

Our Vision

The mission of the Arkadelphia Public School District is to create a quality learning organization where student achievement results in excellence within the local and global community.

 Quality  Excellence  Equity

Annual Report to the Public



2018—2019 School Year
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The following report documents the Arkadelphia School District's progress in meeting the requirements set forth by the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education's Standards for Accreditation, student achievement data, and the status of various programs offered by the Arkadelphia Public School District to the students and the community.

The purpose of this document is to provide a glimpse of what an exciting and successful year it was for our schools. We hope you will visit our website regularly and follow us on social media to stay informed about the good things happening in our schools. If our school district and community continue to work together, we can prepare our students to become intelligent, thoughtful, responsible citizens of our community and the world. It is our responsibility to fulfill our vision of increasing student achievement resulting in excellence within the local and global community.

Each school in the district will report progress on its school improvement plan to the community at a public meeting scheduled by the building principal. For specific dates, contact the building-level principals.

Arkadelphia School Board



**Dr. Casey Motl , President
Zone 1, term expires 2022**



**Dr. Kenneth Harris,
Vice - President Zone 2,
term expires in 2022**



**Ms. Karrie Goodman,
Secretary Zone 6, term
expires in 2021**



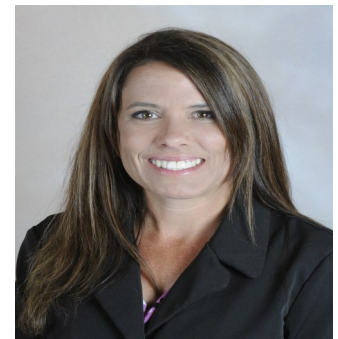
**Ms. Paulette Blacknall ,
Zone 3, term expires in 2021**



**Dr. Jeff Root,Zone 4, term
expires in 2020**



**Mr. Blake Bell ,Zone 5,
term expires in 2020**



**Ms. Gina White, Zone 7,
term expires in 2021**



Dr. Karla Neathery, Superintendent, officially began her duties with the Arkadelphia School District on July 1, 2019. Dr. Neathery has earned a bachelor's degree from OBU, a masters and specialist degree from HSU, and a doctoral degree from ATU. She has served in administration for 20 years and is a former elementary teacher, principal, director of curriculum, assistant superintendent of curriculum, and assistant superintendent for human resources.

Welcome to the Arkadelphia School District!

I want to extend a sincere welcome to you on behalf of the entire faculty, staff and Board of Education for the Arkadelphia School District. Arkadelphia is well known and admired for the quality of its educational system. Our schools provide a top tier instructional program that is designed to help each child reach their maximum potential. Our school district is comprised of 6 campuses: Peake Rosenwald, Perritt, Central, Peake, Goza Middle School, and Arkadelphia High School. We have high expectations and we extend these same expectations to you.

We encourage all parents and guardians to get involved and be an active part of their child's education. Educating our student has always been and will continue to be a collaborative effort between school and home. We invite you to learn more about the great things happening in our schools on a daily basis through our website

<http://www.arkadelphiaschools.org>. There are many ways to find out more about our district. You can follow Arkadelphia Public Schools on Facebook and Twitter. You will be truly inspired by our many wonderful students, teachers, and administrators. Thank you for your interest in Arkadelphia School District!

Sincerely,

Dr. Karla Neathery, Superintendent



Our Schools

Peake Rosenwald

Tasha Hines
870-246-7301

Perritt Primary

Callie Hunley
870-246-2260

Central Primary

Shannon Prince
870-246-2872

Peake Elementary

Mary Snowden, Principal
870-246-2361

Goza Middle School

Cheryl Merk, Principal
Jimmy King, Asst. Principal
870-246-4291

Arkadelphia High School

Nikki Thomas, Principal
Trent Smith, Asst. Principal
870-246-7373

Our Administration

Arkadelphia School District

Dr. Karla Neathery, Superintendent

Dr. Jeanette Turner, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Wayne Hasley, Transportation Director

