
The Board will hold two regularly scheduled monthly meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. While meetings are virtual, the public may view proceedings on LRSD’s Facebook page, Comcast Channel 4/U-verse Channel 99, or lrsdtv.org. Additional information, including how the community may provide public comment, is found on the "Leadership" page of lrsd.org.
Poore Named Superintendent of the Year

In a year that saw unique challenges in education across the country, Superintendent Mike Poore was found navigating a pandemic, facilitating the transition to local governance for LRSD, and managing a budget against the backdrop of a slip in enrollment. But state leaders felt Poore rose to the occasion, and for his ongoing efforts to support students, staff, and families, while continuing to rally community around the District, he was recognized by the Arkansas Association of School Board Administrators (AASA) as 2021 Arkansas Superintendent of the Year.

“I am deeply humbled by this recognition and grateful to be in the company of the distinguished superintendents named before me. I must acknowledge that this is a shared recognition, accomplished with the support of my current LRSD family, as well as previous districts, valued friends, mentors, and colleagues. Working alongside each of them has been the professional and personal joy of my life.”

Home of the Patriots, Jefferson Elementary has strong ties to its community and is committed both to the growth and happiness of students. Because of these commitments, staff and students alike arrive at Jefferson eager to teach and to learn.

Jefferson is a neighborhood school within the Little Rock Public School District built in 1949. There is low staff turnover and a legacy of students returning to the same great learning institution as generations before them.

While the environment is positive and caring at Jefferson, there are high expectations for academics and behavior. A hands-on principal meets with students individually both before and after assessments to discuss goals and results, which creates accountability. Growth and achievements are regularly acknowledged, and Jefferson is not only recognized as a high-performing school, but has consistent growth among all subgroups.

Students at Jefferson are encouraged to think critically, to apply knowledge, and to reason abstract concepts across all content areas. Teachers work diligently, creatively and collaboratively to provide data-driven and engaging lessons using Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

An extremely supportive parent-teacher organization participates in many decision-making processes and hosts a number of events and drives throughout the year to solidify community involvement. From food drives to STEAM nights, Jefferson parents commit thousands of volunteer hours to support their school’s staff and teachers.

For these reasons and more, Jefferson Elementary has developed a reputation for academic success within a progressive learning environment where students and their parents feel secure.
LR Hall - Where Students’ Futures are Powered by STEAM

If you ask students at Little Rock Hall High School what gets them excited about their newly reconfigured magnet campus - with all the options - you might get several answers. But, the responses all center around STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)! With Engineering and Health Science academies that promote rigorous, academic, hands-on learning, students are taking their education to the next level. They get to choose a magnet pathway in one of these academies during their freshman year and take one course each year in their pathway.

Internships, capstone projects, concurrent college credit and industry certifications are among the other opportunities Hall students will enjoy. Additionally, they’ll still be able to enroll in higher level Advanced Placement (AP) classes and take advantage of other electives. Hall also offers all athletic programs, as well as Esports, featuring Hall’s competitive multiplayer video games sports team.

“We know Hall STEAM Magnet High School can offer the rigorous, personalized and safe education for students to be successful in high school and prepare them for college and/or career readiness once they graduate,” said Magnet coordinator, Joel Spencer. “We invite students and parents to come take a tour at Hall, where we’re moving full-steam ahead.” To learn more or schedule a tour, email joel.spencer@lrsd.org.

Highlights:
- 97% decrease in behavior issues
- Engineering & Health Science academies
- Highly qualified faculty with HRS Level 1 certification
- Supportive alumni
- Engaged community stakeholders

Get Connected – Stay Connected

Can’t tell you the number of times we receive calls about missed calls from the District. Take heart, miss calls and/or messages no more! 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.

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)

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 the with the plan, visit LRSD.org, click on Parents, then on the tab that says “AMI.”
LRSD Pilots Free Rapid Testing for School Staff

The Little Rock School District took additional proactive steps this fall in the fight against the pandemic by voluntarily participating in a pilot program administered through the Arkansas Department of Health for COVID-19 on-site testing options. The 15-minute BinaxNow nasal swab test allows asymptomatic staff to be tested, helping to provide a comfort level and serving as a useful tool in reducing the risk of spread with early detection. Central and Parkview were the first two sites, identified by ADH, to offer the Binax testing kits to employees, who volunteer, at their work site. This test which provides rapid antigen results. Participants are able to be tested each week, and receive results in 15-30 minutes that assist with diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID-19. Antigen tests can be used as a predictor for further testing, if exposure is suspected.

