2020-2021 COMMUNITY REPORT
LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Building STRONG SCHOOLS and Even STRONGER COMMUNITIES
Message from Superintendent Mike Poore

Dear LRSD Family,

We have a phrase we utilize in LRSD that I am very fond of, “The Power of Us.” This simple phrase has grown in its impact over the years as more and more of the LRSD family steps up to collaborate, engage, and support the students of this school district. This past year was some kind of challenge, but it was also some kind of year in accomplishments.

The year really began with our newly elected school board coming together to govern this school district. This is in many ways a thankless job, no remuneration and very little formal gratitude comes to any school board member. I hope you will all help me honor this group of nine. They had some simple, yet challenging goals as they sat in their seats. Get us local control back, pass the ballot issues for two new schools and much needed capital improvements across LRSD. While the Board sets policy that governs the District, Superintendent Mike Poore implements the Board’s vision, making day-to-day decisions about educational programs, spending, staff, and facilities. Poore, who was named 2021 Arkansas Superintendent of the Year, is now in his sixth year at the helm of LRSD. He continues to work tirelessly to build bridges between the District and community.

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.

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The Little Rock School District (LRSD) Board of Education is comprised of nine members, elected in December 2020. Six months after taking office – July 2021 - the Board joined administration, staff, students, and parents in welcoming the return of local control to LRSD. The District was released from Level 5 Intensive Support and the “guardrails” that the state had placed on the Board were removed. These significant developments boosted stakeholder confidence, so much so that in November 2021, voters approved a millage extension that will infuse $300 million into the District for two new schools and much needed capital improvements across LRSD.

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 which are received via Zoom while meetings are still offered virtually.

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Public Comments: www.LRSD.org/lrsdpubliccomments

If we look at these targets, this District and this Board have done a great job! This past Summer, LRSD fully regained local control. This fall, we saw raises and a successful ballot issue approved! We can all be proud of how LRSD has handled the pandemic, as our school district is very rarely in the top 10 regarding COVID cases - even though we are the second largest school district in the state. Another important target is all about students. The Board, our staff, our parents and our community all want to see young people get a year’s worth of growth academically and we want each young person to be a confident, aware, and caring individual.

This last target is a work in progress. We aren’t there, but I believe this community can step up to make this a reality. Every student means every student and we have the talent and community support to achieve one year’s worth of growth for any child in LRSD. We also have the passion and will to make sure each child is cared for and that he/she feels supported by adults. As you read this community report, it should be clear what our targets are for the future, and we hope all view this report with a lens that leads to a mindset of “how can I help?”

We have much to be proud of in LRSD! We made it through one of the most challenging and unprecedented years in the history of our school system and our city. We did this from the perspective and approach of “The Power of Us.” Let’s not stop, let’s keep caring, let’s keep collaborating, and let’s keep the focus on kids. I hope all enjoy this report and I challenge you to share it with someone else.

Sincerely,

Michael Alan Poore
LRSD Superintendent
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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, Credentialled 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

LRSD Gains a New Ally in Promoting Feet to the Seat Campaign

September was “Attendance Awareness Month” and LRSD launched its annual “Feet to the Seat”- Chronic Absenteeism Campaign, engaging some homegrown star power to help promote school attendance. The kick-off for the annual event to combat chronic absenteeism was held in October, at J.A. Fair K-8 Preparatory Academy, and the District enlisted the support of NBA star and Hall alum Bobby Portis, to help with motivational video messaging.

Many parents and students don’t realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. If children don’t show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers. A national study also found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

This year’s campaign also features several strategies to combat absenteeism and promote awareness about the importance of regular school attendance, including a webpage www.LRSD.org/feet-to-the-seat with teacher/parent resources, as well as a social media/video contest for students.

“Having a campaign that creates awareness and encourages regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways we can help prepare our students for success,” said LRSD Superintendent Mike Poore.

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

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

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Bobby Portis, LRSD Graduate
Finding Your Student’s Fit in Digital Learning

LRSD’s newest educational offering, Ignite Digital Academy, is a K-12 model that reaches students where they are, allowing for student voice and choice. Thanks to innovative curriculum, technology, instruction and support, students enrolled in Ignite have flexible learning options and enriching learning experiences.

Ignite was developed in response to the need to provide virtual instruction as an option for families with the District creating K-6th, and 7-12th grade academies.