Joey Andrews, Technology Director

Judy Talley, SPED Director

Tammy Barger, Business Manager

Donald Williams, Athletic Director

Sarah Matlock, Gifted & Talented Coordinator

Tasha Hines, PreK Director

Aundra Leeper, Custodial Supervisor

Leslie Wood, Maintenance Supervisor

Jo Anna Spradlin, Food Service Supervisor

STUDENT ENROLLMENT TRENDS

YEAR	Oct 1 Enrollment	1 st QTR ADM	2 nd QTR ADM	3 rd QTR ADM	4 th QTR ADM
2014-2015	1,899	1899.78	1900.80	1894.08	1869.90
2015-2016	1,893	1895.44	1874.22	1877.43	1858.26
2016-2017	1,799	1803.29	1821.52	1830.50	1819.05
2017-2018	1,776	1786.42	1779.70	1779.13	1766.62
2018-2019	1,743	1749.00	1753.02	1733.55	1726.97





There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million.

- Walt Streightiff



ATTENDANCE DATA

Year	Graduation Rate	Dropout Rate	Attendance Rate	Home School	School Choice
2014-2015	87.7%	3.1%	95.9%	8	0.47%
2015-2016	87.1%	2.6%	96.6%	6	0.32%
2016-2017	87.2%	2.9%	95.6%	7	0.56%
2017-2018	97.4%	2.6%	95.4%	8	0.68%
2018-2019	94.4%	3.3%	95.7%	10	0.52%

IN THE SPOTLIGHT :



Clair Mays

Teacher of the Year 2019

State Teacher of the Year Regional Finalist

Mrs. Clair Mays has taught at Arkadelphia High School the past twenty-one years. She is a Career Education Instructor and EAST Facilitator. From 1998 through 2010, she was the Marketing Education Teacher and DECA Advisor. In the fall of 2010, she became the EAST Facilitator as well as teaching Business Technology courses. In 2015, Computer Science became a part of the AHS curriculum. Mrs. Mays helped implement the Advanced Placement Computer Science A class into the course offerings at the high school. Since then, Arkadelphia High School has received over \$45,000 in grants to expand the Computer Science Program and that includes a startup grant for a Computer Science Career Education Program of Study.

Mrs. Mays received her Associate's Degree in Computing and Information Systems from the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (formerly Westark Community College); a Bachelor of Science in Business Education and a Masters in Business Administration from Henderson State University; and is currently enrolled in the Educational Specialist-Curriculum Leadership Program at HSU. Clair taught the spring semester at Hope High School after receiving her bachelor's degree in December 1997.

In July, Mrs. Mays was named one of fifteen 2020 Arkansas State Teacher of the Year Regional Finalists. She was the representative for the entire Dawson Educational Service Cooperative area. In August, she and the other finalists were honored at reception held at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion.

2019-2020 Teachers of the Year

Perritt Primary—Natalie Thomas Central Primary—Kyla Williams

Peake Elementary—Sarah Brawley Goza Middle School—Jequetta Berry

AHS—Clair Mays



PUPIL/TEACHER RATIO

YEAR	October 1 Enrollment	Teacher FTE	Ratio
2014-2015	1899	156	12.2:1
2015-2016	1893	156	12.1:1
2016-2017	1799	147	12.2:1
2017-2018	1776	147	12.1:1
2018-2019	1743	147	11.9:1



Salary Information

Fiscal Year	Average Classroom Teacher Salary
2008-2009	\$41,325
2009-2010	\$41,678
2010-2011	\$41,727
2011-2012	\$43,007
2012-2013	\$42,563
2013-2014	\$43,516
2014-2015	\$43,243
2015-2016	\$43,571
2016-2017	\$48,664
2017-2018	\$45,794

Report To Our Patrons

The Arkadelphia School District is an outstanding school district. We are in full compliance with the Standards for Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools. We are truly committed to our mission to provide excellence in education. We have a lot to be proud of in Arkadelphia.



NET STUDENT TRANSFERS : This chart reports the net amount of students that transferred into and out of the Arkadelphia School District pursuant to the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act of 2004, 6-18-227 *et seq.* For more information visit arkleg.state.ar.us

School Choice	Out of District	Into District	NET
2016-2017	16	5	-11
2017-2018	24	4	-20
2018-2019	44	20	-24

Badger Pride



We are a district with ...

