



COMMUNITY REPORT

2021-2022



LITTLE ROCK
SCHOOL DISTRICT



REIMAGINING LRSD — THE POWER OF US!

The Little Rock School District (LRSD) Board of Education is comprised of nine members. While the Board sets policy that governs the District, Superintendent Dr. Jermall Wright implements the Board's vision, making day-to-day decisions about educational programs, spending, staff, and facilities.

Partnerships between school, home, and community are essential to the District's success. Parents and community members are encouraged to remain engaged through active participation at schools, by watching/attending meetings, as well as providing input.

LRSD hosts two regularly scheduled monthly meetings on the second and fourth Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Stakeholders may provide public comment during any meeting where action items are on the agenda. Three minutes are allotted for comments: written, in-person or via Zoom.

The District is also introducing a new comprehensive board meeting solution, to better inform and engage stakeholders allowing them to quickly navigate through recorded online meetings with customized settings. Details will be shared with the public in January 2023.

Watch Board/Public Meetings: www.LRSDLive.com

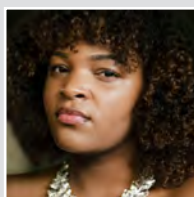
Public Comments: www.LRSD.org/lrsdpubliccomments

LRSD Board of Education Goals

- **Goal 1 - College and Career Readiness:** Improve student achievement in reading and math, aiming towards meeting or exceeding grade level performance for all students.
- **Goal 2 - Career Pathways:** Through the implementation of academies and career pathways, increase by 5% each year for the next 5 years the number of students enrolled in a CTE career pathway and the number of students earning an industry certification; Increase by 5% each year for the next 5 years the number of students using career planning tools to explore careers, interests, and aptitudes.
- **Goal 3 - Student Recruitment and Retention:** Increase year over year K-12 enrollment such that by 2030, LRSD enrollment is equal to or greater than 24,000 students (or a number based on a current demographic study and population trends).
- **Goal 4 - Staff Recruitment and Retention:** Increase recruitment and retention rates of highly qualified teachers and leaders. Rank among the top five school districts in Arkansas in teacher salaries at every educational level by August 2024 and remain there every year thereafter; Ensure salaries of all staff remain competitive.
- **Constraint 1 - Welcoming and Supportive Schools:** Integrate Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Framework and practices district-wide in order to promote well-being and a sense of belonging amongst LRSD students and staff.
- **Constraint 2 - Parent/Family Partnerships:** Every school will create and implement a culturally responsive family engagement plan, welcoming and encouraging authentic partnerships in support of the child's educational experiences.



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Message from Superintendent Dr. Jermall Wright

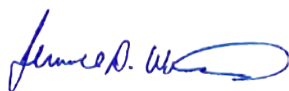
Greetings LRSD Families:

What an exciting time to be a part of the Little Rock School District community as we are #Reimagining how #LRSD can become a world class school district where ALL students will be fully prepared for college and/or career! We look forward to our continued work together to make this vision a reality through our renewed focus on teaching, learning, students, relationships, service, culture, and community engagement which are reflected in our six LRSD Board of Education goals.

The Little Rock community has been unwavering in its support of LRSD through the many corporate, business, faith-based, and civic partnerships that are thriving all over the District. The passing of the Property Tax Renewal Measure with almost a 61% approval percentage during the recent November 2022 election is another strong point of proof that our community wants LRSD to succeed. We do not take your support for granted and are committed to taking the bold actions needed to set LRSD on a path toward world class school district status!

Decisions about your children's future are important and we thank you for entrusting their education to us. We know you have choices and we must remain vigilant to ensure you continue to choose us. I'll end my message by repeating a phrase I've heard and shared numerous times. Little Rock cannot be a great city without a great public school district. Help us #reimagineLRSD and continue to grow our city forward!

Sincerely,



Dr. Jermall Wright
LRSD Superintendent



Volunteers in Public Schools - ViPS

Volunteering in Our Schools – Why This Year is a “Golden” Opportunity



The connection between home, community and school is more important than ever before. LRSD is fortunate to have a phenomenal group of volunteers and partners in education who provide daily support to students and schools through our Volunteers in Public School's (ViPS) program.

One of the efforts by ViPS that strengthens that connection, while promoting literacy at the same time, is the annual Jane Mendel Reading Day held each November. During this year's event, over 350 volunteers filled LRSD elementary classrooms, sharing their love of reading with students.

ViPS' Partners in Education (PIE) include businesses as well as faith-based and community organizations who generously donate their time, treasure and talent by providing opportunities like mentoring, tutoring, after school programs, books and classroom supplies, internships and job-shadowing, and incentives for students and teachers. ViPS currently has 242 PIE organizations. There's always room to grow and we'd love to have you or your company sign up!

Next semester, ViPS will host Arkansas Scholars program presentations for all District 8-th graders.

The students will hear about the statewide program that offers special incentives to do well in high school, including ensuring daily attendance. Community members interested in presenting the Arkansas Scholars program should call the ViPS office at 501.447.ViPS for training information and scheduling.

