LRSD Accountability Update



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PROUD TO BE AN

ARKANSAS GEM SCHOOL

2025-2026

J. A. Fair Preparatory K-8 Academy

SUSTAINED IMPROVEMENT

Three Consecutive Years of Progress



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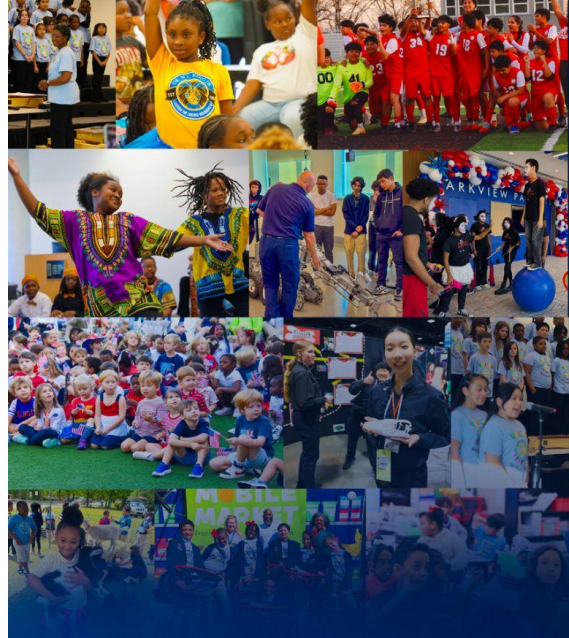
ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE

From 20 to 3

LRSD's Four-Year Reduction in F-Rated Schools, 2022–2026



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THE HEADLINE NUMBER

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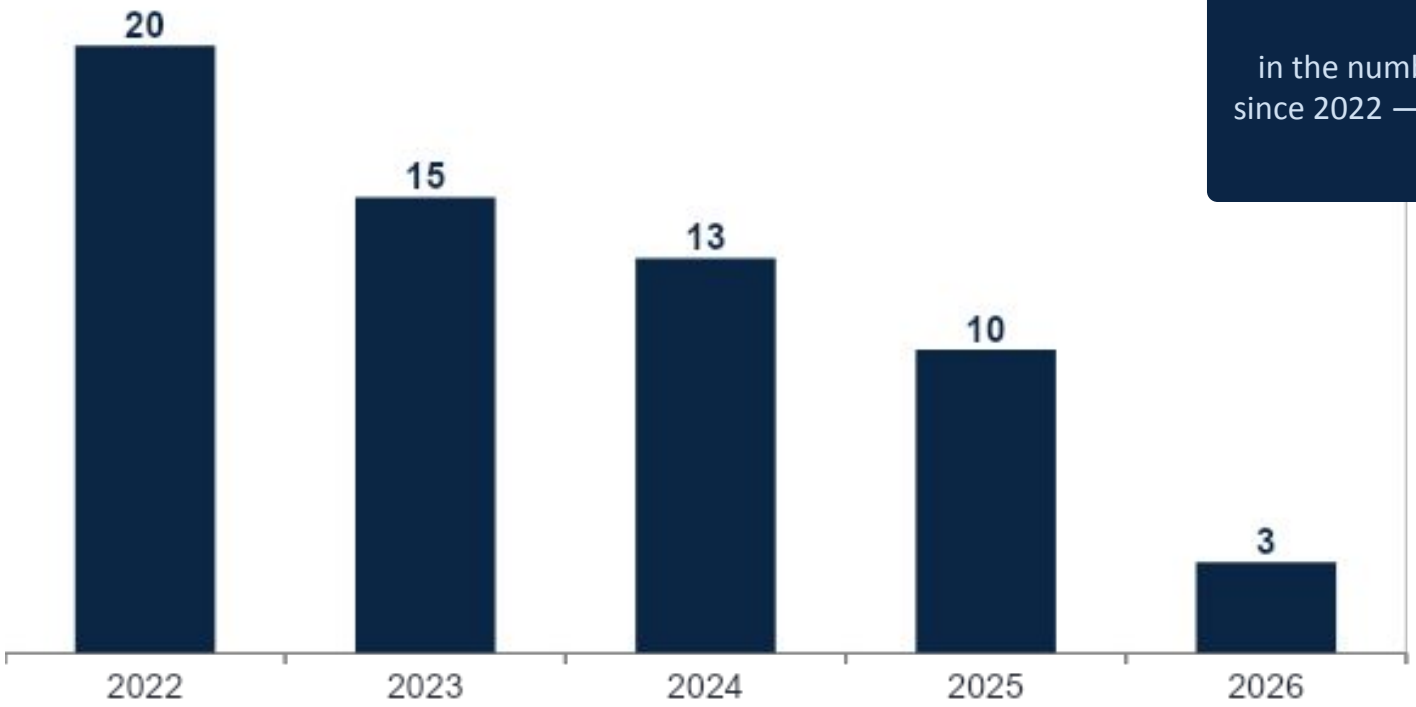
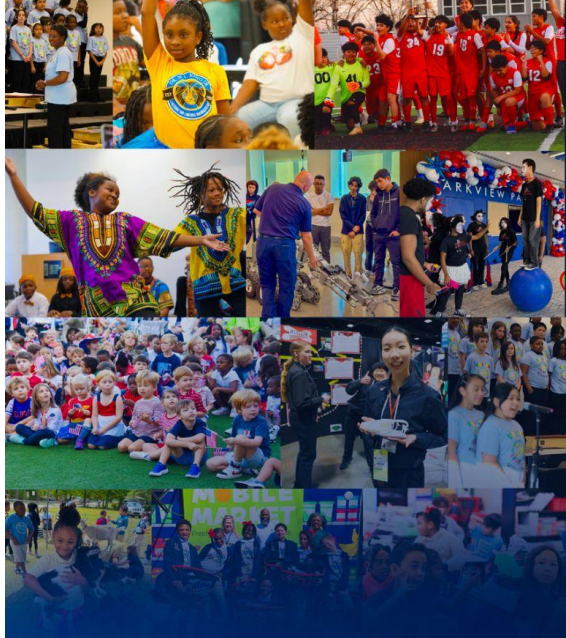
LRSD's F-rated schools, year over year