- 8 Teachers with national board certification
- 1 Arkansas State Teacher of the Year Regional Finalist
- 1 4A Coach of the Year
- 1 School with Outstanding Educational Performance Awards from the University of Arkansas' Office of Educational Policy
- 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist
- 10 AP Scholars
- 3 State FBLA Winners
- 2 Skills USA Award Winners
- 14 All State Athletes
- 2 4A State Wrestling Champions
- 4A Conference Champions AHS Football
- 4A Conference Champions AHS Band
- 4A Conference Champions AHS Quiz Bowl



Arkadelphia Home of Champions



Arkadelphia High School - 2019 Arkansas Governor's Quiz
Bowl Association 4A State Champions



4A State Football Champions



3 Time State Band Champions

Athletic Accomplishments

Football (4A State Champions)

Volleyball (State Qualifier)

Girls Golf (State Qualifier)

Boys Golf (State Qualifier)

Girls Tennis (State Qualifier)

Boys Tennis (State Qualifier)

Boys Basketball (State Regional Qualifier)

Wrestling (State Champions)

Swimming and Diving (State Champion)

Girls Track (State Qualifier)

Boys Track (4 x 100 State Qualifier)

Girls Soccer (State Qualifier)



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BADGERS

Arkadelphia Public School Transportation

Number of school buses –36

Number of routes—21

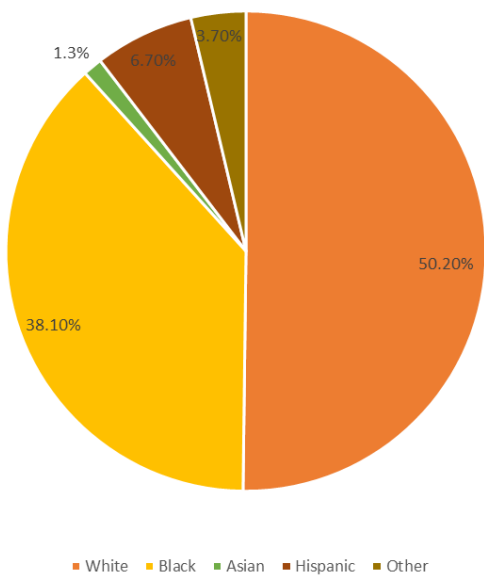
Number of miles driven daily— 1, 155



ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Enrollment 1,743

October 1, 2018



Parental Involvement:

Each year the Arkadelphia School District holds Parent-Teacher Conferences in the fall and spring semesters. The district has a long history of a high percentage of our parents participating in those conference opportunities. Research indicates that parental involvement positively affects a student's performance, and our district is very fortunate to have parents who wish to be directly involved in the education of their children.

Gifted and Talented Program

The mission of Arkadelphia School District's Gifted and Talented Program is to provide challenging and engaging learning experiences and opportunities for growth that enable children with high potential, talent, and exceptional academic capacity to develop to their potential.

Gifted students are those with high potential whose educational needs, learning characteristics, and abilities require substantially different educational experiences and services not provided for the regular instructional program.

The Arkadelphia School District's Gifted and Talented Program promotes higher order thinking skills of analysis, synthesis and evaluation to show evidence of their thought process. Students will exhibit creative thinking by using fluency, flexibility, elaboration and originality. The program allows students to use a variety of methods of reporting research to an audience. Furthermore, students will develop an awareness of self through activities designed to foster their abilities.

The Arkadelphia School District provides services to over 200 high-ability and identified gifted students through GT pull-out program at the elementary and middle level and Pre-Advanced Placement classes and Advanced Placement classes. Teachers receive Pre-AP and AP training in their content area. A certified GT teacher is providing services at Central and Peake campuses.

Academic competitions are also available for students in GT. These include, but are not limited to, Geography Bee, Arkansas Academic Quiz Bowl, Chess, Spelling Bee, CONE Foundation, and Stock Market Game.



English as a Second Language Program

The Arkadelphia School District's English as a Second Language Program provides services for students whose primary language is not English. We currently have 85 language minority students in our district. Of these language minority students, 12 are receiving direct services, 21 are receiving indirect services and 14 are being monitored. Last year, we had 7 students exit the program.

