In the Spring of 2015, the Arkansas Department of Education released new letter grade designations for all Arkansas public schools using data available to the public. The 2014 letter grades are based on testing data from the 2013-2014 school year.

**A** Schools:
- Carver Magnet Elementary
- Don Roberts Elementary
- Forest Park Elementary
- Terry Elementary School

**B** Schools:
- Brady Elementary
- Central High School
- Gibbs Magnet Elementary
- Jefferson Elementary
- Parkview Arts & Science Magnet High School
- Williams Magnet Elementary

**C** Schools:
- Bale Elementary
- David O'Dodd Elementary
- Franklin Elementary

**D** Schools:
- Don Wilson Elementary
- Mabelvale Elementary
- McClennan High School
- Otter Creek Elementary
- Pulaski Heights Elementary
- Wickliffe Elementary
- Wilson Elementary


**Districts** from the seven Little Rock School District zones, two philanthropic organizations and two students and two teachers from each of the six LRSD schools with academic distress designations. ADE Commissioner Johnny Key serves as the board for LRSD.

In addition to emphasizing a strong focus on academic achievement, LRSD must align its income with spending. The district has a strong tax base - a substantial millage rate of 46.4 mills - and receives state funding under a matrix which provides levels of funding for various positions based on enrollment. The district must align spending to this matrix and must cut approximately $40 million in spending. This will result in a much leaner district that functions more efficiently.

All LRSD schools are fully accredited with the exception of 13 schools that are accredited-cited because they have one or more teachers on an additional licensure plan. The teachers have two years to complete the plan.

The district reaffirms its commitment to students by creating and supporting an educational culture and climate where each school and student can be successful. To accomplish this goal, LRSD must continue to proactively address student achievement, teacher/leader quality, parental involvement, community engagement and financial stability.

**A Few of the 2014-2015 Highlights**
- 18 students from Little Rock Central High were named National Merit Semifinalists.
- Dominique Scott, Parkview Magnet High, won the “James Street Award” for sportsmanship during the 2014-2015 school year.
- LRSD’s CFO, Kelsey Bailey, was honored by Arv. Publishing Group as a CFO of the Year.
- 4 teams from Dunbar Magnet Middle took top honors at the Arkansas Destination Imagination Northern Regional Tournament.
- The Mabelvale Middle School Choir was chosen to perform at the historic Carnegie Hall in NYC.
- Don Roberts Elementary was named a top 25 school based on the 5th grade Science Benchmark Exam (rank 14).
- Top 5 school in Central Arkansas (rank 2) for 2014-215 exam scores.

**Top 20 Most Improved Schools in Arkansas**
(Base on performance on benchmark or end-of-course exams for 2013-2014)

**Top 5 Most Improved Schools in Central Ark.**
(Base on performance on end of course exams for 2013-2014)

**Top 10 “Beating the Odds” Schools in Ark.**
(Base on performance on benchmark or end-of-course exams for 2013-2014)

**Central Office Support for Priority & Focus Schools**
- Creating quality pre/post – tests (common formative assessments)
- Focusing on disciplinary literacy
- Conducting classroom observations with reflective feedback
- Providing technical assistance/support