ViPS, by the way, will mark its 50th year of service or “golden” anniversary in 2023. Stay tuned for details on plans to help celebrate this milestone in volunteerism for LRSD's Volunteers in Public Schools in a big way on April 18, 2023. Save the date on your calendar for the annual volunteer reception, An Evening for the Stars, highlighting our 50th anniversary. For more information go to www.LRSD.org/vipsawards



Giving Students the Start They Need to Succeed - Early Childhood Education (Pre-K)



The foundation of a child's education is vitally important. The LRSD offers a free preschool education of exceptional quality so your child will have a great start to his/her education. The goal of the LRSD Early Childhood program is to offer quality early childhood education opportunities for preschool children in the district through a school-based setting. Having access to nurturing, supportive educational experiences will prepare our children to enter kindergarten with the necessary cognitive, physical, social, emotional and early language and literacy skills for success in school.

Pre-Kindergarten classes are located throughout the district in both elementary schools and early childhood centers. Chicot ECC, Geyer Springs ECC, and Romine ECC offer three- and four-year-old classes. Fair Park ECC offers four-year-old classes only. Rockefeller offers a program for children six-weeks to four-years; there is a monthly charge for children six weeks to two years (vouchers are accepted). There is NO fee for three or four-year-old children.

Did You Know? • LRSD is the state's largest provider of public preschool • Students who attend LRSD preschools have historically outperformed students who did not use LRSD pre-K in every skill level • LRSD's pre-K program provides a certified teacher in every classroom, Credentialed Assistant Teachers, and age-appropriate learning activities • Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided to pre-K students

Enroll your student today: www.LRSD.org/Pre-K



Digital Details – Online Learning 2.0

We know that flexible educational options and enriching learning opportunities are important to students and parents. That's why LRSD is going the extra mile to ensure that the individual academic needs of students are met through the District's exciting digital learning platform – Little Rock Virtual Academy (LRVA), literally reaching students where they are. Formerly known as Ignite, LRVA is an innovative K-12 model through which teachers provide instruction via live-streaming, pre-designed digital coursework and computer-based platforms.

Elementary students attending LRVA will still have a choice between *synchronous/scheduled and **asynchronous/flexible delivery working online with LRSD teachers to complete guided and independent learning activities. These methods of instruction follow the same standards, concepts/skills and mastery requirements as students in a traditional classroom setting.

Individualized options allow students at the secondary level to choose from two tracks: 1.) asynchronous learning with a focus on graduation/grade level requirements, and 2.) a hybrid model, which includes asynchronous learning for core classes, with an option to attend school on-site for elective courses. In addition to offering graduation/grade level required courses, options for AP and Pre-AP, and other special services are also included.

And, like in-person attendees, all LRVA K-12 students may take advantage of tutoring support, interventions and regular check-ins by certified teachers, as well as online tutoring support from a live tutor for after school and weekend support. They won't have to miss out on traditional school experiences either. Digital students are also allowed to participate in and attend extracurricular activities. **Please note the LRVA option requires a full academic year commitment by the parent and student.** Want to learn more? Check back soon on the Student Registration page on www.lrsd.org – for more details.

*Synchronous/"Scheduled Instruction" - support between the teacher and the student in real-time that follows a schedule.

**Asynchronous/"Flexible Instruction" – content and support is pre-recorded and occurs through Schoology. (Exception – scheduled time for K-2 math and literacy is required by ADE) Students engage in self-paced learning provided by teachers through Schoology or another district-provided digital curriculum. LRSD teachers act as facilitators of learning by providing support and checking student progress.



Somebody Called from this Number?

Never miss a call or message from the District, again. **Simply download the free Blackboard App for Little Rock School District in iTunes and Google Play and it will store incoming messages to your Smartphone/device.** The other great perks connected to Blackboard and the ParentLink notification system used by the District to keep you in the loop – you get to select how, when and where you want to receive your messages: phone, text, email or a combination. Blackboard will only override those settings in cases of emergency. Hey, LRSD employees – this applies to you, too.

Schools Closed, What's Next?

Don't forget to brush up on your student's AMI / Ready For Learning plan! With the Alternate Method of Instruction, learning continues no matter the weather. You should have received information from your child's school about class assignments on inclement weather days or any other day school may be closed during an unforeseen emergency. Now is a good time to familiarize yourself with the plan, visit LRSD.org, click on Parents, then on the tab that says "AMI."

Moved or Changed your Phone Number?

Inclement weather can hit at any time. Be sure to keep your contact info updated so the District may contact you. If a decision is made to close schools, we'll notify you the following ways:

- ParentLink (call, email, text and App)
- Website
- Social Media
- LRSD Now Blog
- Traditional Media (television, radio and print news)



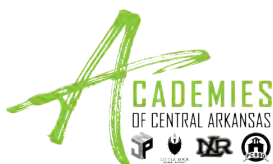
Scholars Reception

11-7-2022

CONGRATULATIONS
*2022 National Merit Semifinalists,
Commended, and Principal's Scholars!*



Prepping Students for Tomorrow's Health Careers Today



Baptist Health Academy of Medical Sciences

As the Little Rock School District continues transforming the high school experience through career interest-themed academies, Little Rock Southwest High School is proud to celebrate its partnership with Baptist Health for the inaugural class - Baptist Health Academy of Medical Sciences. This exciting new opportunity, announced at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, allows students to get a head start in their careers and go straight into the healthcare industry after graduation, as well as serving as the core foundation of Academies of Central Arkansas, a Ford Next Generation Learning (Ford NGL) model. The hospital has teamed up with the school to help grow the future healthcare professional workforce. Hospital employees will serve as career mentors who will meet regularly with groups of scholars about career opportunities. Upperclassmen will have the opportunity to participate in internships and capstone projects working closely with the medical staff at Baptist Health.