AP Scholars

2019	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar with Distinction	National AP Scholar
Number of Scholars	7	3	0	0
2018	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar with Distinction	National AP Scholar
Number of Scholars	8	0	1	0
2017	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar with Distinction	National AP Scholar
Number of Scholars	4	1	0	0
2016	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar with Distinction	National AP Scholar
Number of Scholars	6	0	1	0
2015	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar with Distinction	National AP Scholar
Number of Scholars	7	0	0	0

Concurrent Credit Courses

Henderson State University and the Arkadelphia School District have a partnership to benefit high school students. AHS students have the opportunity to take college level classes on the high school campus as well as on the university campus and earn concurrent credit. There is no charge to AHS students for these courses/credits.

AHS instructors for the dual enrollment concurrent classes must hold a Masters Degree in the specific field of study, submit a syllabus and receive approval by HSU, and work collaboratively with the college concerning subject matter and instruction.

Concurrent Credit offered on high school campus by AHS instructor:

Enhanced College Algebra - 7 students

Concurrent Credit courses with current enrollment of AHS students on HSU Campus:

College Calculus - 3 students

College Algebra - 2 students

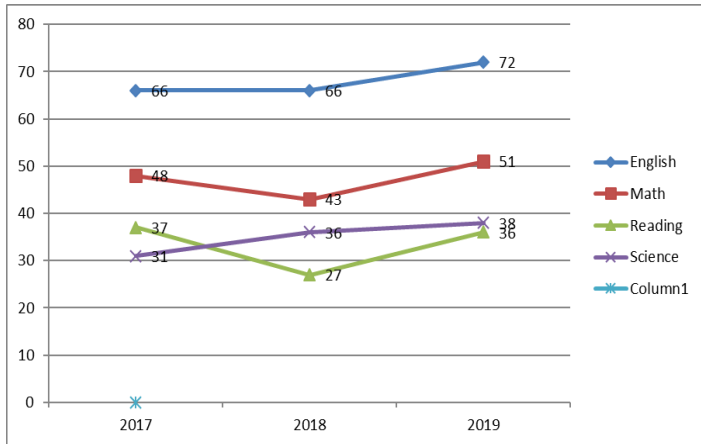
Composition/Language Arts - 2 students

Concurrent Credit course with current enrollment of AHS student on OBU Campus:

