

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT



2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT

DISTRICT PROFILE



Dr. Linda Watson Interim Superintendent

The Board of Directors has given me the opportunity to serve as the Interim Superintendent of the Little Rock School District. I assure you that enhancing student learning will continue to be our top priority.

During my tenure, we will work hard to accelerate student learning in the district resulting in improved academic achievement for all of our students. Our goal for the 2007-2008 school year is to implement initiatives which focus on instructional strategies that provide opportunities for every student to make at least one year of academic progress.

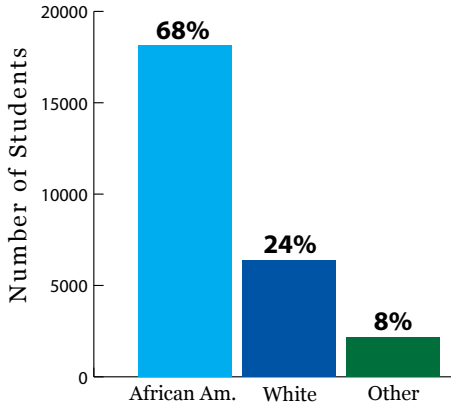
The LRSD is also committed to remaining on solid financial ground. All of our schools are fully accredited according to Arkansas state standards and our teachers are also highly qualified.

We are forming community partnerships in an effort to work collaboratively to accelerate student achievement. With all of us working together, we can positively affect our students' lives.



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2006-2007 Student Enrollment: 26,691