Ignite teachers provide instruction through live-streaming and pre-designed digital coursework and computer-based platforms. Students attend school online and work with LRSD teachers to complete learning activities, both teacher-guided and independently, that hold the same standards, concepts/skill, and mastery requirements as students in a traditional classroom.

Additionally, students attending Ignite are also allowed to participate in and attend extracurricular activities.

Want to learn more? See: www.LRSD.org/Ignite

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Get Connected – Stay Connected

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.

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 Excited to Introduce New School-Based Health Clinics

Wellness remains a priority for LRSD and thanks to partnerships with the medical community, students and families have convenient new healthcare options at multiple school sites. The first such service was introduced through Future Smiles Dental Clinic at Wakefield Elementary. Joining Wakefield, the Stephens School-Based Health Clinic became the second medical site for students, followed by the Chicot Health Clinic. Now, complementing LRSD’s growing fleet of medical services, an on-site vision clinic at Chicot, and the new ARCare Telehealth Clinic at Washington Elementary.

Three of the clinics are housed at three of LRSD’s four community schools and address many of the needs of students and families. The clinics offer basic, preventative care, helping students stay at school and parents stay at work.
Career Academies and Pathways

In 2019, LRSD launched its partnership with the three Pulaski County school districts to transform the high school experience through career interest-themed academies under the umbrella “Academies of Central Arkansas.”

Having completed the master planning stage of the transformation, LRSD and the participating districts were officially designated as Ford Next Generation Learning Districts in October and now add to a growing network of over 40 communities across the globe. Ford NGF provides a model for the academies and is a collaborative community-driven approach that infuses high expectations and academic rigor with real-world relevance and Career and Technical Education (CTE).

During the 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.

Academies Selection + Pathway

In Freshman Seminar, students explore careers and personal strengths and interests, and participate in a Career Exposure Fair. They will also explore the specific academies and pathways offered at LRSD.

- Join Freshman Academy (small learning community)
- Take Freshman Seminar Course
- Attend Career Fair Event
- Select an Academy and Pathway

- Enter selected Academy
- Take Level 1 Course(s) in Pathway
- Have one opportunity to reevaluate and adjust Academy & Pathway selection

- Continue in selected Academy
- Take Level 2 Course(s) in Pathway

- Continue in selected Academy
- Take Level 3 Course(s) in Pathway
- Complete a Senior CAPSTONE

All students must complete at least six units in an approved Career Focus Program for graduation. Units earned in pathway courses count toward the six required units.

Portraits 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

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

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

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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High school students in the western part of the city will also have an expanded option with a new full-size campus for Little Rock West High School of Innovation. Meetings are now underway to determine next steps for planning and designing a new school building and athletic facilities that will serve 1,200 students in grades 9-12, to be built on the site of the current West High School of Innovation campus. Due to its current building limitations, LR West High School currently serves 250 students in grades 9-11, and will serve around 400 students with the addition of 12th grade in the 22/23 school year.

Those attending LR West have the opportunity to experience personalized learning through Project-Based Learning (PBL) assessments and activities. Students have a voice and choice in many of their classes in how they demonstrate their mastery of content. This type of learning works well with the career pathways from which LR West High School of Innovation students may choose, including Central Arkansas’ only Plant and Animal Systems pathways offered at a public high school. West students also have many Advanced Placement (AP) class options, with a plan to incorporate concurrent credit courses for college credit in the near future, as well.

Meeting all students’ needs is at the heart of Little Rock West High School of Innovation, with students having a college and career coach from ninth grade to graduation, helping them make educational decisions for high school that will serve them well beyond graduation. Students also have on-site success coaches available to them when needed. Plus, they have advisory time built into their schedules every day that they can utilize for interventions, study time, or to simply meet with a teacher for guidance.

LR West is excited to grow its student, parent, and staff population, and looks forward to adding athletics and other extracurricular opportunities for students with the expansion of its campus! In the coming weeks, students, parents and staff connected to LR West will be invited to provide input on the design and construction of their new school.
Now in its sixth year, LRSD’s elementary reading initiative, One Rock One Book, focuses on building strong literacy foundations for students. Several partners are making it possible for each student, in person and virtual, to receive a copy of “Lunch Money”, by Andrew Clements. The goal is to promote students’ love and mastery of reading by third grade, and to encourage family engagement that focuses on literacy. This year’s campaign will include several activities and contests.

