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**HIGH-GROWTH ELEMENTARY 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 ATLAS exams in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA).

We continue 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 2021-2024 scores. Proficiency rates, like Arkansas's percent proficient' and 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 2024-25 academic year, ATLAS examinations were administered to students in grades 3 through 8, Algebra I, and Geometry in Mathematics, and to students in grades 3 through 10 in English Language Arts (ELA).

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 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.

I. 2025 OEP AWARDS: HIGH GROWTH ELEMENTARY 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 ATLAS exams. The ATLAS exams in Mathematics include students in grades 3 through 8 as well as students in Algebra I and Geometry courses. The ATLAS exams in English Language Arts (ELA) exams include students in grades 3 through 10.

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, reflect the school allocation given through the [My School Info](#) portal of the Arkansas Department of Education website.

A. Elementary School Overall ATLAS Growth Scores, 2025

Table 1: Top 20 *Elementary Schools* in Arkansas based on *Overall ATLAS Growth*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Overall Content Growth
1	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	Northwest	K-3	90.70
2	Marvell-Elaine Elementary (Marvell-Elaine)	Southeast	P-6	90.59
3	Ward Central Elementary (Cabot)	Central	P-4	90.28
4	Mountain Springs Elementary (Cabot)	Central	P-4	89.50
5	Genoa Central Elementary (Genoa Central)	Southwest	K-3	89.18
6	R.E. Baker Elementary (Bentonville)	Northwest	K-4	88.76
7	Southside Elementary (Cabot)	Central	K-4	88.31
8	Poyen Elementary (Poyen)	Central	K-6	87.86
9	Vilonia Elementary (Vilonia)	Central	K-3	87.39
10	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)	Northwest	K-4	86.80
11	Westside Elementary (Cabot)	Central	P-4	86.69
12	Eastside Elementary (Cabot)	Central	K-4	86.63
13	Greenbrier Springhill Elementary (Greenbrier)	Central	K-5	86.49
14	Westside Elementary (Searcy)	Northeast	P-3	86.47
15	Stagecoach Elementary (Cabot)	Central	K-4	86.32
16	Northside Elementary (Cabot)	Central	P-4	86.18
17	Holcomb Elementary (Fayetteville)	Northwest	K-4	86.11
18	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	Southwest	K-6	86.07
19	Butterfield Elementary (Fayetteville)	Northwest	K-4	85.98
20	The International School At Mary Mae Jones (Bentonville)	Northwest	K-4	85.73
20	Hillcrest Elementary (Hillcrest)	Northeast	K-6	85.73

Tables 2-6: Top 5 *Elementary Schools* in Arkansas by Region, **Overall** Growth



Table 2: Top 5 schools in **Northwest** Region based on **Overall** Elementary ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	K-3	139	90.70
2	R.E. Baker Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	123	88.76
3	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	238	86.80
4	Holcomb Elementary (Fayetteville)	K-4	227	86.11
5	Butterfield Elementary (Fayetteville)	K-4	192	85.98



Table 3: Top 5 schools in **Northeast** Region based on **Overall** Elementary ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	Westside Elementary (Searcy)	P-3	85	86.47
2	Hillcrest Elementary (Hillcrest)	K-6	102	85.73
3	Brookland Elementary (Brookland)	1-3	227	85.42
3	Brookland Primary (Brookland)	P-K	227	85.42
4	Heber Springs Elementary (Heber Springs)	K-5	304	84.07
5	McRae Elementary (Searcy)	P-3	93	84.01



Table 4: Top 5 schools in **Central** Region based on **Overall** Elementary ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	Ward Central Elementary (Cabot)	P-4	159	90.28
2	Mountain Springs Elementary (Cabot)	P-4	167	89.50
3	Southside Elementary (Cabot)	K-4	209	88.31
4	Poyen Elementary (Poyen)	K-6	134	87.86
5	Vilonia Elementary (Vilonia)	K-3	111	87.39