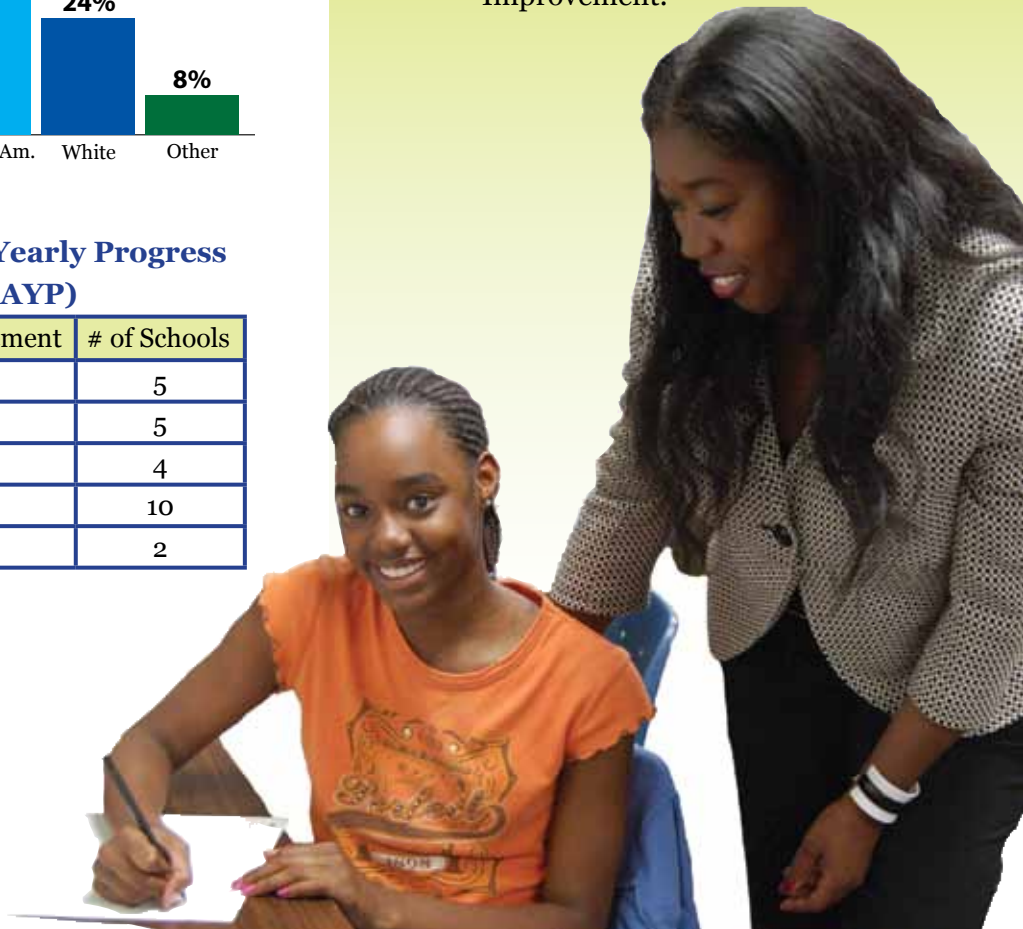


Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

School Improvement	# of Schools
Year One	5
Year Two	5
Year Three	4
Year Four	10
Year Five	2

Progress

Five LRSD schools on the AYP list met the required standards in 2007. If these schools meet AYP standards next year, they will be removed from School Improvement.



HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF

Staff Honors

- Kathy Williams, a mathematics teacher at Forest Heights Middle School, received the U.S. Department of Education's American Star of Teaching Award.
- Frederick Fields, principal at Cloverdale Magnet Middle School, was named Arkansas PTA Administrator of the Year.
- Kelly Keck, music teacher at Forest Park Elementary School, was named Arkansas PTA Educator of the Year.
- Johnny Johnson, athletic director, was named the Athletic Director of the Year by the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association.
- Vicki Gonterman, teacher at Gibbs Magnet Elementary School, was named the Phyllis Layton Perry Teacher of the Year by the National Council for International visitors.

2007 Teacher of the Year

Stacie Thompson from Hall High was selected as the Little Rock School District 2007 Teacher of the Year. Stacie also entered the state level competition where she was selected as one of 12 regional finalists and named the Arkansas Central Region Teacher of the Year.



HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF

More than half - 56 percent - of LRSD's 2,145 teachers have completed coursework or earned degrees beyond a bachelor's degree.

Highly Qualified Teachers

Degree + Hours	Number of Teachers
BA	935
BA +12	162
BA +24	112
M/BA +36	541
MA +15	168
MA +30	213
Doctorate	14

National Recognition

Eighty-four Little Rock School District teachers have earned National Board Certification as of December 2007.

Diane Barksdale, Principal Carver Magnet School

Diane Barksdale was one of the first four principals in Arkansas to achieve the designation of “master school principal” from the Arkansas Leadership Academy.



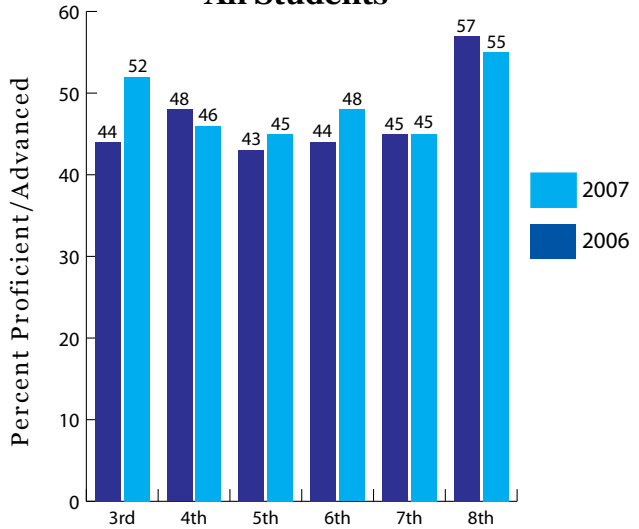
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Innovative Programs

