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**BEATING THE ODDS: HIGH-GROWTH SCHOOLS
BASED ON ATLAS 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 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. In this case, the calculations are based on the 2022-23 scores. Proficiency rates, even those that move beyond the ‘percent proficient’ like our OEP GPA, are more correlated with student demographics than are 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.

This week we 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. 2024 OEP AWARDS: BEATING THE ODDS - HIGH GROWTH SCHOOLS, BASED ON ATLAS EXAMINATIONS, SERVING LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES

This section highlights high-growth schools across Arkansas based on ATLAS examinations in Math and English Language Arts (ELA) for the 2023-24 academic year. For these awards, we consider schools where at least 66% of the student body is eligible for free or reduced-price lunch (FRL).

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 ATLAS, 2024

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	White Co. Central Elementary (White Co. Central)	Northeast	P-6	69%	248	87.89
2	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	Northwest	P-3	82%	98	87.52
3	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	Central	K-5	98%	178	86.69
4	Decatur Northside Elementary (Decatur)	Northwest	P-4	83%	75	86.25
5	Thomas C Brunson Elementary (Warren)	Southeast	4-5	72%	174	85.64
6	Friendship Aspire Academy (Friendship Aspire Academy Pine Bluff)	Central	K-5	79%	275	85.27
6	Friendship Aspire Academy Downtown Pine Bluff (Friendship Aspire Academies Arkansas)	Central	K-2	80%	275	85.27
8	Gosnell Elementary (Gosnell)	Northeast	K-6	77%	299	85.20
9	McCrary Elementary (McCrary)	Northeast	K-6	73%	149	85.01
10	C.B. Partee Elementary (Brinkley)	Southeast	K-6	81%	98	84.66

Beating the Odds: Math ATLAS, 2024

Table 56: Top 10 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Arkansas based on ATLAS Math Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	Central	K-5	98%	178	88.54
2	Decatur Northside Elementary (Decatur)	Northwest	P-4	83%	75	88.18
3	Friendship Aspire Academy (Friendship Aspire Academy Pine Bluff)	Central	K-5	79%	275	87.57
3	Friendship Aspire Academy Downtown Pine Bluff (Friendship Aspire Academies Arkansas)	Central	K-2	80%	275	87.57
5	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	Northwest	P-3	82%	98	87.43
6	White Co. Central Elementary (White Co. Central)	Northeast	P-6	69%	248	87.20
7	Paris Elementary (Paris)	Northwest	P-4	77%	126	86.86
8	Thomas C Brunson Elementary (Warren)	Southeast	4-5	72%	174	86.85
9	Gosnell Elementary (Gosnell)	Northeast	K-6	77%	299	86.84
10	McCrary Elementary (McCrary)	Northeast	K-6	73%	149	86.48

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



Table 57: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in **Northwest** Region based on **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Decatur Northside Elementary (Decatur)	P-4	83%	75	88.18
2	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	P-3	82%	98	87.43
3	Paris Elementary (Paris)	P-4	77%	126	86.86
4	Yellville-Summit Elementary (Yellville-Summit)	K-4	77%	119	85.98
5	Omaha Elementary (Omaha)	K-6	76%	105	85.88



Table 58: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in **Northeast** Region based on **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	White Co. Central Elementary (White Co. Central)	P-6	69%	248	87.20
2	Gosnell Elementary (Gosnell)	K-6	77%	299	86.84
3	McCrary Elementary (McCrary)	K-6	73%	149	86.48
4	Mountain View Elementary (Mountain View)	P-4	72%	136	85.10
5	Hillcrest Elementary (Hillcrest)	K-6	82%	114	85.01



Table 59: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in **Central** Region based on **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	K-5	98%	178	88.54
2	Friendship Aspire Academy (Friendship Aspire Academy Pine Bluff)	K-5	79%	275	87.57
2	Friendship Aspire Academy Downtown Pine Bluff (Friendship Aspire Academies Arkansas)	K-2	80%	275	87.57
4	Hill Farm Elementary (Bryant)	K-5	69%	291	86.31
5	Friendship Aspire Academy of N. Little Rock (Friendship Aspire Academies Arkansas)	K-5	82%	50	85.33