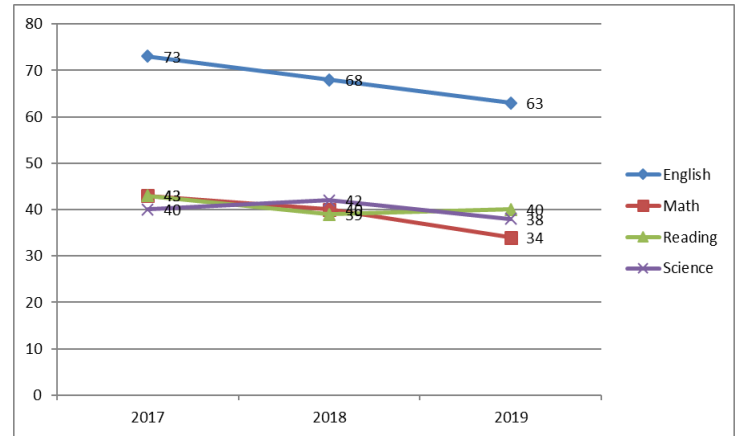
World History - 1 student

ACT Aspire Three-Year Trend

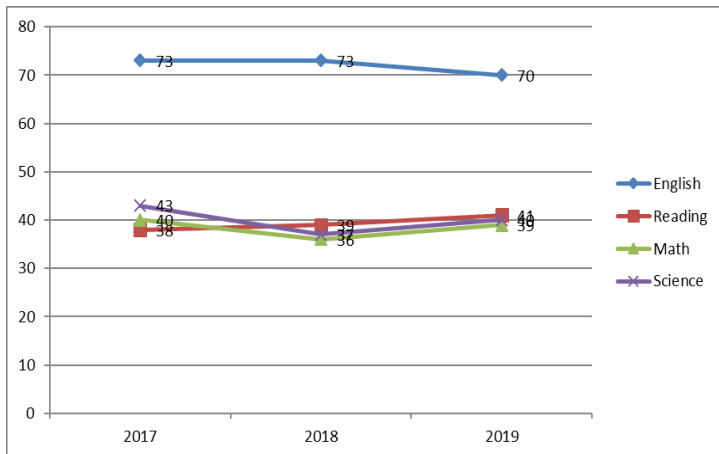
Third Grade



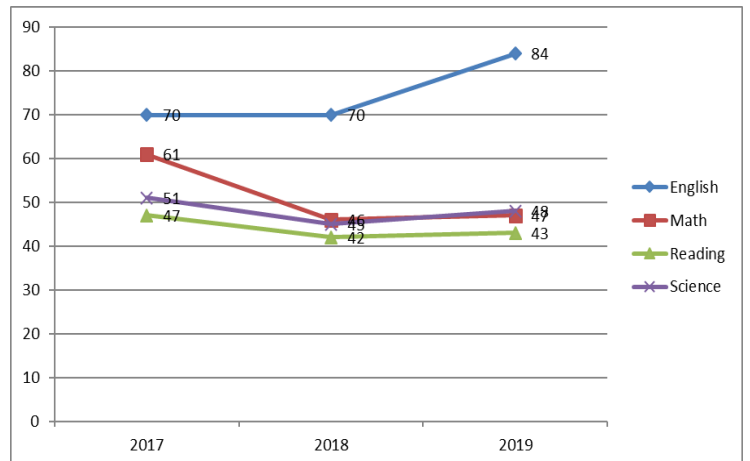
Fourth Grade



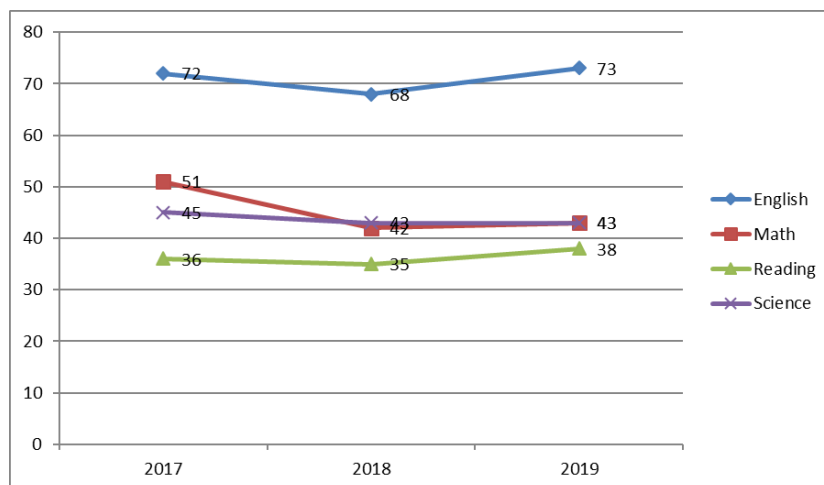
Fifth Grade



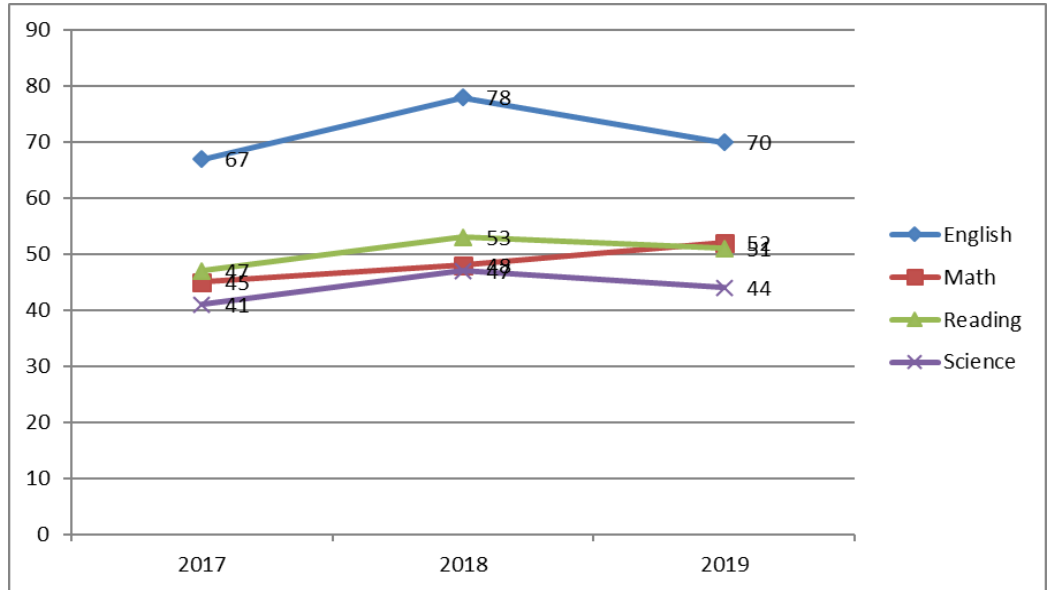
Sixth Grade