85%

in the number of F-rated schools since 2022 — from 20 schools down to just 3.



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SOMETHING WORTH SAYING PLAINLY

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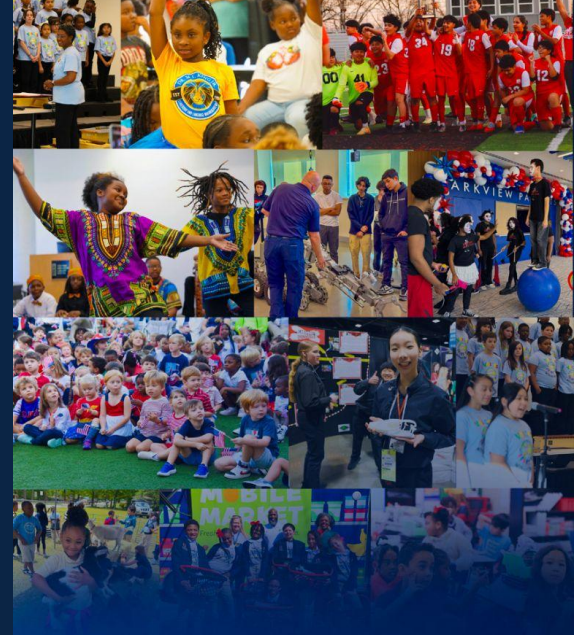
F-Rated Middle Schools in LRSD

Zero. For the first time, not a single LRSD middle school carries an F rating.



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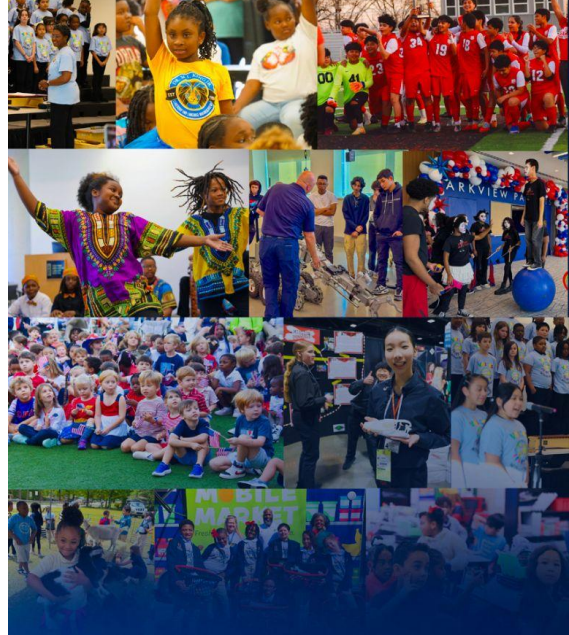
MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

11 Schools Moved Up a Letter Grade

Behind every name is a school community that worked extraordinarily hard.