Table 60: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in **Southwest** Region based on **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	75%	140	85.29
2	North Heights Community School (Texarkana)	P-5	81%	119	83.76
3	DeQueen Primary (DeQueen)	K-2	76%	494	83.55
3	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	77%	494	83.55
5	Horatio Elementary (Horatio)	P-6	84%	173	83.20



Table 61: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in **Southeast** Region based on **Math ATLAS Growth**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Thomas C Brunson Elementary (Warren)	4-5	72%	174	86.85
2	C.B. Partee Elementary (Brinkley)	K-6	81%	98	83.92
3	McGehee Elementary (McGehee)	K-5	81%	175	83.83
4	Anna Strong Learning Academy (Lee County)	P-6	94%	157	82.60
5	KIPP: Blytheville College Prep (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	K-6	88%	138	82.15
5	Noble Elementary (Hamburg)	K-2	71%	257	82.15
5	Allbritton Elementary (Hamburg)	3-5	69%	257	82.15

Beating the Odds: ELA ATLAS, 2024

Table 62: Top 10 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in Arkansas based on ATLAS ELA Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	White Co. Central Elementary (White Co. Central)	Northeast	P-6	69%	248	88.57
2	Guy-Perkins Elementary (Guy-Perkins)	Central	K-6	74%	79	88.17
3	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	Northwest	P-3	82%	98	87.61
4	Ida Burns Elementary (Conway)	Central	K-4	72%	143	86.29
5	Preston & Florence Mattison Elementary (Conway)	Central	K-4	78%	130	86.06
6	Marguerite Vann Elementary (Conway)	Central	K-4	74%	128	86.01
7	County Line Elementary (County Line)	Northwest	K-6	72%	159	85.84
8	Viola Elementary (Viola)	Northeast	K-6	75%	93	85.53
9	C.B. Partee Elementary (Brinkley)	Southeast	K-6	81%	98	85.39
10	Two Rivers Elementary (Two Rivers)	Northwest	K-4	87%	83	84.88

Tables 63-68: Top 5 **High-Poverty** Elementary Schools in Arkansas by Region, **ELA** Growth



Table 63: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in **Northwest** Region based on **ELA ATLAS** Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Green Forest Elementary (Green Forest)	P-3	82%	98	87.61
2	County Line Elementary (County Line)	K-6	72%	159	85.84
3	Two Rivers Elementary (Two Rivers)	K-4	87%	83	84.88
4	John Tyson Elementary (Springdale)	K-5	70%	238	84.50
5	Lincoln Elementary (Lincoln)	P-3	73%	65	84.35



Table 64: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in **Northeast** Region based on **ELA ATLAS** Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	White Co. Central Elementary (White Co. Central)	P-6	69%	248	88.57
2	Viola Elementary (Viola)	K-6	75%	93	85.53
3	Cave City Elementary (Cave City)	K-5	75%	213	84.38
4	Cherokee Elementary (Highland)	K-4	74%	185	84.17
5	Hillcrest Elementary (Hillcrest)	K-6	82%	114	83.79



Table 65: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in **Central** Region based on ELA ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Guy-Perkins Elementary (Guy-Perkins)	K-6	74%	79	88.17
2	Ida Burns Elementary (Conway)	K-4	72%	143	86.29
3	Preston & Florence Mattison Elementary (Conway)	K-4	78%	130	86.06
4	Marguerite Vann Elementary (Conway)	K-4	74%	128	86.01
5	Wakefield Elementary (Little Rock)	K-5	98%	178	84.84



Table 66: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in **Southwest** Region based on ELA ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	DeQueen Primary (DeQueen)	K-2	76%	494	82.19
1	DeQueen Elementary (DeQueen)	3-5	77%	494	82.19
3	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	75%	140	82.01
4	Louise Durham Elementary (Mena)	K-2	66%	421	81.88
5	North Heights Community School (Texarkana)	P-5	81%	119	81.82