"Most teachers take advantage of this opportunity to test weekly and have shared their appreciation about of this free safety measure. The process moves quickly and efficiently. We have been able to identify teachers with no symptoms who still tested positive. So this service is great for early identification and prompt isolation of those who could have unknowingly infected students and coworkers," said Margo Bushmiaer, LRSD nursing coordinator.

LRSD nurse Christine Duellman also added, "Just as we screen all students for vision and hearing to identify any unknown issues, COVID screening uses the same concept. We would love to screen 100% of our staff weekly. I try to end my encounter with each person at testing sites by telling them I'll see them next week and reminding them to bring a friend."

Four additional campus began testing this week: Little Rock Southwest High, Little Rock West High School of Innovation, Pinnacle View Middle School and Don Roberts Elementary. More health-related information may be found on the Health Services page on LRSD.org.

*See LRSD’s Annual Report on page 13 for details about support to staff and students with Personal Protection Equipment.
LRSD high school students have even more options to help them prepare for college and/or career now that the Academies of Central Arkansas are in full-fledged recruitment mode. Themed academies will offer several pathways for students to test drive specific careers, earn industry certifications, and gain college concurrent credit, if available, starting in their sophomore year. Students will also be exposed to job shadowing and intern/externship opportunities.

During their freshman year, students select an academy, which becomes a small learning community within the high school. Core academics are taught through the lens of the academy. LRSD will offer multiple pathways so that every student can choose a program that fits a personal interest. This integrated approach will help students connect with core academics, find their career interests, and create a plan to pursue their academic and career goals. LRSD will be phasing in academies over the next few years as we transition from our current high school structures to the academies structure.

Established in 2019, the Academies of Central Arkansas are the result of an unprecedented partnership with superintendents and chambers of commerce from the metro areas of Little Rock, North Little Rock, Pulaski County and Jacksonville. Currently designed pathways are listed in the chart below. To learn more about a specific academy, contact the school to which it is attached. Staff will be happy to give you a tour.

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**NOTE:** Students enrolled in Global Pathways at Metro or EXCEL will be “global students,” assigned by school to a school academy. Students may select these pathways as freshmen and begin the entry level course as sophomores. All courses will be double-blocked. Courses will meet either AM or PM and will follow the A/B schedule, taking 2 periods of a student’s schedule.
The COVID-19 pandemic created new challenges for everyone. But that didn’t stop LRSD staff members from going beyond the call of duty in the 2020 and 2021 school year. Whether they were dropping off meals and school supplies to the homes of students, hosting late evening tutoring sessions, or lending a helping hand at school, no job has been too big or too small for the team of dedicated LRSD education professionals. As a result, Superintendent Mike Poore began giving a social media “shout out” to nominated certified and classified staff members. In addition to surprising each staff person by showing up unannounced to recognize him/her, Poore provides a gift certificate for the employee to enjoy lunch on him. While it is a small token for the huge impact these unheralded heroes have on students daily, it is a way to publicly thank them. Honorees as of this date include: Phillip Taber - Mabelvale Middle, Regina Young - Pulaski Heights Elementary, Kristyn Richard - Bale; Tommie Shelton - Supply Center; Cheryl Woodruff - Fulbright; Brock Wynne, Dunbar; Thao Le, Jaime Gill, Syreta Bush - Roberts; Chris Montgomery - Fair Park, Julie Robinson - Dodd, Dawna Hawkins - Otter Creek, Stacie Gatewood - Terry, Shyrletta Wilson - Meadowcliff, Jack Garvey - Central Office.

Use #CaughtDoingGood to find out more information about these outstanding employees on LRSD’s Facebook page.

Finally, the Gryphons have arrived! The 2020-21 school year ushered in a new era for LRSD with the opening of Little Rock Southwest High School, 9715 Mabelvale Pike – the first new high school built in the District in 50+ years. The grand opening was styled differently, live streamed with a limited in-person audience and a student-led virtual TikTok tour of the massive campus. With all the academic bells and whistles of a 21st century learning environment, Gryphon students and staff are ready to soar. #FollowtheGryphons @LRSouthwestLRSD