Bale Elementary	F → D
Carver-Washington STEAM Magnet Elementary	F → D
Dunbar Magnet Middle School	F → D
Hall High School – West School of Innovation	D → C
J.A. Fair K-8 Preparatory Academy	D → C
Mabelvale Middle School	F → D
MLK Jr. Leadership & Language Magnet Academy	F → D
Stephens Elementary	F → D



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THAT IS WORTH CELEBRATING

Three Extraordinary Two-Letter-Grade Jumps

Otter Creek Elementary

D → B

TWO-LETTER-GRADE JUMP

Terry Elementary

D → B

TWO-LETTER-GRADE JUMP

Western Hills Elementary

F → C

TWO-LETTER-GRADE JUMP



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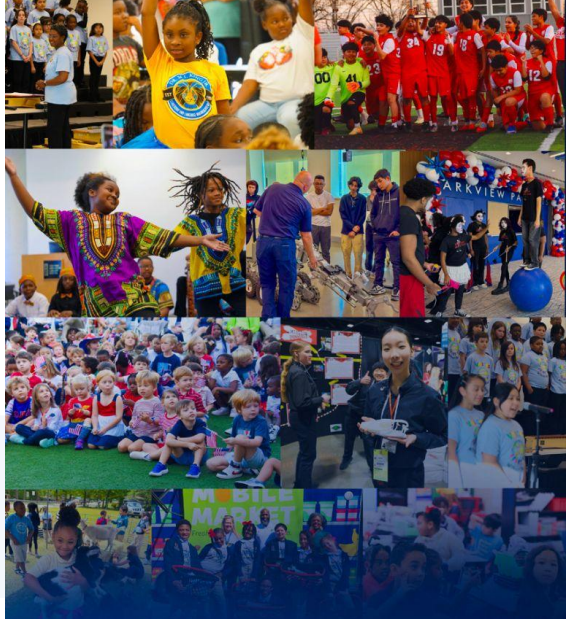
BEYOND LETTER GRADES

16 Schools Gained 10+ Accountability Points

Some of these schools changed letter grades. Others did not - and that distinction matters.

Bale Elementary	Carver-Washington	Central High School	Forest Heights STEM Academy
Hall – West	J.A. Fair	Lacey K-8 Academy	Little Rock Southwest High School
Mabelvale Middle	MLK	**Otter** Creek	Stephens
Terry	Wakefield Elementary	Watson Elementary	Western Hills Elementary



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DID THE LETTER CHANGE? ASK MORE.

Growth That Doesn't Always Show Up in the Letter

+49 pts

Forest Heights STEM Academy

Remained a B

+47 pts

Wakefield Elementary

Remained a C

+47 pts

Little Rock Southwest HS

Remained an F

Double digits

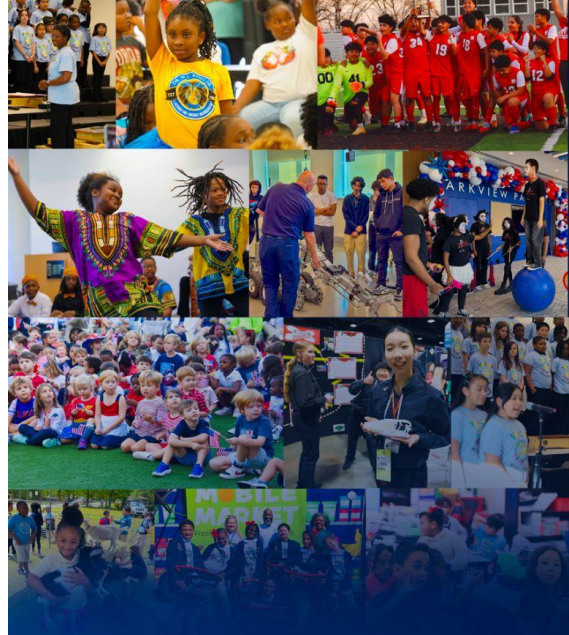
Central, Lacey & Watson

Grade held steady

So the question isn't just "Did the letter change?" It's also:

Are students learning more? Are they growing? Is the school moving?