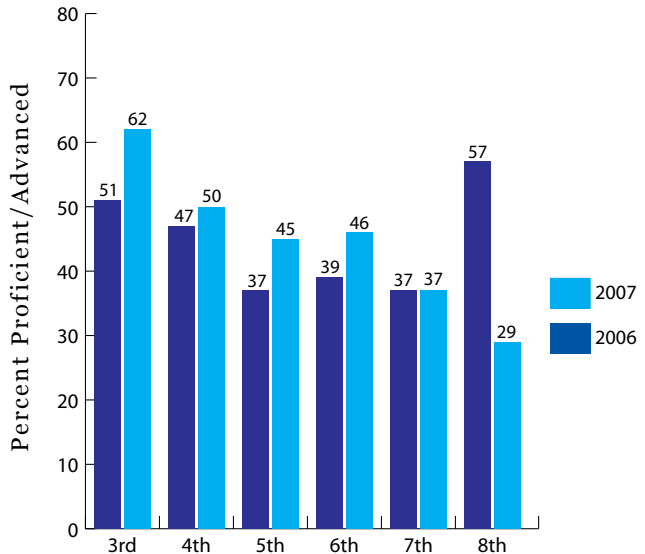
Little Rock schools are constantly seeking innovative programs to improve student achievement. Terry Elementary became the first school in the state to implement the Mind Institute's Math+Music program, a spatial/temporal reasoning program using both computer keyboards and musical keyboards to reinforce math skills.



Literacy State Benchmark All Students



Math State Benchmark All Students



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP exams taken	3,982
Exams with score of 3, 4, or 5	1,031

Students of Distinction

Sixty-seven of the district's highest academically achieving seniors were recognized on Academic Signing Day.

By the Numbers

3 students were named National Hispanic Scholars.

6 students were named Semifinalists in the 2007 National Achievement Scholarship Program.

23 students were honored as 2007 National Merit Semifinalists.

199 students were designated AP Scholars.

\$11.2 million
in scholarships
accepted by
seniors in
2007.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

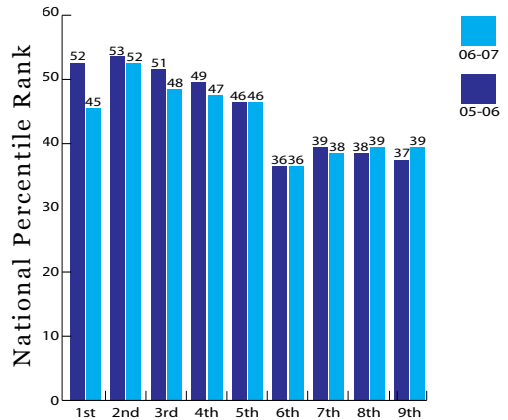
Eric Stewart Parkview High School

Parkview High School Senior Eric Stewart scored a perfect score of 36 on the ACT, a college readiness exam which tests students' knowledge in English, reading, mathematics, and science.

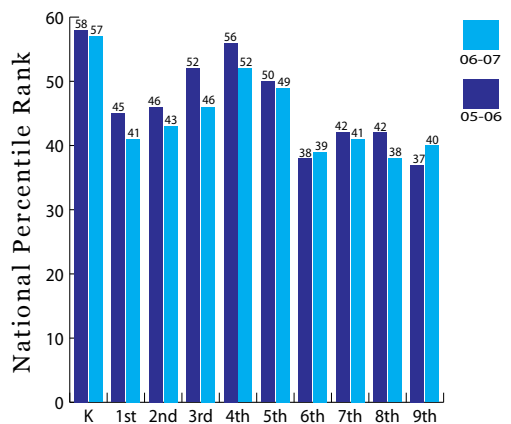
Out of the 1.2 million high school seniors in 2006 who took the test, only 216 made a perfect score.