The kick-off for the 2021-22 One Rock One Book event is March 18, with culminating activities on May 6. Parents should expect to hear from their child’s school leading up to the kick-off. Families are invited to share pictures of related activities on social media, using the hashtag #LRSD1Rock1Book.

Advocacy and support for literacy continues to grow at LRSD. Arkansas Business Publishing Group owner and president Mitch Bettis recently approached the District administrative team about exploring ways the community may better serve students and increase strategies to improve reading levels for students by third grade.

That meeting resulted in a Literacy Think Tank in September, attended by representatives from organizations with literacy as their focus. The Think Tank included a brainstorming session, ending with the idea of creating literacy centers for parents/students to access during non-school hours. The literacy center idea is still in development stage and will eventually include gathering groups of parents and other stakeholders for their input.

The centers would be designed to enhance LRSD’s ongoing literacy efforts – the District began using curricular resources three years ago that support the Science of Reading and developing a culture of reading.

Heggerty is used in K-2 to build phonological awareness. Fundations is taught in K-3 to build foundational skills (phonics, vocabulary, fluency, high frequency word study, and handwriting).

Wit and Wisdom (K-5) is a knowledge-building curriculum that develops language comprehension and writing through complex texts on high interest topics with the long-term aim of improved achievement in literacy for all students.

How can parents help? Reading aloud to children is said to be the single most beneficial activity to support literacy development. Great titles for students at each grade may be found by visiting www.LRSD.org/Literacy. These books are not required but will definitely promote the love of family reading, and may be found at the local library, bookstores, and online.
Historic Year – Honoring 2021
National Merit Semifinalists, Commended and Principal’s Scholars

- Record 30 National Merit Semifinalist (most in LRSD’s History), Commended Scholar, Principal’s Scholar

LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

- Zare Alsebai, LR Central High
- Haarika Ayyadevara, LR Central High
- Andrew Baker, LR Central High
- Imani Carpenter, LR Central High
- Alden Clark, LR Central High
- Jacob Colker-Tension, LR Central High
- Madeline Crisp, LR Central High
- Tess Enemark, LR Central High
- Axel Estrada, LR Central High
- Juan Estrella, LR Central High
- Allison Farrar, LR Central High
- Nathan Fendley, LR Central High
- Jack Forrest, LR Central High
- Allison Gadberry, LR Central High
- Aryan Gadd, LR Central High
- Yashwanth Gokaranakonda, LR Central High
- Amanda He, LR Central High
- Avery Horton, LR Central High
- Thomas Hout, LR Central High
- Joanne Huh, LR Central High
- Rishik Kanchanapally, LR Central High
- Fardeen Kawsar, LR Central High
- Nathan Fendley, LR Central High
- Daniel Li, LR Central High
- Jack Forrest, LR Central High
- Allison Gadberry, LR Central High
- Aryan Gadd, LR Central High
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- Amanda He, LR Central High
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- Thomas Hout, LR Central High
- Joanne Huh, LR Central High
- Rishik Kanchanapally, LR Central High
- Fardeen Kawsar, LR Central High

LITTLE ROCK PARKVIEW ARTS SCIENCE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

- Yesenia Davila, LR Parkview High
- Tyes Diaz, LR Parkview High
- Miki Leonard, LR Parkview High
- Dylan Patel, LR Parkview High
- Jaime Perez, LR Parkview High
- Anna Reynolds, LR Parkview High

LITTLE ROCK SOUTHWEST MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

- Emily Gonzalez-Baltazar, LR Southwest High
- Miguel Little, LR Southwest High
- Antonia McElvy, LR Southwest High
- Jennifer Ramirez, LR Southwest High
- Denisse Vega, LR Southwest High

LITTLE ROCK HALL STEAM MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

- Jasmine Brito, LR Hall High
- Jordan Gillam, LR Hall High
- Marvin Martinez, LR Hall High
- Abraham Ramirez, LR Hall High
- Ashley Ramirez, LR Hall High
Elementary School Teachers of the Year

Jenny Wilbon
Baseline

Tera Cheni Phillips
Forest Heights STEM Academy (K-5)

Ingrid-Michelle Graves
Forest Park

Allison Stafford
Fulbright

Mitzi Nicks
Geyer Springs ECC

Blair Ray
Gibbs Magnet

Jennifer Beranek
Jefferson

Kia Ervin
M.L. King

Misti Hess
Mabelvale Elem.

Karyn Keymer Wortsman
McDermott

Nyree D. Williams
Meadowcliff

Sandra Courtois-Lawrence
Otter Creek

Joanna Miller
Pulaski Heights Elem.