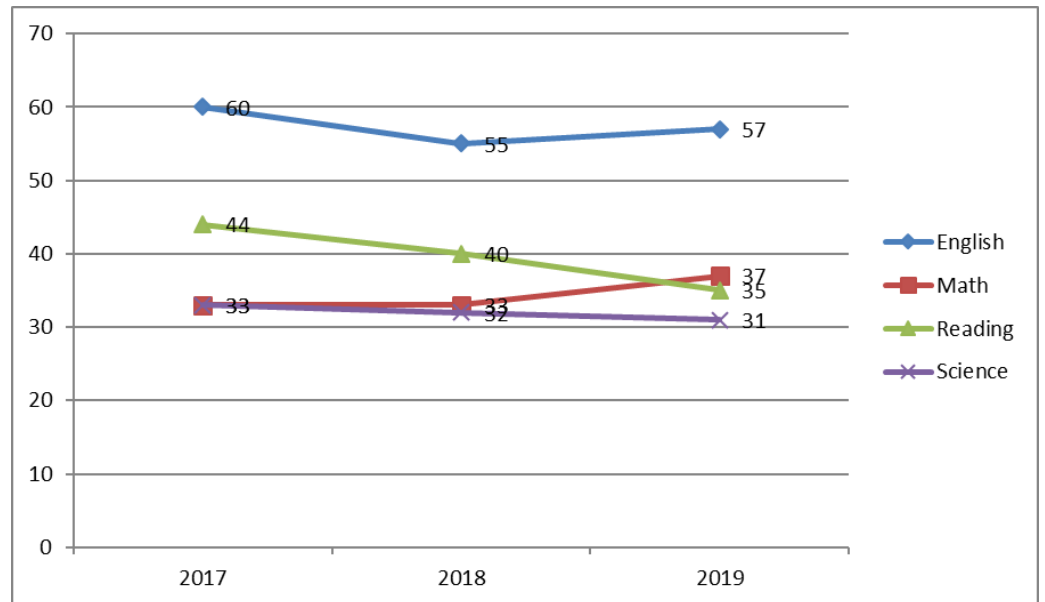
Seventh Grade



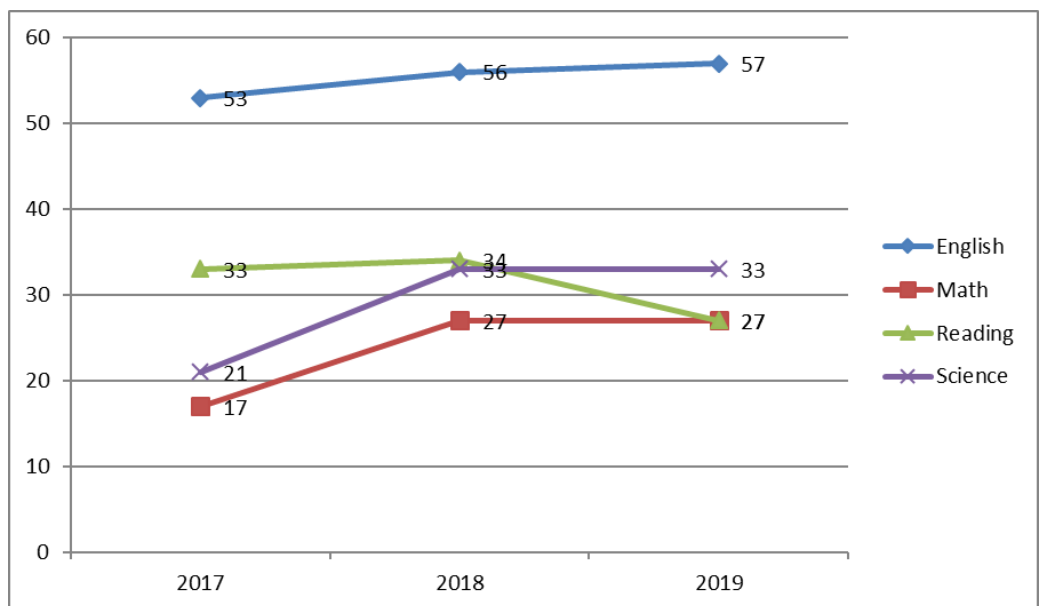
Eighth Grade



Ninth Grade



Tenth Grade



Student Achievement

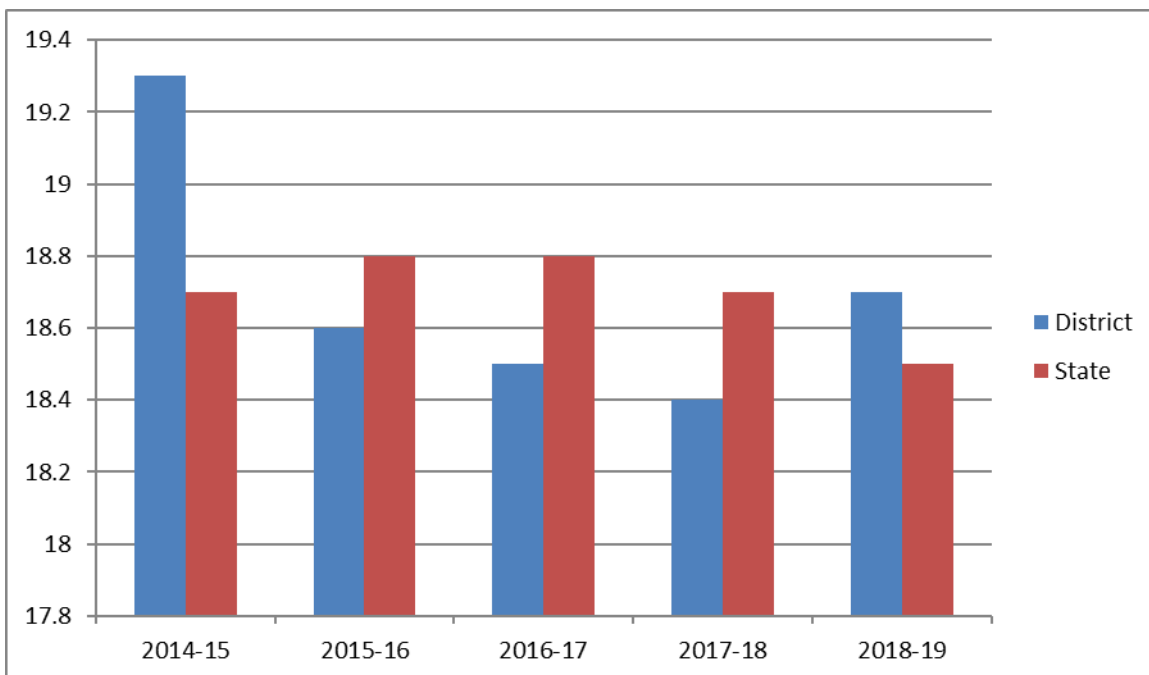
The Arkadelphia School District continually evaluates the district's programs, curriculum, and instruction practices as they relate to student achievement and the Arkansas standards. Various assessments are given throughout the year at different grade levels. Teachers evaluate students with classroom assessment and the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education mandates ACT Aspire Exams in grades 3-10, the ACT in grade 11, and NWEA Exams in grades K-2.