Fun Facts:
- School Capacity - 2,250
- Total Sq Ft - 410,000
- Facility - 950 Sq Ft standard classrooms with labs up to 1,500 Sq Ft for science, visual and performing arts, robotics, and drafting
- 1,200 seat auditorium with orchestra pit
- 20 plus proposed Advanced Placement courses
- Dance studios that can be converted to blackbox theater
- Studio Apartment-style CBI classrooms
LRSD continued efforts to support literacy and building foundational reading skills for elementary students through its initiative, which is now called One Rock One Book. More than 12,000 students learning in-person and virtually will receive this year’s book, *Billy Sure – Kid Entrepreneur*, and will be able to take advantage of resources thanks to this year’s donors and in-kind sponsors (listed in the graphic above). In addition to encouraging family reading, teachers hope the book will spark imaginations and inspire students’ creativity. Several activities associated with this year’s reading campaign will include research, inventions, marketing and budgeting, all embedded in the curriculum. The culminating event will again feature *Shark Tank* styled presentations with cash prizes to the winning submissions. Families are invited to post pictures of related activities to social media using the hashtag, #LRSD1Rock1Book and #BSure2Read.

The virtual ViPS Jane Mendel Reading was a huge success this year with the community donating more than 1,200 new books to elementary schools for their libraries. Students also enjoyed reading activities that included Superintendent Mike Poore and costumed volunteers appearing in classrooms and homes via Zoom and Facebook. Want to learn more about how you may donate to ViPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) or get involved, visit the ViPS page on lrsd.org.

Little Rock Central Boys Basketball team was named Co-State Champion last spring following an incredible season and the cancellation of the state tournament in a 6A game that would have pitted them against Conway. Canceling the tournament was a decision that the Arkansas Athletics Association did not make lightly, but one that prioritized the health and safety of student athletes on the heels of a pandemic.

The move by the AAA meant that any finalist, whose game was not played, would be awarded a state title. But, for the record, we were always betting on the Tigers.
Honoring National Merit Semifinalists, Commended and Principal’s Scholars

- National Merit Semifinalist, ◆ Commended Scholar, ○ Principal’s Scholar

LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

- Paavan Alturi, LR Central High
- Alex Borengasser, LR Central High (Perfect 36 ACT Score)
- Hailey Bruckman, LR Central High
- Nicole Doris, LR Central High
- Deniz Erdag, LR Central High (Perfect 36 ACT Score)
- Madeleine Gess, LR Central High
- Kathleen Jackson, LR Central High (Perfect 36 ACT Score)
- Samuel Lu, LR Central High (Perfect 36 ACT Score)
- Laila Meredith, LR Central High
- Ira Roudachevski, LR Central High

LITTLE ROCK SOUTHWEST MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

- Brianna Brotzman, LR Southwest High
- Jayla Davis, LR Southwest High
- Jorden Day, LR Southwest High
- Joseph Park, LR Central High (Perfect 36 ACT Score)
- Lily Parson, LR Central High
- Amikumar Patil, LR Central High
- Christian Peer, LR Central High
- Kendal Peyton, LR Central High
- Makayla Washington, LR Southwest High

LITTLE ROCK PARKVIEW ARTS SCIENCE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

- Lorelai Daniel, LR Parkview High
- Kaward Jolly, LR Parkview High
- Isaiah Kamanga, LR Parkview High
- Leah Kline, LR Parkview High
- Heu Pham, LR Parkview High
- Mohammad Fawad, LR Parkview High
- Clarence Roper, LR Parkview High

LITTLE ROCK HALL STEAM MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

- Maria Avalos, LR Hall High
- Samantha Bamera, LR Hall High
- Tearney Freeman, LR Hall High
- Thyra Phillips, LR Hall High
- Lytqal Williams, LR Hall High
Top scholars Honored at Academic Signing Day

The Little Rock School District, in partnership with the Public Education Foundation, honored students representing all five LRSD high schools at the 16th annual Academic Signing Day.

Class of 2020 honorees were accepted at prestigious higher education institutions throughout the country, including: Baylor University, Belmont University, Brandeis University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Emory University, Grinnell College, Harvard University, Rhodes College, Stanford University, Tulane University, United States Air Force Academy, University of California, University of Southern California, Vanderbilt University, and Yale University, to name a few.

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 2020 Class For Academic Signing Day
The Little Rock School District (LRSD) is required to prepare an Annual Report for presentation to the community. The 2019-20 report highlights progress and achievements, provides a summary of planned improvements and resources, and shares information about LRSD's pivot to a virtual delivery at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020. When Governor Asa Hutchinson announced that Arkansas schools would be closed in March 2020, the District quickly navigated an unprecedented educational landscape to support students and staff, addressing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and technological needs, in addition to adjusting from an in-person to a virtual instructional approach. LRSD's Child Nutrition team also moblized to work with multiple agencies to ensure that no students would go without meals during the remainder of the 2019-20 school year and over the summer.