The hospital recently sent health care representatives to speak to Freshman Seminar and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) classes at Little Rock Southwest. Here are a few reflections from students:

"Dr. Logan Grant and Jeff Hartsell taught me so much about the human body." – Chamari Mariner

"Thanks, Mr. Ray Hayes for taking time to speak to us about his profession. He inspired me to think more about careers other than just getting my CDL and driving trucks. I also learned how to develop good communication skills." – Shamiya Beavers

"Mr. Jeremy Ray has inspired me to be a sports medicine trainer, if my sports career does not work out. He inspired me to be the best I could be and to practice being healthy." – Charles Oliver

Up next for Little Rock Southwest students, Academy Ambassador training, industry tours and job shadowing opportunities.

You may recall that LRSD began working with the other three Pulaski County school districts in 2019 to launch the Academies of Central Arkansas, offering a community-driven approach that combines academic rigor with real-world, relevant learning and Career and Technical Education (CTE). Through this effort, in their freshman year, students will select an academy, which becomes a small learning community within the high school. Core academics are built into the academies. LRSD will offer a variety of pathways at all five District high schools so students may choose a program that fits their personal interests, ultimately creating opportunities for them to integrate academics with their desired career, creating a plan to achieve their educational and career goals.

LRSD continues a phased approach for the academies at the high schools. You may visit academiesofcentralarkansas.org for more information.

PORTRAIT OF AN ACADEMY GRADUATE:

Creative Problem Solving & Conflict Resolution

Academies of Central Arkansas students will have the ability to solve a variety of problems in both conventional and innovative ways, including systems thinking.

- Ask significant questions that clarify various points of view
- Think critically and use various forms of reasoning in a variety of situations
- Analyze and evaluate evidence, arguments, claims and beliefs

Communication, Collaboration & Leadership

Academies of Central Arkansas students will graduate with the ability to communicate, collaborate and lead.

- Learn from and work collaboratively with others
- Understand and respect diverse cultures, religions and lifestyles
- Communicate in a spirit of mutual respect and open dialogue in personal, work and community contexts

Career Ready & College Ready

Academies of Central Arkansas students will graduate with a personal resilience and awareness necessary for success in life after high school.

- Exhibit work ethic and understand the role of perseverance in one's chosen endeavors
- Understand the importance of making appropriate personal financial decisions and understand the economy's role in society
- Emerge academically prepared for college and/or career with college credits and/or industry-related certifications

Interpersonal Skills

Academies of Central Arkansas students will demonstrate the ability to work effectively and respectfully in diverse teams, articulating clear thoughts and ideas using a variety of communication skills.

- Build relationships within teams
- Demonstrate the ability to make necessary compromises to attain goals
- Assume shared responsibility for collaborative work



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LR CENTRAL
HIGH SCHOOL

LR HALL STEAM MAGNET
HIGH SCHOOL

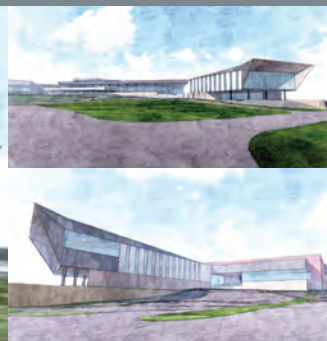
LR WEST HIGH SCHOOL
OF INNOVATION

LR SOUTHWEST MAGNET
HIGH SCHOOL

LR PARKVIEW ARTS/SCIENCE
MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL



Brick-by-Brick – the Building of Educational Dreams at LRSD



Several significant milestones have been reached in LRSD's new construction and renovation projects. At the Dr. Marian G. Lacey K-8 - site of the former McClellan High School, the District hosted a passing of the baton ceremony last year and introduced the new and improved Crimson Lion mascot (see if you can spot what's so special about the design in the photo below). This year, LRSD held groundbreaking and beam-signing ceremonies for the new campus. Next up, marking the "drying-in." The school becomes the District's latest K-8 model and will accommodate 1,400 students, scheduled for completion in 2024. Here are some of the exciting features:

Dr. Marian G. Lacey K-8 Academy

- 235,000 square feet
- 3 stories
- 64 classrooms
- 8 spaces for fine arts
- 3 career education rooms
- Cafetorium
- 4 self-contained classrooms for special needs students
- 6 project rooms for science
- 4 maker spaces
- A collaboration or learning stairway
- Gymnasium
- One of the first tornado shelters in the District

West High School

These enhancements were made possible by the Little Rock community with voter approval of the November 2021 millage extension = \$300 million worth of projects and facilities upgrades across the District. In west Little Rock, community conversations continue as academic programming is fleshed out for a new traditional high school in that part of the city. This expanded option for high school students will offer more extracurricular opportunities and athletics, complete with the facilities to support those programs. The official name of the school and mascot are also yet to be determined by stakeholders. Students currently zoned for the new "West"

High School attend Fulbright, Don Roberts, Terry, Pinnacle View and Little Rock West High School of Innovation. Parents are encouraged to stay engaged to continue providing input on the design and construction of the new school.

Central and Dunbar

Meanwhile, in the mid-section of town, both historic Central High and Dunbar Middle schools can also expect some additions and renovations. If you've driven by Dunbar, you've likely seen the supplies and equipment being used to replace the roof on the nearly 100-year-old building. Other plans include a new elevator and windows, as well as a massive renovation of the auditorium, recently renamed by the District in honor of the late classical composer and teacher Florence Price.

