Academy)	CN	9-12	86.26
5	Yellville-Summit High (Yellville-Summit)	NW	9-12	86.02
6	Lamar High (Lamar)	NW	9-12	85.91
7	Prairie Grove High (Prairie Grove)	NW	9-12	85.74
8	White Co. Central High (White Co. Central)	NE	7-12	85.68
9	Gentry High (Gentry)	NW	9-12	85.55
10	Berryville High (Berryville)	NW	9-12	85.28
11	Haas Hall Academy Fort Smith (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	7-12	85.26
12	Prescott High (Prescott)	SW	9-12	85.08
13	Alma High (Alma)	NW	9-12	84.91
14	Harmony Grove High (Harmony Grove (Saline))	CN	10-12	84.85
15	LISA Academy West High (LISA Academy)	CN	9-12	84.84
16	West Fork High (West Fork)	NW	9-12	84.79
17	Umpire K-12 School (Cossatot River)	SW	K-12	84.72
18	Rose Bud High (Rose Bud)	NE	7-12	84.47
19	Fouke High (Fouke)	SW	9-12	84.27
20	Norfork High (Norfork)	NW	7-12	84.22

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



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	Arkansas Arts Academy High (Arkansas Arts Academy)	7-12	273	87.78
2	Haas Hall Academy Jones Center (Haas Hall Academy)	7-12	93	87.16
3	Haas Hall Bentonville (Haas Hall Academy)	7-12	276	86.57
4	Yellville-Summit High (Yellville-Summit)	9-12	153	86.02
5	Lamar High (Lamar)	9-12	174	85.91



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	White Co. Central High (White Co. Central)	7-12	210	85.68
2	Rose Bud High (Rose Bud)	7-12	197	84.47
3	West Side High (West Side (Cleburne)) The Academies Of West Memphis Charter	7-12	139	84.17
4	School (West Memphis)	10-12	488	82.67
5	Batesville High Charter (Batesville)	9-12	478	82.15



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	LISA Academy North High (LISA Academy)	9-12	159	86.26
2	Harmony Grove High (Harmony Grove (Saline))	10-12	99	84.85
3	LISA Academy West High (LISA Academy)	9-12	208	84.84
4	ESTEM High (ESTEM Public Charter School)	10-12	178	84.15
5	Malvern High (Malvern)	9-12	260	84.10



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	Prescott High (Prescott)	9-12	123	85.08
2	Umpire K-12 School (Cossatot River)	K-12	52	84.72
3	Fouke High (Fouke)	9-12	151	84.27
4	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	7-12	165	83.62
5	El Dorado High (El Dorado)	9-12	586	82.74



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	Lee High (Lee County)	7-12	161	83.87
2	Lakeside High (Lakeside (Chicot))	9-12	147	82.73
3	McGehee High (McGehee)	9-12	197	82.50
4	Drew Central High (Drew Central)	9-12	172	82.38
5	Star City High (Star City)	9-12	205	82.02

H. High School Math ATLAS Scores, 2024

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Math Content Growth
1	Lamar High (Lamar)	NW	9-12	91.49
2	Arkansas Arts Academy High (Arkansas Arts Academy)	NW	7-12	90.85
3	White Co. Central High (White Co. Central)	NE	7-12	90.42
4	Harmony Grove High (Harmony Grove (Saline))	CN	10-12	89.55
5	LISA Academy North High (LISA Academy)	CN	9-12	89.31
6	Haas Hall Bentonville (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	7-12	88.91
7	Yellville-Summit High (Yellville-Summit)	NW	9-12	88.90
8	Haas Hall Academy Jones Center (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	7-12	87.86
9	Norfolk High (Norfolk)	NW	7-12	87.79
10	Fouke High (Fouke)	SW	9-12	87.60

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



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Lamar High (Lamar)	9-12	152	91.49
2	Arkansas Arts Academy High (Arkansas Arts Academy)	7-12	259	90.85
3	Haas Hall Bentonville (Haas Hall Academy)	7-12	221	88.91
4	Yellville-Summit High (Yellville-Summit)	9-12	136	88.90
5	Haas Hall Academy Jones Center (Haas Hall Academy)	7-12	78	87.86