Table 67: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Elementary Schools in **Southeast** Region based on **ELA ATLAS Growth**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	C.B. Partee Elementary (Brinkley)	K-6	81%	98	85.39
2	Thomas C Brunson Elementary (Warren)	4-5	72%	174	84.42
3	Anna Strong Learning Academy (Lee County)	P-6	94%	157	84.18
4	Dermott Elementary (Dermott)	K-6	95%	74	83.76
5	KIPP Delta Elementary Literacy Academy (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	P-5	92%	179	82.15

K. Middle Schools “Beating the Odds”

Beating the Odds: Overall ATLAS, 2024

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

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	eSTEM Junior High Public Charter School (eSTEM Public Charter School)	Central	7-9	69%	328	88.11
2	Forrest City Jr. High (Forrest City)	Northeast	7-8	80%	242	86.27
3	LISA Academy Springdale (LISA Academy)	Northwest	K-8	69%	218	85.42
4	Warren Middle (Warren)	Southeast	6-8	70%	311	84.94
5	Morrilton Junior High (South Conway County)	Northwest	7-8	71%	308	84.57
6	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	Northwest	5-8	69%	235	84.44
7	Friendship Aspire Academy Little Rock Middle (Friendship Aspire Academies Arkansas)	Central	6-8	89%	48	84.37
8	KIPP:Delta College Prep School (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	Southeast	6-8	92%	175	83.96
9	Berryville Middle (Berryville)	Northwest	6-8	67%	379	83.55
10	Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock (Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock)	Central	K-8	85%	402	83.54

Beating the Odds: Math ATLAS, 2024

Table 69: Top 10 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in Arkansas based on ATLAS Math Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	eSTEM Junior High Public Charter School (eSTEM Public Charter School)	Central	7-9	69%	323	89.70
2	Warren Middle (Warren)	Southeast	6-8	70%	311	87.02
3	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	Northwest	5-8	69%	235	86.76
4	Friendship Aspire Academy Little Rock Middle (Friendship Aspire Academies Arkansas)	Central	6-8	89%	48	86.64
5	KIPP:Delta College Prep School (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	Southeast	6-8	92%	175	86.59
6	LISA Academy Springdale (LISA Academy)	Northwest	K-8	69%	218	85.98
7	Forrest City Jr. High (Forrest City)	Northeast	7-8	80%	240	85.67
8	Flippin Middle (Flippin)	Northwest	5-8	70%	200	84.87
9	eSTEM East Village Junior High Public Charter School (eSTEM Public Charter School)	Central	7-9	66%	234	84.71
10	Morrilton Junior High (South Conway County)	Northwest	7-8	71%	308	84.35

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



Table 70: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in **Northwest** Region based on **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	5-8	69%	235	86.76
2	LISA Academy Springdale (LISA Academy)	K-8	69%	218	85.98
3	Flippin Middle (Flippin)	5-8	70%	200	84.87
4	Morrilton Junior High (South Conway County)	7-8	71%	308	84.35
5	Mansfield Middle (Mansfield)	5-8	70%	208	82.45



Table 71: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in **Northeast** Region based on **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Forrest City Jr. High (Forrest City)	7-8	80%	240	85.67
2	Cave City MiddleCareer And Collegiate Preparatory (Cave City)	6-8	81%	246	83.17
3	Lincoln Academy (Forrest City)	6-6	88%	133	82.31
4	Annie Camp Jr. High (Jonesboro)	7-9	80%	627	81.09
5	Trumann Middle (Trumann)	6-8	72%	272	80.47



Table 72: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in **Central** Region based on **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	eSTEM Junior High Public Charter School (eSTEM Public Charter School)	7-9	69%	323	89.70
2	Friendship Aspire Academy Little Rock Middle (Friendship Aspire Academies Arkansas)	6-8	89%	48	86.64
3	eSTEM East Village Junior High Public Charter School (eSTEM Public Charter School)	7-9	66%	234	84.71
4	Malvern Middle (Malvern)	7-8	80%	246	82.84
5	Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock (Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock)	K-8	85%	402	82.28