Central's upgrades include renovation of the gym, removal of portable classrooms to be replaced by a new brick and mortar, state-of-the-art science wing, as well as a new athletic training facility, among other amenities.

LRSD will keep the community posted about these impressive and welcomed changes coming to the District.



Little Rock School District



Attendance Matters: Be Counted

WHY DOES ATTENDANCE MATTER?

- Students who are absent fewer days perform better academically.
- Being present in the classroom helps students develop social skills and friendships.
- Regular attendance leads to a greater chance of students graduating high school.

Let's "Tik Tok" About It – LRSD's Feet to the Seat Campaign

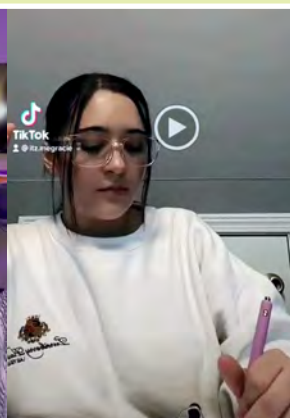
Improved daily school attendance continues to be a priority for LRSD and as part of the 2022 Feet to the Seat Campaign, the District took a peer-to-peer approach, getting students to promote the importance of coming to school to their classmates. The contest to combat chronic absenteeism began with high school students who participated in the "Let's Tik Tok About It" challenge, creating catchy videos to be pushed out district-wide encouraging their classmates to show up for class every day.

Following a high interest in the videos by high school students, similar contests were shared among middle and elementary-aged students. Winners received Nike gift cards. The videos will be used throughout the year, along with other strategies to positively impact school attendance and to show the connection to academic success.

"As we work tirelessly to reimagine LRSD, address learning loss and literacy across the district, we need our parents/guardians to ensure children are in school every single day possible. We can't teach them, and they can't learn if their feet aren't to their seats daily. Help us increase and improve attendance in LRSD. Better attendance equals better student learning outcomes."

~ Dr. Jermall Wright, LRSD Superintendent

Be sure to visit the webpage www.LRSD.org/feet-to-the-seat for more great information!



Parkview High School Football



Congratulations!

2022 5A

STATE CHAMPIONS



Go Patriots!!! LRSD is so very proud of the Parkview Arts/Science Magnet High School- LRSD football team for their hard-fought victory over Shiloh Christian - 31-21 in the State Championship Game.

Parkview participated in the state finals for the first time in nearly 4 decades, and came out on top – as the Arkansas 5A State Champions!

The Health Care Continuum



**CHICOT
VISION CLINIC**



Schools play an important role in supporting students both on and off campus. The addition of a variety of onsite clinics at schools across LRSD continues to contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of students and staff while also promoting regular attendance. Ongoing partnerships with the medical community provide families with convenient high quality health care options. LRSD is home to the Future Smiles Dental Clinic at Wakefield Elementary, Stephens Health Clinic, Chicot Health/Vision Clinic and the ARCare Telehealth Clinic at Washington Elementary.

Three clinics are housed at District community schools and are equipped to meet the needs of students and their families. The telehealth clinic at Washington, the District's latest facility, also opened its doors to all LRSD staff in the 2022 school year. Basic preventive care, immunizations, wellness screenings and referrals are just a few of the services that are provided, helping students stay in school and lessening the time parents and staff are required to be away from work.



Be Well, Work Well – Study Well

LRSD also launched an initiative to enhance counseling support for employees by connecting them to resources that contribute to their emotional wellbeing. Through LRSD Mental Health Services, students and staff benefit from early screening, access to mental health services, coordination with community mental health providers, and parental involvement. The LRSD Mental Health Services team also provides service plan development and direct treatment—which can include medical, case management, and consultation services.



And, as the District continues its efforts to identify Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and mental health support for students, LRSD recently introduced another partnership with the nationally recognized Health Information Project (HIP) to help meet the increasing needs of students. Over a four-year period, every student at every LRSD high school will be reached through HIP. The project addresses mental health needs at the high school level, using a peer-to-peer approach to encourage students to access reliable health information and resources as well as providing helpful tips. HIP prepares high school seniors and juniors to teach health education to their freshmen peers. Representatives from HIP have already visited with teams at each high school and with members on the superintendent's teacher advisory council for buy-in purposes, receiving favorable feedback.

High Schools will introduce the program in the 2023-24 school year.

Elementary School Teachers of the Year



Kristyn Richard
Bale Elementary



Annette Delaney
Baseline Academy



Deanna Woods-Davis
Booker Arts Magnet
Elementary



Mary Robin Clay
Brady Elementary



Anggelica Carter
George Washington
Carver Magnet



Becki Chronister
Chicot Elementary



Alisha Baker
Fair Park Early
Childhood Center



Nakeisha Piggee-Jones
Forest Heights STEM
Academy



Rebecca Lu Langley
Forest Park Elementary



Sharon Harris
Fulbright Elementary



Brenda Bearden
Geyer Springs Early
Childhood Center



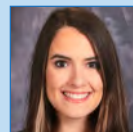
Tracy Barbarotto
Gibbs Magnet Elementary



Lauren Scott
Ignite Digital
Academy (K-6)



Sharronda Threet
JA Fair Elementary



Nicole Rose
Jefferson Elementary



Kortland Benjamin
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Elementary