Table 5: Top 5 schools in **Southwest** Region based on **Overall** Elementary ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	Genoa Central Elementary (Genoa Central)	K-3	92	89.18
2	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	K-6	119	86.07
3	Harmony Grove Elementary (Harmony Grove (Ouachita))	K-6	232	83.85
4	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	124	83.56
5	Louise Durham Elementary (Mena)	K-2	403	83.49
5	Holly Harshman Elementary (Mena)	3-5	403	83.49



Table 6: Top 5 schools in **Southeast** Region based on **Overall** Elementary ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Overall Content Growth
1	Marvell-Elaine Elementary (Marvell-Elaine)	P-6	53	90.59
2	Thomas C Brunson Elementary (Warren)	4-5	199	83.25
3	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside (Chicot))	P-3	18	82.16
4	Drew Central Elementary (Drew Central)	K-4	186	81.86
5	Woodlawn Elementary (Woodlawn)	K-6	173	80.98

B. Elementary School Math ATLAS Growth Scores, 2025

Table 7: Top 10 *Elementary Schools* in Arkansas based on *ATLAS Math Growth*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	Math Content Growth
1	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	Northwest	K-3	92.83
2	Genoa Central Elementary (Genoa Central)	Southwest	K-3	91.59
3	Ward Central Elementary (Cabot)	Central	P-4	90.74
4	Mountain Springs Elementary (Cabot)	Central	P-4	90.62
5	Marvell-Elaine Elementary (Marvell-Elaine)	Southeast	P-6	90.37
6	R.E. Baker Elementary (Bentonville)	Northwest	K-4	89.90
7	Southside Elementary (Cabot)	Central	K-4	89.24
8	Eastside Elementary (Cabot)	Central	K-4	87.94
9	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)	Northwest	K-4	87.82
10	Poyen Elementary (Poyen)	Central	K-6	87.73

Tables 8-12: Top 5 **Elementary Schools** in Arkansas by Region, **Math** Growth



Table 8: Top 5 schools in **Northwest** Region based on Elementary **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	K-3	139	92.83
2	R.E. Baker Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	123	89.90
3	Elm Tree Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	238	87.82
4	Cooper Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	268	86.47
5	Vaughn Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	226	86.14



Table 9: Top 5 schools in **Northeast** Region based on Elementary **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	McRae Elementary (Searcy)	P-3	93	87.15
2	Melbourne Elementary (Melbourne)	K-6	202	86.85
3	Westside Elementary (Searcy)	P-3	85	86.83
4	KIPP: Blytheville College Preparatory (KIPP Delta)	K-6	125	86.11
5	Brookland Elementary (Brookland)	1-3	227	85.18
5	Brookland Primary (Brookland)	P-K	227	85.18



Table 10: Top 5 schools in **Central** Region based on Elementary **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Ward Central Elementary (Cabot)	P-4	159	90.74
2	Mountain Springs Elementary (Cabot)	P-4	167	90.62
3	Southside Elementary (Cabot)	K-4	209	89.24
4	Eastside Elementary (Cabot)	K-4	215	87.94
5	Poyen Elementary (Poyen)	K-6	134	87.73



Table 11: Top 5 schools in **Southwest** Region based on Elementary **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Genoa Central Elementary (Genoa Central)	K-3	92	91.59
2	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	K-6	119	85.06
3	Horatio Elementary (Horatio)	P-6	158	84.88
4	Nevada Elementary (Nevada)	K-6	113	84.73
5	Prescott Elementary (Prescott)	K-4	122	84.20



Table 12: Top 5 schools in **Southeast** Region based on Elementary **Math** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	Math Content Growth
1	Marvell-Elaine Elementary (Marvell-Elaine)	P-6	53	90.37
2	Eudora Elementary (Lakeside (Chicot))	P-3	18	86.06
3	Woodlawn Elementary (Woodlawn)	K-6	173	82.60
4	Thomas C Brunson Elementary (Warren)	4-5	199	82.56
5	Warren Elementary (Warren)	K-3	86	82.29