Table 73: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in **Southwest** Region based on **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	7-9	70%	365	81.58
2	Hope Academy Of Public Service (Hope)	5-8	85%	212	80.68
3	DeQueen Junior High (Dequeen)	8-9	77%	331	80.63
4	DeQueen Middle (Dequeen)	6-7	78%	333	80.57
5	Prescott Junior High (Prescott)	5-8	80%	247	80.09



Table 74: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in *Southeast* Region based on *Math ATLAS Growth*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Warren Middle (Warren)	6-8	70%	311	87.02
2	KIPP:Delta College Prep School (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	6-8	92%	175	86.59
3	Drew Central Middle (Drew Central)	5-8	75%	317	82.03
4	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside (Chicot))	6-8	85%	190	81.34
5	Hamburg Middle (Hamburg)	6-8	68%	337	80.28

Beating the Odds: ELA ATLAS, 2024

Table 62: Top 10 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in Arkansas based on ATLAS ELA Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Forrest City Jr. High (Forrest City)	Northeast	7-8	80%	240	86.73
2	eSTEM Junior High Public Charter School (eSTEM Public Charter School)	Central	7-9	69%	328	86.60
3	Berryville Middle (Berryville)	Northwest	6-8	67%	379	85.69
4	LISA Academy Springdale (LISA Academy)	Northwest	K-8	69%	218	84.87
5	Morrilton Junior High (South Conway County)	Northwest	7-8	71%	308	84.80
6	Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock (Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock)	Central	K-8	85%	401	84.76
7	Osceola Middle (Osceola)	Northeast	5-8	89%	212	84.08
8	Friendship Aspire Academy Southeast Middle Pine Bluff (Friendship Aspire Academies Arkansas)	Central	6-8	81%	158	83.56
9	Prescott Junior High (Prescott)	Southwest	5-8	80%	247	83.10
10	Ashdown Junior High (Ashdown)	Southwest	6-8	72%	251	83.01

Tables 76-80: Top 5 **High-Poverty** Middle Schools in Arkansas by Region, **ELA Growth**



Table 76: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in **Northwest** Region based on **ELA ATLAS Growth**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Berryville Middle (Berryville)	6-8	67%	379	85.69
2	LISA Academy Springdale (LISA Academy)	K-8	69%	218	84.87
3	Morrilton Junior High (South Conway County)	7-8	71%	308	84.80
4	Clinton Jr High (Clinton)	6-8	71%	272	82.31
5	Atkins Middle (Atkins)	5-8	69%	235	82.11



Table 77: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in **Northeast** Region based on **ELA ATLAS Growth**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Forrest City Jr. High (Forrest City)	7-8	80%	240	86.73
2	Osceola Middle (Osceola)	5-8	89%	212	84.08
3	Blytheville Middle (Blytheville)	7-8	84%	172	82.55
4	Riverview Junior High (Riverview)	7-8	78%	171	82.50
5	Lincoln Academy (Forrest City)	6-6	88%	128	81.78



Table 78: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in **Central** Region based on **ELA ATLAS Growth**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	eSTEM Junior High Public Charter School (eSTEM Public Charter School)	7-9	69%	328	86.60
2	Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock (Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock)	K-8	85%	401	84.76
3	Friendship Aspire Academy Southeast Middle Pine Bluff (Friendship Aspire Academies Arkansas)	6-8	81%	158	83.56
4	eSTEM East Village Junior High Public Charter School (eSTEM Public Charter School)	7-9	66%	239	82.31
5	Arkansas Military And First Responders Academy (Arkansas Military And First Responders Academy)	9-10	73%	40	81.86
5	Bob Courtway Middle (Conway)	5-7	77%	412	82.30



Table 79: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in **Southwest** Region based on **ELA ATLAS Growth**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Prescott Junior High (Prescott)	5-8	80%	247	83.10
2	Ashdown Junior High (Ashdown)	6-8	72%	251	83.01
3	Camden Fairview Middle (Camden Fairview)	6-8	76%	418	81.24
4	Nashville Junior High (Nashville)	7-9	70%	367	81.17
5	Hope Academy Of Public Service (Hope)	5-8	85%	212	81.17