Partners in this effort, which would eventually prepare, pack and distribute more than 680,000 meals to area families included: the City of Little Rock, Clinton Center, World Central Kitchens, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, Central Arkansas Library System (CALS) and Rock Region Metro. This report also pays tribute to the LRSD teachers and other school staff who, in conjunction with community members, worked tirelessly to provide students with academic, social, and emotional support.

LRSD remains committed to meeting the needs of each student. From rigorous academic engagement for those identified as gifted and talented, to support for those facing learning, speech or physical challenges, LRSD offers unique, comprehensive educational approaches for pre-K to 12th grade students.

The District takes pride in its highly qualified teachers—nearly half of all classroom teachers have a masters or doctoral degree, and 155 have National Board Certification—among the most in the state. LRSD continues to operate the state’s only K-8 STEM campus, eight magnet schools and a uniquely focused language and literacy elementary academy, and last year, expanded LR West High School of Innovation, adding a 10th grade class. Subsequent grades will be added each year for a 9-12 delivery. LR Half STEAM Academy was also introduced, enhancing its focus on science and engineering academies under the Academies of Central Arkansas (Ford NGi) umbrellas.

LRSD is the state’s largest provider of public preschool programs with certified teachers in every class. The District’s 1,700 pre-K students continued to outperform students who did not use LRSD’s pre-K program in every skill area.

High school college preparatory programs, including pre-AP, AP, concurrent credit opportunities with local universities; and the District’s Excel program, provide multiple options for families. These programs allow students to align their educational experience with their interests, preparing them for college and career, and equipping them to meet the challenges of a global society. LRSD consistently places among the top tier of state schools with National Merit Seminarians, as well as Commended, National Hispanic, and AP Scholars.

LRSD is proud of its highly accomplished students and the community partnerships that enhance their educational experiences. Students will continue taking their learning to the next level at the newly constructed career-academy-focused Little Rock Southwest High School. LRSD finished its final year of state oversight following an initial “Academically Distressed” designation for 6 of 48 schools in 2015. The Academically Distressed designation was dissolved due to new legislation removing the remaining schools. Under the legislation, the District was classified in “Level 5 – in need of intensive support” as a result of eight newly identified schools.

To better determine areas of needed support for those schools and to provide resources that include best practices for all LRSD campuses, the District has worked in collaboration with the Arkansas Department of Education to provide additional assistance and developed the District’s Level 5 Exit Plan to guide each elementary, middle, and high school with a roadmap that identifies and organizes strategies and resources that will lead to student success. Each school’s School Improvement Plan (SIP) highlights three main goals for improvement, with one of the goals being academic improvements. The District also created a District Support Plan (DSP) to facilitate implementation of each school’s SIP and to specifically address deficits in academic achievement. The District ensured that the school’s SIPs and the District’s DSP aligned with the District’s Level 5 Exit Plan. The Level 5 Exit reflects criteria/goals that the District must implement/achieve to assure the DESE, the State Board, and the community that LRSD is poised for the present and future academic success of its students. The approach taken in this Exit Plan continues to focus on developing coherence within and among schools so that together teachers and administrators establish a new baseline understanding of high-quality instructional approaches and curriculum expectations. This Exit Plan and artifacts will be made public on the Little Rock School District Website. The Exit Plan includes the following criteria:

- Collaborative teams regularly interact to address common issues regarding curriculum, assessment, instruction, and the achievement of all students.
- The school provides teachers with clear, ongoing evaluations of their pedagogical strengths and weaknesses that are based on multiple sources of data and are consistent with student achievement data.
- The school literacy curriculum and accompanying assessments adhere to state and district standards.
- The school manages its fiscal, operational, and technological resources in a way that directly support teachers to provide a safe, supportive and collaborative culture and increase student achievement.

The administration continued its stakeholder engagement efforts integrating interactive social media outreach and public forums. These efforts will continue in the 2020-21 school year. Over the past three years, LRSD has reduced its budget, while implementing proven reforms that include improving systems, hiring and retaining excellent teachers, and making academic gains. A Second Lien loan has allowed the District to improve facilities while addressing some of LRSD’s most urgent physical plant needs. The District continues to seek financial efficiencies in order to maintain a focus on strong academic achievement and fiscal stability.

The LRSD community is currently represented by a seven-member, state-appointed Community Advisory Board which succeeded the Civic Advisory Committee at the end of the 2015-16 school year. Arkansas Department of Education Secretary Johnny Key serves as the District’s Board of Directors. Starting in 2021, the newly elected, nine-member LRSD School Board will represent the community’s interests.