Ola Mae Perry
Roberts

Renata Marie Sanders
Rockefeller Elem. and ECC

Stephanie Copes
Romine

Sandra H. Young
Stephens

Daisey L. Nowlin
Bale

Mariah B. H. Reesscano
Booker Arts Magnet

Tamra Wiley
Brady

Stephanie Crowell
Cervey Magnet

Joany Lowry
Chicot

Kimberly A. Johnson
David O’Dodd

Kristen Z. Brizzolara
Fair Park ECC

Sandra Courtois-Lawrence
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Romine

Sandra H. Young
Stephens

Middle School Teachers of the Year

Jenny Wilbon
Tony

Kelly Burrus
Wakefield

Sabreen Al-Uqdah
Washington

Anthony Lee Goods
Watson

Amy Lee Kennedy
Western Hills

Charis A. Murphy
Williams Magnet

LaKeitha C. Austin
Cloverdale

Veronica Jarrett
Cloverdale

Shakelia L. Jackson
Dunbar

Bonnta A. Rowe
Dunbar

Aaron Harris
Forest Heights STEM Academy (6-8)

Brandon K. Randle Sr.
Forest Heights STEM Academy (6-8)

Mythetta C. Gray
Henderson

Sharon Denise Johnson
Henderson

Kelan Watson
Mabelvale

Yolanda Watson
Mabelvale

Yvonne R. Hogue
Mann Arts & Science Magnet

RaeAnn Stephnane Wood
Mann Arts & Science Magnet

Dariane LyJo Mull
Pinnacle View

Michelle Whatley
Pinnacle View

Adrian Monique Booker
Pulaski Heights

Edna McEwen
Pulaski Heights

High School Teachers of the Year

Suzette Cox
Accelerated Learning Center

Helen Gaddy
LR Central

Colton Gilbert
LR Central

Patrick Foley
LR Central

Candace H. Chappell
LR Hall STEAM Magnet

Chad G. McKeough
LR Hall STEAM Magnet

Christy Michelle Ritchie
LR Hall STEAM Magnet

Dr. Marie Boone
LR Southwest

Brooke L. Griffen
LR Southwest

Roger Robinson
LR Southwest

Toyoshima Ashley Gray
Metropolitan Career-Technical Center

Debra Caldwell
LR West High School of Innovation

Lisa Drannon
LR West High School of Innovation

Crystal L. Parillon
LR West High School of Innovation

Dennis Show
Parkview Arts and Science Magnet

Matt TerAvest
Parkview Arts and Science Magnet

Neitasha Tims
Parkview Arts and Science Magnet
LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021
Crystal Awards
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

COLTON GILBERT
2021 LRSD
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

KELLY BURRUS
2021 LRSD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

DARIANE LYJOI MULL
2021 LRSD
MIDDLE SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

MATT TERAVEST
2021 LRSD
HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Classified Employees of the Year

Frank Howard
LRSD Transportation Employee of the Year

Maurice Phelps
LRSD Custodian of the Year

Michael Ellis
Maintenance & Operations Employee of the Year

Barbara Surratt
LRSD Child Nutrition Employee of the Year

Chris Carrigan
LRSD Paraprofessional of the Year

Patricia Brown
LRSD Health Employee of the Year

Ada Ratliffe-Butler
LRSD Secretarial and General Support Staff of the Year

Zach Heaton
LRSD Safety and Security Officer of the Year

James Jackson
2021 First Student Driver of the Year

Kenya Richardson-Wilbert
2021 First Student Driver of the Year

PATRICIA BROWN
2021 LRSD CLASSIFIED
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
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 2021 honorees were accepted at higher education institutions throughout the country, including: Arkansas State University, Arkansas Tech University, Barnard College of Columbia University in the City of New York, Baylor University, Brigham Young University, Florida State University, Hendrix College, Howard University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Lindenwood University, Ohio State University, Ouachita Baptist University, Philander Smith College, Princeton University, Reed College, Sewanee - The University of the South, Swarthmore College, Tulane University, University of Alabama at Huntsville, University of Arkansas - Fayetteville, University of Arkansas - Little Rock, University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff, University of Central Arkansas, University of Denver, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, University of Southern California, University of Texas - Dallas, Vanderbilt University, Vassar College, Wake Forest University, and Washington College.