Table 80: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in *Southeast* Region based on ELA ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Warren Middle (Warren)	6-8	70%	310	82.95
2	Star City Middle (Star City)	6-8	79%	313	82.26
3	Lakeside Middle (Lakeside (Chicot))	6-8	85%	190	82.09
4	KIPP:Delta College Prep School (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	6-8	92%	171	81.34
5	Meekins Middle (Stuttgart)	5-6	67%	190	81.11

L. High Schools “Beating the Odds”

Beating the Odds: Overall ATLAS, 2024

Table 81: Top 10 “**High-Poverty**” High Schools in Arkansas based on **Overall ATLAS Growth** (Math and ELA combined)

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	Yellville-Summit High (Yellville-Summit)	Northwest	9-12	71%	153	86.02
2	Lamar High (Lamar)	Northwest	9-12	70%	174	85.91
3	Berryville High (Berryville)	Northwest	9-12	69%	291	85.28
4	Prescott High (Prescott)	Southwest	9-12	68%	123	85.08
5	LISA Academy West High (LISA Academy)	Central	9-12	73%	208	84.84
6	Umpire K-12 School (Cossatot River)	Southwest	K-12	77%	52	84.72
7	Booneville High (Booneville)	Northwest	10-12	67%	100	84.21
8	West Side High (West Side (Cleburne))	Northeast	7-12	66%	139	84.17
9	Malvern High (Malvern)	Central	9-12	74%	260	84.10
10	Green Forest High (Green Forest)	Northwest	9-12	74%	221	83.96

Beating the Odds: Math ATLAS, 2024

Table 82: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools in Arkansas based on ATLAS Math Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Lamar High (Lamar)	Northwest	9-12	70%	152	91.49
2	Yellville-Summit High (Yellville-Summit)	Northwest	9-12	71%	136	88.90
3	Berryville High (Berryville)	Northwest	9-12	69%	272	86.45
4	Green Forest High (Green Forest)	Northwest	9-12	74%	205	85.22
5	LISA Academy West High (LISA Academy)	Central	9-12	73%	183	85.20
6	Greenland High (Greenland)	Northwest	9-12	68%	96	85.10
7	Cedarville High (Cedarville)	Northwest	9-12	69%	113	84.96
8	Booneville High (Booneville)	Northwest	10-12	67%	78	84.94
9	Lee High (Lee County)	Southeast	7-12	87%	157	84.94
10	Malvern High (Malvern)	Central	9-12	74%	242	84.72

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



Table 83: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in **Northwest** Region based on **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Lamar High (Lamar)	9-12	70%	152	91.49
2	Yellville-Summit High (Yellville-Summit)	9-12	71%	136	88.90
3	Berryville High (Berryville)	9-12	69%	272	86.45
4	Green Forest High (Green Forest)	9-12	74%	205	85.22
5	Greenland High (Greenland)	9-12	68%	96	85.10



Table 84: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in **Northeast** Region based on **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	West Side High (West Side (Cleburne))	7-12	66%	132	84.70
2	The Academies Of West Memphis Charter School (West Memphis)	10-12	72%	200	84.25
3	Maynard High (Maynard)	7-12	70%	169	82.32
4	Harrisburg High (Harrisburg)	6-12	70%	327	82.05
5	Highland High (Highland)	9-12	70%	213	81.89



Table 85: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in **Central** Region based on **Math ATLAS Growth**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	LISA Academy West High (LISA Academy)	9-12	73%	183	85.20
2	Malvern High (Malvern)	9-12	74%	242	84.72
3	Little Rock Hall Steam Magnet High (Little Rock)	9-12	77%	139	83.84
4	Jessieville High (Jessieville)	9-12	66%	113	82.63
5	North Little Rock Center Of Excellence (North Little Rock)	9-12	74%	213	82.62



Table 86: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in **Southwest** Region based on **Math ATLAS Growth**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Umpire K-12 School (Cossatot River)	K-12	77%	50	84.69
2	Bradley High (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	7-12	71%	87	84.58
3	Nashville High (Nashville)	10-12	71%	125	82.95
4	Murfreesboro High (South Pike County)	7-12	71%	180	82.19
5	Prescott High (Prescott)	9-12	68%	121	81.70