Kara D. McGee
Mabelvale Elementary



Hannah Walsh
McDermott Elementary



Mattie M. Norman
Meadowcliff Elementary



Christina Rockwell
Otter Creek Elementary



Regina AnChanel Young
Pulaski Heights
Elementary



Ms. Demetric Reed
Don R. Roberts
Elementary



Sara Deeter
Rockefeller Early
Childhood Center



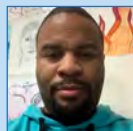
Sarah R. Buffalo
Romine Early Childhood



Jimmy L. Smith, Jr.
Stephens Elementary
Posthumously



Amy Lauren Schleicher
Terry Elementary



Gregory Johnson
Wakefield Elementary



Deborah Winston
Booker T. Washington
Elementary



Nancy Wheeler
Watson Elementary



Stacey Cox
Western Hills Elementary



Alexandra Wakelyn
Williams Traditional
Magnet Elementary

Middle School Teachers of the Year



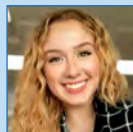
Garrick St. Pierre
Cloverdale Middle



Dishoungh White
Cloverdale Middle



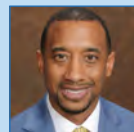
William J. Delsa
Dunbar Magnet
Middle



Anaïd Gonzalez
Dunbar Magnet
Middle



Cristen Wynne Barnett
Forest Heights
STEM Academy (6-8)



Mario Tims
Forest Heights
STEM Academy (6-8)



**Nicolas DeLane
Williams**
JA Fair Middle



Trevor K. Wine
JA Fair Middle



Austin Wilhelm
Mabelvale Middle



Markisha Blocker
Mabelvale Middle



**Paula
Harris-Nellums**
Horace Mann Arts
and Science Magnet
Middle School



**Shea
Thrash Pickens**
Horace Mann Arts
and Science Magnet
Middle School



Mellissa Epperson
Pinnacle View Middle



Dustin Meeker
Pinnacle View Middle



Cliff Anderson
Pulaski Heights Middle



Paul L. Smith
Pulaski Heights Middle

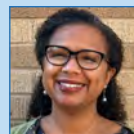
High School Teachers of the Year



**Amber
Casteal McCuien**
LR Central High



Kimberly Burleson
LR Central High



Raefani E. Green
LR Central High



Christopher L. Watkins
LR Hall STEAM
Magnet High



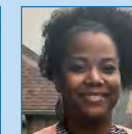
Bobby Harris
LR Hall STEAM
Magnet High



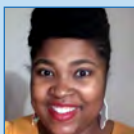
Monique Williamson
LR Hall STEAM
Magnet High



Bobbie Langston
LR Southwest
Magnet High



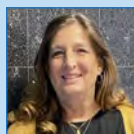
Brandy Johnson
LR Southwest
Magnet High



Natasha Millen
LR Southwest
Magnet High



Rebekah L. Bailey
LR West High School
of Innovation



Shirley R. Forehand
LR West High School
of Innovation



Megan Prettyman
LR West High School
of Innovation



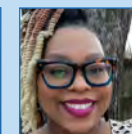
Allison Belcher
Parkview
Arts/Science Magnet



Erick Weed
Parkview
Arts/Science Magnet



Robert L. Clark
Parkview
Arts/Science Magnet



Shalon Nichols Judge
Accelerated
Learning Center



Debbye Boyd
Adult Education



Jamie Dunn
Hamilton
Learning Academy



Stacy A. Floyd
Ignite Digital Academy
(7-12)



Tara L. Rainey
Metropolitan
Career-Technical Center



KARA D. MCGEE
2022 LRSD
TEACHER OF THE YEAR



LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT



2022

Crystal Awards

EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



ANNGELICA CARTER
2022 LRSD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR



NICOLAS WILLIAMS
2022 LRSD
MIDDLE SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

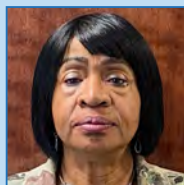


KIMBERLY BURLESON
2022 LRSD
HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR



SAAD SABIR
2022 LRSD CLASSIFIED
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Classified Employees of the Year



Brenda Bass
LRSD Transportation
Employee of the Year



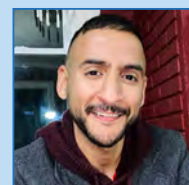
Bobby Davis
(Washington Elementary)
LRSD Custodian
of the Year



James Cleveland
LRSD Maintenance
& Operations
Employee of the Year



Dundra Jamison
(Bale Elementary)
LRSD Child Nutrition
Employee of the Year



Saad Sabir
(Forest Park Elementary)
LRSD
Paraprofessional
of the Year



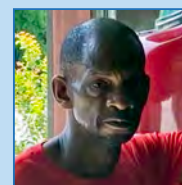
Brittany Miller
(McDermott Elementary)
LRSD
Health Employee
of the Year



Deborah Brown
(Central High)
LRSD Secretarial and
General Support
Staff of the Year



Gwendolyn Randolph
(Parkview High)
LRSD
Safety and Security
Officer of the Year



Bobby Ray Hall
First Student
Driver of the Year



Larry Lawson
First Student
Field Supervisor
of the Year

Top Scholars Honored at Academic Signing Day

The Little Rock School District, in partnership with the Public Education Foundation, honors students representing all five LRSD high schools through its annual Academic Signing Day.