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	White Co. Central High (White Co. Central)	7-12	198	90.42
2	Rose Bud High (Rose Bud)	7-12	186	87.40
3	Batesville High Charter (Batesville)	9-12	429	85.32
4	West Side High (West Side (Cleburne))	7-12	132	84.70
5	The Academies Of West Memphis Charter School (West Memphis)	10-12	200	84.25



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Harmony Grove High (Harmony Grove (Saline))	10-12	76	89.55
2	LISA Academy North High (LISA Academy)	9-12	136	89.31
3	eSTEM High (eSTEM Public Charter School)	10-12	130	85.64
4	LISA Academy West High (LISA Academy)	9-12	183	85.20
5	Cabot High (Cabot)	10-12	556	84.98



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Fouke High (Fouke)	9-12	127	87.60
2	Spring Hill High (Spring Hill)	7-12	162	87.59
3	El Dorado High (El Dorado)	9-12	540	84.86
4	Umpire K-12 School (Cossatot River)	K-12	50	84.69
5	Bradley High (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	7-12	87	84.58



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Drew Central High (Drew Central)	9-12	153	85.68
2	Lee High (Lee County)	7-12	157	84.94
3	McGehee High (McGehee)	9-12	194	84.24
4	Lakeside High (Lakeside (Chicot))	9-12	135	84.04
5	Hermitage High (Hermitage)	7-12	121	83.04

I. High School ELA ATLAS Scores, 2024

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	ELA Content Growth
1	Prescott High (Prescott)	SW	9-12	88.46
2	Tuckerman High (Jackson Co.)	NE	8-12	86.07
3	West Fork High (West Fork)	NW	9-12	85.92
4	Haas Hall Academy Jones Center (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	7-12	85.88
5	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory School (Cave City)	NE	9-12	85.10
6	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	7-12	85.04
7	Haas Hall Bentonville (Haas Hall Academy)	NW	7-12	84.93
8	Prairie Grove High (Prairie Grove)	NW	9-12	84.90
9	Benton High (Benton)	CN	10-12	84.87
10	LISA Academy West High (LISA Academy)	CN	9-12	84.75

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



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	West Fork High (West Fork)	9-12	113	85.92
2	Haas Hall Academy Jones Center (Haas Hall Academy)	7-12	85	85.88
3	Haas Hall Academy (Haas Hall Academy)	7-12	301	85.04
4	Haas Hall Bentonville (Haas Hall Academy)	7-12	272	84.93
5	Prairie Grove High (Prairie Grove)	9-12	274	84.90



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Tuckerman High (Jackson Co.)	8-12	178	86.07
2	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory School (Cave City)	9-12	162	85.10
3	West Side High (West Side (Cleburne))	7-12	129	83.14
4	Quitman High (Quitman)	9-12	137	82.95
5	The Academies At Jonesboro High (Jonesboro)	10-12	480	82.80



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Benton High (Benton)	10-12	399	84.87
2	LISA Academy West High (LISA Academy)	9-12	207	84.75
3	LISA Academy North High (LISA Academy)	9-12	158	84.72
4	Driven Virtual Academy (Pulaski County Special)	K-12	68	84.01
5	Academic Center For Excellence (Cabot)	5-12	86	83.75



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Prescott High (Prescott)	9-12	122	88.46
2	LaFayette County High (LaFayette County)	7-12	154	84.39
3	Umpire K-12 School (Cossatot River)	K-12	51	84.33
4	Genoa Central High (Genoa Central)	10-12	67	83.03
5	Murfreesboro High (South Pike County)	7-12	193	82.33



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

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Marvell-Elaine High (Marvell-Elaine) KIPP: Blytheville Collegiate High (KIPP:	7-12	56	84.42
2	Delta Public Schools)	7-12	88	83.80
3	Lee High (Lee County)	7-12	160	82.63
4	Stuttgart High (Stuttgart)	9-12	255	82.39
5	Clarendon High (Clarendon)	7-12	114	82.21

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 2023-24 school year, using the Growth Report given to us by the Arkansas Department of Education.

- 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 https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/20201126142421_Grade%20Spans%20and%20Grade%20Configurations%20rv%201%2024%2020.pdf

For more information about how growth values were calculated, see https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/20201126144918_School%20Growth%20Explanation%20for%20ES%20and%20DC%20111017.pdf