Table 87: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in *Southeast* Region based on *Math ATLAS Growth*

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Lee High (Lee County)	7-12	87%	157	84.94
2	McGehee High (McGehee)	9-12	69%	194	84.24
3	Lakeside High (Lakeside (Chicot))	9-12	78%	135	84.04
4	Hermitage High (Hermitage)	7-12	69%	121	83.04
5	Dermott High (Dermott)	7-12	94%	89	81.89

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Table 88: Top 10 “High-Poverty” High Schools in Arkansas based on ATLAS ELA Growth

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Prescott High (Prescott)	Southwest	9-12	68%	122	88.46
3	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory School (Cave City)	Northeast	9-12	75%	162	85.10
4	LISA Academy West High (LISA Academy)	Central	9-12	73%	207	84.75
5	Berryville High (Berryville)	Northwest	9-12	69%	274	84.59
6	Marvell-Elaine High (Marvell-Elaine)	Southeast	7-12	96%	56	84.42
7	LaFayette County High (LaFayette County)	Southwest	7-12	92%	154	84.39
8	Mansfield High (Mansfield)	Northwest	9-12	70%	99	84.35
9	Umpire K-12 School (Cossatot River)	Southwest	K-12	77%	51	84.33
10	River Valley Virtual Academy (Van Buren)	Northwest	K-12	68%	47	84.31

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



Table 89: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in **Northwest** Region based on **ELA ATLAS Growth**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Berryville High (Berryville)	9-12	69%	274	84.59
2	Mansfield High (Mansfield)	9-12	70%	99	84.35
3	River Valley Virtual Academy (Van Buren)	K-12	68%	47	84.31
4	Flippin High (Flippin)	9-12	69%	100	84.22
5	Dardanelle High (Dardanelle)	9-12	67%	335	83.37



Table 90: Top 5 “High-Poverty” Middle Schools in **Northeast** Region based on **ELA ATLAS Growth**

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Cave City High Career & Collegiate Preparatory School (Cave City)	9-12	75%	162	85.10
2	West Side High (West Side (Cleburne))	7-12	66%	129	83.14
3	The Academies At Jonesboro High (Jonesboro)	10-12	66%	480	82.80
4	Izard Co. Cons. High (Izard County Consolidated)	9-12	72%	74	81.86
5	The Academies Of West Memphis Charter School (West Memphis)	10-12	72%	300	81.19



Table 91: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in **Central** Region based on ELA ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	LISA Academy West High (LISA Academy)	9-12	73%	207	84.75
2	Malvern High (Malvern)	9-12	74%	256	83.42
3	Hot Springs World Class High (Hot Springs)	10-12	73%	221	82.91
4	North Little Rock Center Of Excellence (North Little Rock)	9-12	74%	269	81.62
5	Cutter-Morning Star High (Cutter-Morning Star)	7-12	69%	175	81.36



Table 92: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in **Southwest** Region based on ELA ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Prescott High (Prescott)	9-12	68%	122	88.46
2	LaFayette County High (LaFayette County)	7-12	92%	154	84.39
3	Umpire K-12 School (Cossatot River)	K-12	77%	51	84.33
4	Murfreesboro High (South Pike County)	7-12	71%	193	82.33
5	Oden Schools (Ouachita River)	P-12	73%	83	82.20



Table 93: Top 5 “High-Poverty” High Schools in *Southeast* Region based on ELA ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	% FRL	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Marvell-Elaine High (Marvell-Elaine)	7-12	96%	56	84.42
2	KIPP Blytheville Collegiate High (KIPP Delta Public Schools)	7-12	86%	88	83.80
3	Lee High (Lee County)	7-12	87%	160	82.63
4	Clarendon High (Clarendon)	7-12	91%	114	82.21
5	Star City High (Star City)	9-12	74%	205	82.18

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

Notes:

- When charter systems are located in a different geographic region than an associated charter school, we determine region based on school location.
- OEP Awards are limited to schools with at least 10 students included in the growth calculation.

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