Class of 2022 honorees were accepted at higher education institutions throughout the country, including: Agnes Scott College, Arkansas State University, Berkley College of Music, Boston University, Columbia University, Emory University, Franklin & Marshall College, George Washington University, Hendrix College, Loyola University - New Orleans, Princeton University, Pulaski Tech, Rice University, Texas Southern University, University of Mississippi, Tulane University, United States Air Force Academy, University of Arkansas - Fayetteville, University of Arkansas - Little Rock, University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff, University of California - Irvine, University of California - Berkeley, University of Central Arkansas, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan, University of Missouri, University of Nevada - Las Vegas, University of North Carolina, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of South Carolina - Columbia, University of Southern California, University of Washington, Vanderbilt University, Wellesley College, and Yale University.

The event mirrors athletic signing days, where top athletes sign letters of intent to compete at the collegiate level. As with athletic signings, high-achieving students choosing to study here in Arkansas and out of state are equally celebrated.

To qualify for the event, graduates are required to achieve at least one of the following: a cumulative 4.0 grade-point average in grades nine through 12; valedictorian, salutatorian, or the third or fourth highest rank in their class; National Hispanic Scholar; National Merit Semifinalist; and/or National Merit Commended Scholar.

Annually, LRSD students are awarded more than \$23 million in scholarships.

Freshmen should start inquiring at the beginning of their 9th grade year about participating in this prestigious academic celebration.

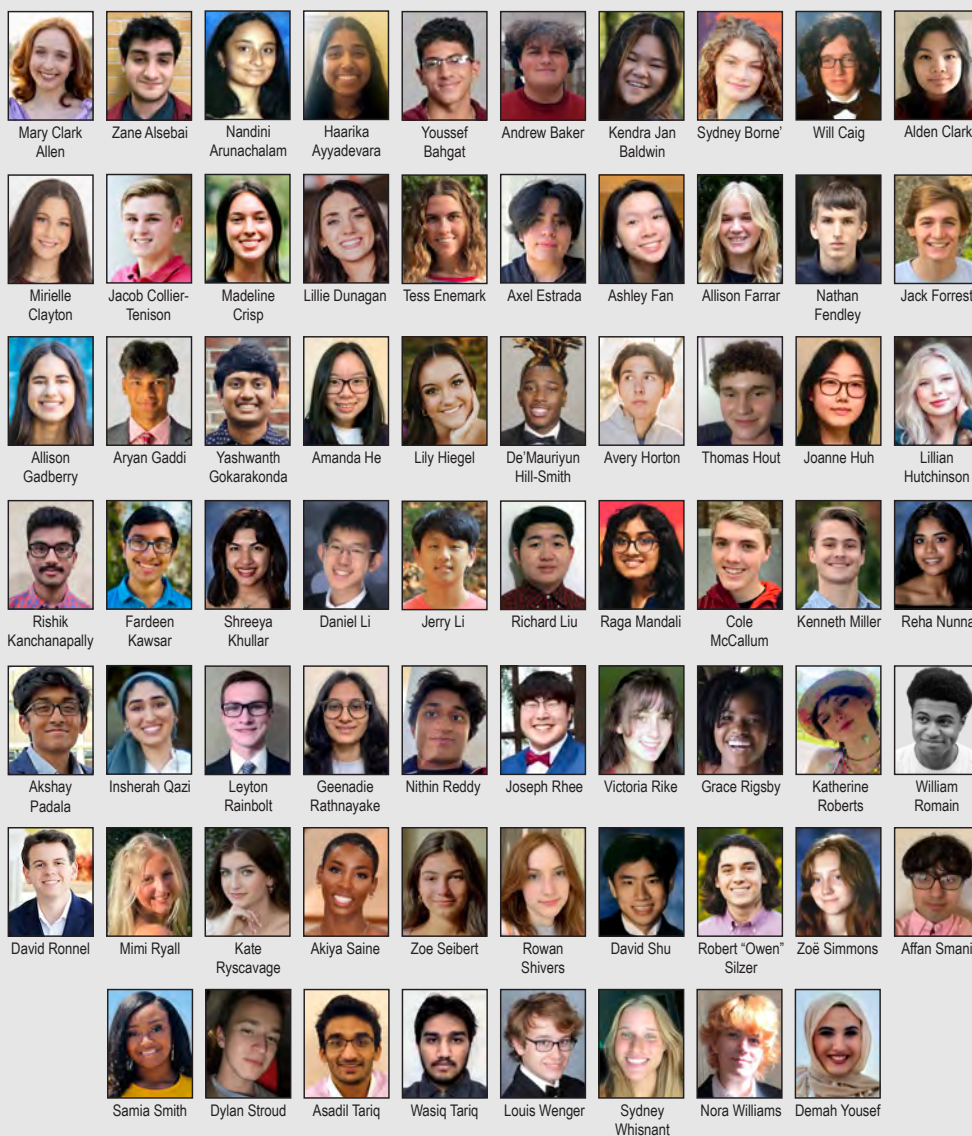
The Public Education Foundation and the Little Rock School District
Present the 2022 Class For



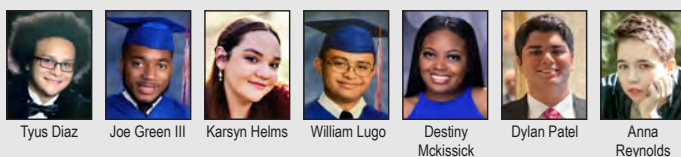
Academic Signing Day



LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



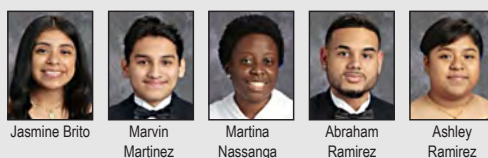
LITTLE ROCK PARKVIEW ARTS SCIENCE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL



LITTLE ROCK SOUTHWEST MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL



LITTLE ROCK HALL STEAM MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL



STUDENTS – PARENTS – COMMUNITY

“

The reason I love going to Pinnacle View is our amazing Arts Program and the amount of opportunities that we have as students here.