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 District and teams use the Johns Hopkins University National Network of Partnership Schools’ (NNPS) School, Family and Community Partnerships’ six types of involvement and other evidence-based models to assist in increasing parent engagement and student achievement: (1) Communication, (2) Parenting, (3) Student Learning, (4) Volunteering, (5) Decision-Making, and (6) Community Collaboration. By the way, LRSD was recognized by NNPS with the 2021 District Partnership Award for excellent district leadership on school, family, and community partnerships.

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) program serves as a major connection between home and school. Statistics show students perform better academically when parents are involved in their education. Contact your child’s school for more information.

The Volunteers in Public Schools (ViPS) program involves parents and other stakeholders in the education of children. Volunteers serve as tutors, mentors, classroom speakers, classroom helpers and in many other capacities. If you are interested in volunteering time or resources, please call 447-ViPS (447-8477) or visit www.LRSD.org/ViPS.

Partners in Education (PIE) brings businesses and schools together to support education. Businesses, large and small, are invited to participate. Business partners recruit employees as volunteers, make in-kind donations and/or contribute funds to help meet a school’s needs. For more information: 447-ViPS (447-8477) or visit www.LRSD.org/partners.

To become more involved in your child’s education, consider volunteering:

LRPTA information: www.LRSD.org/PTA
LR Volunteers in Public Service information: www.LRSD.org/ViPS

www.LRSD.org/SeeWhyLRSD
2020-2021 School Year Accreditation Status: All 42 schools fully accredited

School Improvement Designations

Nineteen (19) schools were classified as In Need of Support and Improvement schools. LRSD identified as a Level 4 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. Five (5) schools were classified as In Need of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools. CSI schools include 5% of Title I schools with the lowest ESSA School Index score over a three year period.

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 1,221 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 270 scholars receiving 296 awards with the following designations: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, and AP Scholar with Distinction. Twenty-two students received an AP Capstone Diploma, and four 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 141 semi-finalist. Of those, LRSD had the most students with 29 students named National Merit Semifinalists.
2021 RANKINGS:

**Top 5% of Schools in Arkansas with High Student Performance (based on ACT Aspire)**

- Don Roberts Elementary
- Forest Park Elementary
- Jefferson Elementary

**Top 5% of Schools in Arkansas with Most Growth (based on ACT Aspire)**

- Forest Park Elementary

**Top 6%-10% of Schools in Arkansas with Most Growth (based on ACT Aspire)**

- Don Roberts Elementary

**BEST HIGH SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS**

- #14 of 271 Parkview Magnet High School
- #15 of 271 Central High School

**BEST HIGH SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS METRO AREA**

- #5 of 44 Parkview Magnet High School
- #6 of 44 Central High School

**ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY**

- Black: 60.02%
- White: 19.62%
- Hispanic or Latino: 15.90%
- Asian: 3.11%
- Native American: .47%
- Alaskan Native: .47%
- Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: .11%
- Two or More Races: .78%
- Enrollment by Ethnicity: 100%
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 17
after school—3 hours
(school in session)

PARENT CONFERENCE DAY 2
STUDENTS OUT
Tuesday, February 18
8:00-12:00 Elementary • 9:00-1:00 Secondary
(students out)

ARTISTRY IN THE ROCK
Monday, March 14 - Wednesday, March 16,
9am-2pm
Thursday, March 17, 9am-2pm and
6pm-8:30pm

VIPS – AN EVENING FOR THE STARS
Tuesday, April 19 - 5:30-7:30 pm

AP EXAMS
Monday, May 2 - Friday, May 6, and
Monday, May 9 - Friday, May 13

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
Monday, May 2 - Friday, May 6

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 24-25:
Visit www.LRSD.org for school specific graduation information

2020-2021 REVENUE & EXPENSES

REVENUE
Local/County........................................$164,740,755
State........................................................$83,272,303
Federal Grants...........................................$51,437,261
Other.....................................................$21,455,206
Total Revenue......................................$320,905,525

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

EXPENSES
Student Instruction...............................$225,103,634
Instructional Support.............................$18,980,548
Transportation.........................................$11,817,485
Facilities................................................$45,851,749
Debt Service............................................$21,455,206
Total Expenses..................................$323,208,622

Expense Per Pupil......................................$15,766

Average Teacher Salary.........................$61,845
First Year Teacher Salary.........................$36,000

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

Total Volunteer Hours..............................466,042
Equivalent in Dollars.............................$13,300,845
Total Number of Partners in Education (PIE) .... 243