Across much of LRSD, the answer is yes.



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THE DISTRICT ITSELF MOVED

17 Schools Improved. The District Score Rose.

17

SCHOOLS

improved a letter grade, gained 10+ accountability points, or both.

LRSD DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY SCORE

405.35 → 419.42

+14.07 points in one year - while maintaining an overall district grade of C.

Some schools changed letter grades. Others did not. That distinction matters - because across much of LRSD, students are learning more, growing faster, and schools are moving in the right direction.



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WHERE THE GROWTH IS COMING FROM

Achievement Is Up. Growth Is Up.

81.20 → 96.96

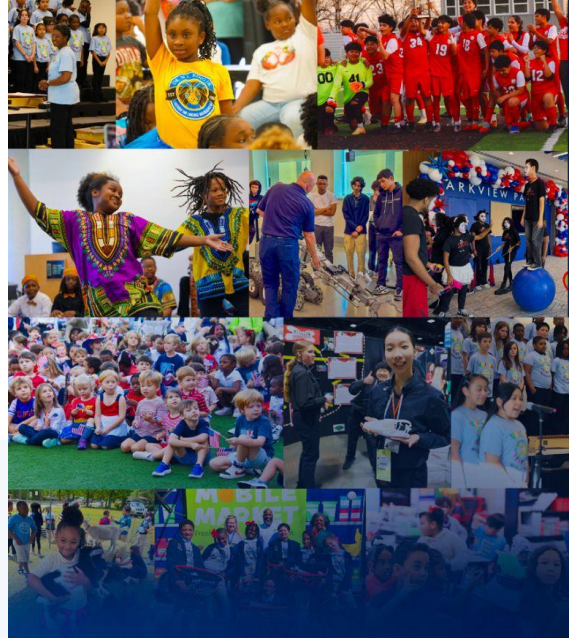
Achievement points, a gain of nearly 16 — more students at or above grade level.

Exceeding the State

LRSD's overall growth score moved from matching the state last year to exceeding it this year.

+8 Points

LRSD's Lowest 25% of students outperformed the state in growth by more than eight points.



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STILL AHEAD

Not everything is where it needs to be. Our Success Ready measure declined, particularly at the high-school level - significant work remains ahead.

CELEBRATION ALL AROUND

Continued Achievement and a NEW GEM

We're continuing to celebrate top 5% in the state for ACHIEVEMENT in Mathematics, ELA, and Science.

Roberts Elementary - Forest Park Elementary - Jefferson Elementary

We are also proud to be home to one of the state's newest GEM schools, recognized for SUSTAINED IMPROVEMENT. This recognition is earned when a school increases in multiple indicators for three consecutive years.

Congratulations to our GEM: J.A. FAIR K-8 Preparatory Academy





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MOVING THE DISTRICT

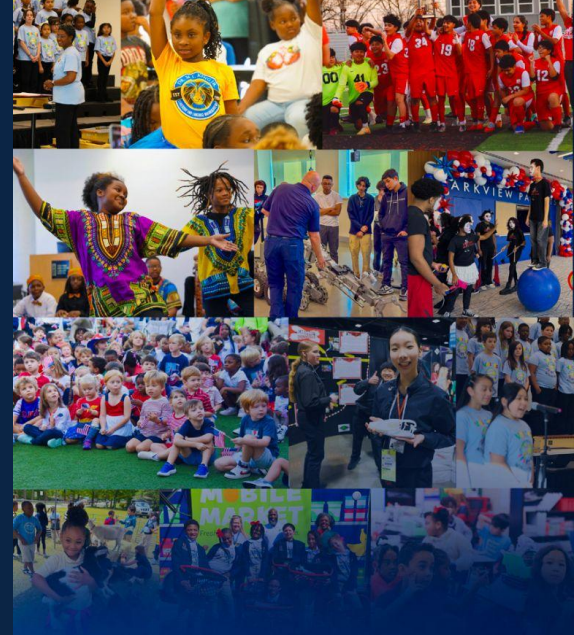
We are not simply moving individual schools. We are moving the district.

11 schools improved a letter grade

16 schools gained 10+ accountability points

17 schools showed significant year-over-year improvement

District accountability score: 405.35 → 419.42, driven by achievement points rising from 81.20 to 96.96.



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