”

Vivian Kincaid, Student- Pinnacle View Middle School



“

The fact that Carver offers STEAM ... I have all my babies here (LRSD) and I know that each one will get their needs met ... being prepared in the fields that each wants to go into.

”

Kimberly B., Parent - Carver STEAM Magnet



“

I chose Hall because it gave me the opportunity to use my leadership skills and create spaces I didn't have before.

”

Vera Kanu, Student - Hall STEAM Magnet High School



www.LRSD.org/SeeWhyLRSD

LRSD has an award-winning parent engagement program that has been recognized by **Network of Partnership Schools** (Johns Hopkins University). Through this program, parents are invited to participate in activities that promote building family and school relationships. Successful programs help eliminate barriers and work toward effective family engagement efforts that are linked to student achievement and school improvement. Parents can help their children be more successful in ways that add to what the teacher is doing. This can be done by learning more about your child's school; supporting your children and the school; and making decisions about your children's education. The District's Parent and Family Engagement program can provide ideas on helping your child in each of these areas. The school/District is also eager to hear your ideas for getting more parents involved in their children's education.

By the way, LRSD's Parent & Family Engagement Center offers free materials and supplies to assist families with student-focused activities to increase student achievement. A lending library is available for parents to check out materials. The District also hosts a number of events and workshops connecting home to school. Great examples include the Partnering for Excellence Home, School Community Connections Conference and NBA Math Hoops - a fun, interactive program that helps shore up math skills for 3rd-8th graders. Check out the Parent and Family Engagement section on the District's website: www.lrsd.org



Happenings Around the District



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LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT



PRE-K

- Largest Provider of Public Pre-school
- Certified Teacher in Every Classroom
- LRSD Pre-K Students outperform peer group who did not attend LRSD Pre-K in every skill level



K-12

- Gifted and talented options
- Learning challenges support/ Special Education Options
- Academies of Central AR
- High School Prep Programs- Pre-AP, AP, Concurrent credit opportunities
- Earn approx. \$20 million annually in scholarships
- Record 30 National Merit Semi-finalists in 2021



ARTS

- Award-winning Arts Programs
- Creative and Performing Arts
- Consistently place in Top 5 – Arkansas Young Artists Association
- Arkansas PTA Awards
- Among Top Honors in Region and All-Region band/choral programs, Superior and First Chair Recognitions



ATHLETICS

- Champions or Finalists in multiple sports
- Tennis, Swimming, Wrestling, Football, Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball programs
- 6th Grade Model Up Sports Program



ADULT ED

- FREE, self-paced, individualized instruction for non-traditional adult students, ages 18 +
- Variety of classes including Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (ASE/GED), and English-As-A-Second Language (ESL)

• SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DESIGNATIONS •

2021-2022 School Year Accreditation Status: All 41 schools fully accredited

School Improvement Designations

LRSD was identified as a Level 4 district. As a result of the global pandemic, Arkansas waived classification for the 2021 school year. It was resumed in the 2022 school year where twenty-seven (27) schools were classified as In Need of Support and Improvement schools. Need of Support and Improvement schools had a lower Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) School Index score overall or for a specific subgroup. As well, a high school will be "In Need of Support and Improvement" if it does not meet the graduation rate target. Five (5) schools were classified as needing More Rigorous Intervention – Comprehensive Support and Improvement (MRI-CSI). Seven (7) schools were classified as in Need of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI). Thirteen (13) schools were identified as In Need of Comprehensive Support and Improvement – Additional Targeted Support (CSI-ATSI). Two (2) schools were identified as needing Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI). Schools are identified as in need of MRI-CSI if they did not meet their CSI designation exit criteria within three years. CSI schools include 5% of Title I schools with the lowest ESSA School Index score over a three-year period. Schools are identified as ATSI-CSI if they did not meet their ATSI designation exit criteria within three years. ATSI schools are identified based on their classification as a Title I school and their ESSA School Index score for any subgroup falling in the bottom 1% of Title I schools for three consecutive years.

AP and PSAT/NMSQT Results

AP RESULTS

The Advanced Placement (AP) program offers high school students a rigorous, college-level curriculum that readies students for college. Students scoring a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam may receive college credit. The district had 1,458 exams with a qualifying score of a 3, 4, or 5. An AP Scholar is a student who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. The district has 309 scholars receiving 348 awards with the following designations: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, and AP Scholar with Distinction. As well, 33 students received an AP Capstone Diploma, and 7 students received the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

PSAT/NMSQT

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) serves as an initial screener for scholars. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists represents fewer than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and only includes the highest scoring students in each state. Arkansas had a total of 169 semi-finalist. Of those, LRSD had 8 students named National Merit Semifinalists.