AHS Juniors ACT State Testing

	ACT English	ACT Math	ACT Reading	ACT Science	ACT Composite
2014-15	18.9	18.8	19.3	19.6	19.3
2015-16	17.9	18.1	18.6	19.2	18.6
2016-17	18.0	18.4	18.7	18.4	18.5
2017-18	17.2	18.5	18.8	18.7	18.4
2018-19	18.2	18.3	19.0	18.7	18.7



2019 AHS ACT Scores Compared to State



Special Education

Our special education department is committed to supporting students with disabilities by providing a variety of services in multiple settings to address individual student needs. Student services include: indirect, co-teaching, inclusion, resource services, transition community-based services, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, behavioral supports, school-based mental health services, homebound services, specialized transportation, and other support services as needed. Our goal is to provide high quality education and support for students in the most inclusive environment. We are moving forward with innovative techniques to assist our students in becoming independent, successful, and high-achieving adults.





Accreditation

The Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) reviews all Annual School Reports to determine the accreditation status of each school district in Arkansas. The Arkadelphia School District and each of its five campuses are fully accredited by DESE the State Board of Education.

Graduation Requirements

Students are required to obtain a minimum of 26 credits in grades nine through twelve or complete and appropriate individual education plan (IEP) for graduation. Specific minimum graduation requirements include the following (grades 8-12): 4 units English, 4 units Math, 3 units Science, 3 units Social Studies, 1 unit Foreign Language, 1 unit Health/PE, ½ unit Fine Arts, ½ unit Oral Communications, 1 unit Computer Applications, and 8 Career Focus.

Scholarships

Academic Challenge (Lottery) Scholarship-4/Year Value - \$714,000.00

Governor's Distinguished Scholarship -4/Year Value- \$160,000.00

TOTAL: \$874,000.00

Audit Report

Arkansas Legislative Audit will conduct an audit of the Arkadelphia School District this year. The last Audit Report was for the year that ended June 30, 2018.

Budget

Salary, Operating and Debt Service Funds

	2018-2019	% of	2019-2020	% of
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Salary & Benefits	\$12,083,910	76	\$11,604,205	76
Purchased Services	\$396,899	2	\$418,295	3
Purchased Property Services	\$599,688	4	\$512,159	3
Insurance, Communication & Travel	\$359,337	2	\$355,036	2
Utilities & Supplies	\$1,539,895	10	\$1,502,003	10
Capital Outlay	\$31,673	0	\$52,823	1
Dues, Fees & Debt Services	\$906,140	6	\$760,850	5
Totals	\$15,917,542	100%	\$15,205,371	100%

Professional Development

The Arkadelphia School District continually strives to find innovative ways to meet the needs of students and teachers by providing high quality professional development. We are members of the Dawson Educational Service Cooperative. This allows our staff to attend many professional development sessions on their campus. Dawson content area specialists also provide training and support within our district.

We are committed to developing in-house experts who will be able to share their knowledge and expertise with other district faculty, and many of the training opportunities offered during the beginning district in-service days were presented by district teacher leaders and administrators.

In order to maintain a valid license with the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, teachers must complete a minimum of 36 hours of professional development annually. Arkadelphia encourages teachers to seek additional training by offering a stipend to teachers that earn an additional 30 hours of approved professional development. Training is offered at various times throughout the year and delivered through a variety of methods. The 2018-19 school year focused on literacy training, particularly R.I.S.E and Science of Reading training; this involved K-12 teachers. In addition, K-2 teachers participated in Wilson Language Foundations training; Foundations is a phonics and phonemic awareness program.

The Arkadelphia School District strives to exceed standards not only for students but also for teachers by providing high quality training. Well-trained teachers lead to increased student achievement and success inside and outside of the classroom. District initiatives include the following: K-2 R.I.S.E, 3-6 R.I.S.E., Science of Reading awareness, Wilson Language Foundations, Eureka Math, Illustrative Math, Pearson ReadyGen K-5, Pearson myPerspectives 6-12, Advanced Placement and Pre-AP training, and instructional technology.



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