C. Elementary School ELA ATLAS Growth Scores, 2025

Table 13: Top 10 *Elementary Schools* in Arkansas based on ATLAS *ELA Growth*

	School (District)	Region	Grades Served	ELA Content Growth
1	Marvell-Elaine Elementary (Marvell-Elaine)	Southeast	P-6	90.80
2	Vilonia Elementary (Vilonia)	Central	K-3	90.55
3	Ward Central Elementary (Cabot)	Central	P-4	89.81
4	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	Northwest	K-3	88.57
5	Mountain Springs Elementary (Cabot)	Central	P-4	88.39
6	Poyen Elementary (Poyen)	Central	K-6	88.00
7	Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	Northwest	K-4	87.98
8	Greenbrier Westside Elementary (Greenbrier)	Central	K-5	87.66
9	R.E. Baker Elementary (Bentonville)	Northwest	K-4	87.61
10	Westside Elementary (Cabot)	Central	P-4	87.39

Tables 14-18: Top 5 *Elementary Schools* in Arkansas by Region, *ELA Growth*



Table 14: Top 5 schools in *Northwest* Region based on Elementary *ELA ATLAS Growth*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Pottsville Elementary (Pottsville)	K-3	139	88.57
2	Center Valley Elementary (Russellville)	K-4	121	87.98
3	R.E. Baker Elementary (Bentonville)	K-4	122	87.61
4	Holcomb Elementary (Fayetteville)	K-4	227	87.38
5	The International School At Mary Mae Jones (Bentonville)	K-4	178	85.99



Table 15: Top 5 schools in *Northeast* Region based on Elementary *ELA ATLAS Growth*

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Hillcrest Elementary (Hillcrest)	K-6	102	86.83
2	Westside Elementary (Searcy)	P-3	85	86.10
3	Brookland Elementary (Brookland)	1-3	227	85.66
3	Brookland Primary (Brookland)	P-K	227	85.66
4	Cherokee Elementary (Highland)	P-4	187	84.84
5	Manila Elementary (Manila)	P-6	269	84.70



Table 16: Top 5 schools in **Central** Region based on Elementary **ELA** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Vilonia Elementary (Vilonia)	K-3	111	90.55
2	Ward Central Elementary (Cabot)	P-4	159	89.81
3	Mountain Springs Elementary (Cabot)	P-4	167	88.39
4	Poyen Elementary (Poyen)	K-6	134	88.00
5	Greenbrier Westside Elementary (Greenbrier)	K-5	226	87.66



Table 17: Top 5 schools in **Southwest** Region based on Elementary **ELA** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Emerson Elementary (Emerson-Taylor-Bradley)	K-6	119	87.09
2	Genoa Central Elementary (Genoa Central)	K-3	91	86.68
3	Oscar Hamilton Elementary (Foreman)	K-6	124	85.73
4	Hugh Goodwin Elementary (El Dorado)	K-4	187	85.09
5	Harmony Grove Elementary (Harmony Grove (Ouachita))	K-6	231	84.43



Table 18: Top 5 schools in **Southeast** Region based on Elementary **ELA** ATLAS Growth

	School (District)	Grades Served	# of Test Takers	ELA Content Growth
1	Marvell-Elaine Elementary (Marvell-Elaine)	P-6	53	90.80
2	Thomas C Brunson Elementary (Warren)	4-5	199	83.94
3	Drew Central Elementary (Drew Central)	K-4	186	81.86
4	Dermott Elementary (Dermott)	K-6	75	81.18
5	Anna Strong Learning Academy (Lee County)	P-6	180	80.88

Appendix

A. Methods

All data used in this report were obtained from the Arkansas Department of Education.

We generated a statewide report for the 2022-23 school year, using the ESSA School Index report. Values included

- Grade Range
- Grade Span (School Level)
- Poverty Rate

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