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2022 RANKINGS:

Top 20 Elementary Schools in Arkansas with Most Overall Growth (based on ACT Aspire)

#8 Don Roberts Elementary

Top 5 Elementary Schools in Central Arkansas Region with Most Overall Growth (based on ACT Aspire)

#5 Don Roberts Elementary

Top 10 Elementary Schools in Arkansas with Most Math Growth (based on ACT Aspire)

#8 Don Roberts Elementary

Top 5 Elementary Schools in Central Arkansas Region with Most Math Growth (based on ACT Aspire)

#3 Don Roberts Elementary

BEATING THE ODDS RANKINGS:

Top 10 High-Poverty Elementary Schools in Arkansas with Most Overall Growth

#7 Wakefield Elementary

Top 10 High-Poverty Elementary Schools in Arkansas with Most Math Growth

#8 Wakefield Elementary

Top 5 High-Poverty Elementary Schools in Central Arkansas Region with Most Math Growth

#1 Wakefield Elementary

Top 5 High-Poverty Elementary Schools in Central Arkansas Region with Most ELA Growth

#1 Wakefield Elementary

US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKINGS

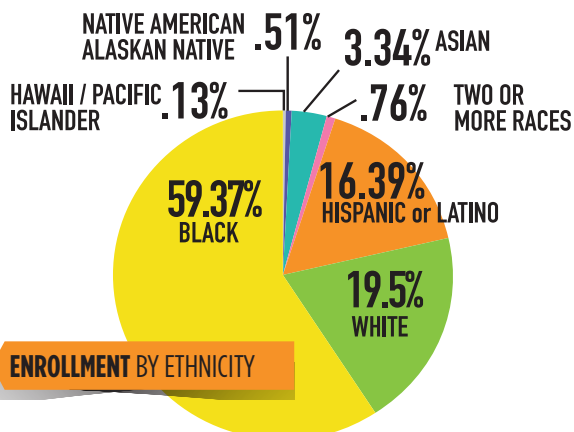
BEST HIGH SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS

#15 of 267	Central High School
#22 of 267	Parkview Magnet High School



BEST HIGH SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS METRO AREA

#5 of 44	Central High School
#7 of 44	Parkview Magnet High School





LITTLE ROCK
SCHOOL DISTRICT

ENROLLMENT

Take advantage of unique and innovative educational opportunities by enrolling in one of LRSD's schools. LRSD offers magnet schools, specialty programs, and career/professional studies, with concurrent credit opportunities.

LRSD Student Registration Office

501-447-2950

or visit www.LRSD.org/StudentRegistration

PRE-K (P3-P4) ENROLLMENT

The LRSD offers a free pre-school education of exceptional quality so your child will have a great start to his/her education. Pre-Kindergarten classes are located throughout the District in both elementary schools and early childhood centers.

501-447-7360

or visit www.LRSD.org/EarlyChildhood

IMPORTANT DATES

PARENT CONFERENCE DAY 1

Thursday, February 16

after school—3 hours
(school in session)

PARENT CONFERENCE DAY 2

STUDENTS OUT

Friday, February 17

8:00-12:00 Elementary • 9:00-1:00 Secondary
(students out)

ARTISTRY IN THE ROCK

Monday, March 13 - Thursday, March 16

VIPS – AN EVENING FOR THE STARS

Tuesday, April 18 - 5:30

AP EXAMS

**Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 5, and
Monday, May 8 - Friday, May 12**

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 5

OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL CHOICE WINDOW

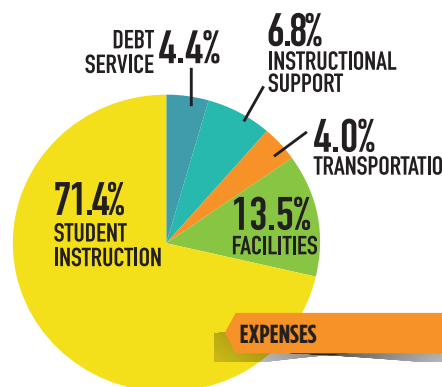
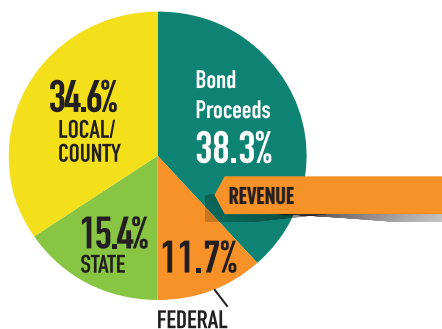
May 1 Deadline • Parent application must be postmarked
July 1 • Notification from non-resident district

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

War Memorial Stadium - MAY 23-25:

**Visit www.LRSD.org for a detailed calendar and
school-specific graduation time information**

2021-2022 REVENUE & EXPENSES



REVENUE

Local/County.....	\$184,097,340
State.....	\$81,897,285
Federal Grants.....	\$62,304,630
Bond Proceeds.....	\$203,505,627
Total Revenue.....	\$531,804,882

Tax Rate (Mills)..... 46.4

EXPENSES

Student Instruction.....	\$233,716,968
Instructional Support.....	\$22,199,277
Transportation.....	\$12,986,256
Facilities.....	\$44,072,786
Debt Service.....	\$14,283,899
Total Expenses.....	\$327,259,186

Expense Per Pupil..... \$15,950

Average Teacher Salary..... \$63,199
First Year Teacher Salary..... \$43,000

LRSD's volunteer program, Volunteers in Public Schools (ViPS) is a vital component in the operation of all of our schools.

Total Volunteer Hours.....	634,528
Equivalent in Dollars.....	\$18,109,450
Total Number of Partners in Education (PIE) ...	242