LRSD reaffirms its commitment to collaboration with its multiple stakeholder groups and will continue to proactively address student achievement, teacher/leader quality, parental involvement, community engagement, and financial stability. The District maintains its mission is to provide students with equitable access to educational opportunities, equipping them with what they need to succeed.

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### LRSD MEALS – March-July
Over 280,000 meals served to LRSD students

### COMMUNITY PARTNER MEALS - July-August
Over 680,000 meals served to area students

**Enrollment by Ethnicity**

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**Hunger Relief Alliance, Central Arkansas Library System (CALS) and Rock Region Metro.**
2019-2020 School Improvement Designations

Twenty-two (22) schools were classified as In Need of Support and Improvement schools. LRSD identified as a Level 5 district. Needs Support and Improvement schools had a lower Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) School Index score overall or for a specific subgroup. A high school will be “In Need of Support and Improvement” if it does not meet the graduation rate target.

Fourteen (14) schools were identified as In Need of Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) or Additional Targeted Support (ATS) schools. Schools are identified as in need of TSI based on their classification as a Title I school and their ESSA School Index score for any subgroup falling below an established 1% cut score for three consecutive years. Schools are identified as in need of ATS when a subgroup is also performing below the 5% cut score. Eight (8) schools were classified as In Need of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools. Two (2) of these schools have since closed and one (1) was reconstituted. CSI schools include 5% of Title I schools with the lowest ESSA School Index score over a three year period.

2019-2020 School Year Accreditation Status: All 42 schools fully accredited

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 1,432 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 340 awards with the following designations: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction, and National AP Scholar. Twenty-three students received an AP Capstone Diploma, and three 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. 13 LRSD students were named National Merit Semifinalists.
PROGRESS TOWARDS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GOALS

RANKINGS (BASED ON 2019):

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

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US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKINGS

Best High Schools in Arkansas

| #22 of 269 | Parkview Magnet High School |
| #18 of 269 | Central High School |

Best High Schools in Arkansas Metro Area

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

Schools Exceeding Overall Growth Expectations (based on 2019 ESSA Overall VAS)

BASELINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CHICOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DAVID O. DODD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DON ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FOREST HEIGHTS STEM ACADEMY
FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FULBRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GIBBS MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HALL HIGH SCHOOL
JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MANN MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL
MCDERMOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OTTER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARKVIEW MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL
PULASKI HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL
PULASKI HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ROCKEFELLER INCENTIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WESTERN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WILLIAMS MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Schools Exceeding Math Growth Expectations (based on 2019 ACT Aspire)

DON ROBERTS ELEMENTARY
FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY
FOREST HEIGHTS STEM ACADEMY
FULBRIGHT ELEMENTARY
GIBBS ELEMENTARY
JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY
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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
Monday, February 8
after school—3 hours
(school in session)

PARENT CONFERENCE DAY 2
STUDENTS OUT
Tuesday, February 9
after school—3 hours
(school in session)

ARTISTRY IN THE ROCK
Monday, March 15 - Wednesday, March 17,
9am-2pm
Thursday, March 18, 9am-2pm and 6pm-8:30pm

VIPS – AN EVENING FOR THE STARS
Tuesday, April 20 - 5:30-7:30 pm

AP EXAMS
Monday, May 3 - Friday, May 7, and
Monday, May 10 - Friday, May 14

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
Monday, May 3 - Friday, May 7

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

GRADUATION
LR Hall - Tue, May 25 • 6:00pm (Simmons Bank Arena)
LR Parkview - Tue, May 25 • 8:30pm (Simmons Bank Arena)
LR Southwest - Wed, May 26 • 6:00pm (Simmons Bank Arena)
LR Central - Thu, May 27 • 6:00pm (Simmons Bank Arena)

2019-2020 REVENUE & EXPENSES

REVENUE

Local/County ........................................ $165,212,019
State .................................................... $90,300,523
Federal Grants .................................... $28,987,150
Other .................................................. $20,022,348
Total Revenue .................................... $304,522,040

Tax Rate (Mills) ........................................ 46.4

EXPENSES

Student Instruction ............................... $215,191,522
Instructional Support ........................... $19,304,916
Transportation .................................. $11,915,838
Support—Facilities ............................. $73,777,299
Debt Service .......................... $20,022,348
Total Expenses .................................. $340,211,923

Expense Per Pupil ................................ $15,966

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

Total Volunteer Hours ............................ 969,975
Equivalent in Dollars ....................... $24,666,483
Total Number of Partners in Education (PIE) ....280