Reading ITBS Scores



Math ITBS Scores



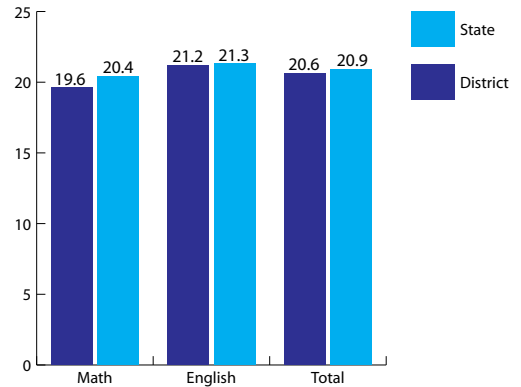
The state benchmark exams are a measure of how LRSD students meet state requirements. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills measures how LRSD students perform compared to students nationwide.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**2007 ACTAAP
(Percent scoring Proficient or Advanced)**

	African Amer.	White	Hispanic	LEP	Econ. Disad.
Grade 3					
Literacy	43%	75%	40%	45%	41%
Math	54%	84%	58%	63%	54%
Grade 4					
Literacy	36%	73%	41%	44%	35%
Math	39%	78%	52%	59%	39%
Grade 5					
Literacy	35%	73%	39%	40%	33%
Math	32%	70%	55%	49%	32%
Grade 6					
Literacy	41%	76%	33%	25%	36%
Math	37%	80%	44%	32%	35%
Grade 7					
Literacy	37%	76%	37%	30%	35%
Math	28%	72%	26%	21%	26%
Grade 8					
Literacy	49%	83%	38%	15%	44%
Math	18%	63%	23%	13%	17%

2006 ACT Scores



Competing to Learn

Pulaski Heights Middle School's Odyssey of the Mind team placed 2nd in the regional and state competitions and participated in the world competition.

	District	State
Attendance Rate	95.5%	94.3%
Dropout Rate	4.3%	3.2%
Graduation Rate	75.8%	71%

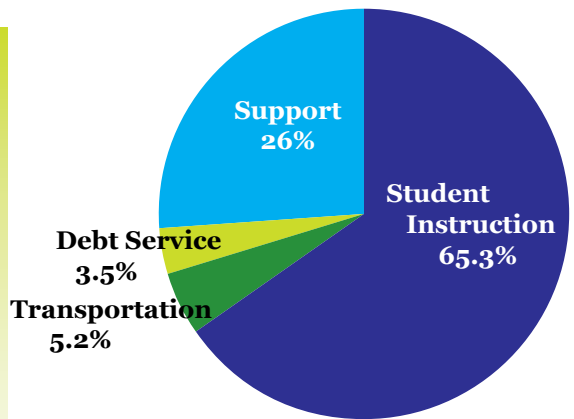


FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**2006-2007 Expenditures:
\$286,239,655**

Building for the Future

Construction on the new classroom addition at Forest Heights Middle School began in January 2007. Students started classes in their new building in December. Other construction projects include a new classroom wing at Wakefield Elementary and a pre-kindergarten addition at Chicot Primary to accommodate the high rate of growth in these neighborhoods.



Just the Facts

Tax rate approved by voters:
46.4 cents per one thousand dollars
of assessed value

Average teacher salary:
\$51,954

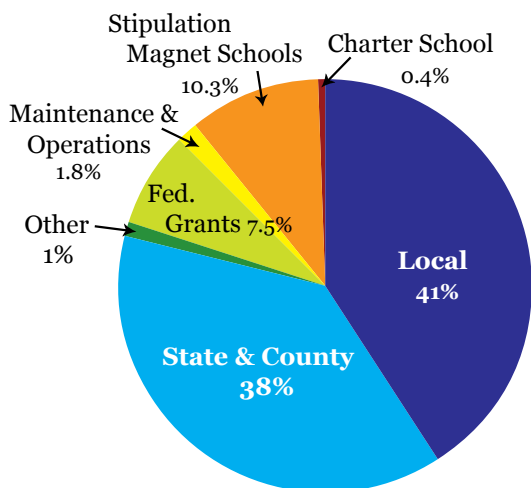
Free/reduced meals served:
61%

Miles buses travel in a year:
6 million



FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2006-2007 Revenue:
\$288,308,186



Hybrid Electric Bus

The Little Rock School District purchased one of only 19 hybrid electric plug-in buses in the U.S. Two grants contributed to approximately half the price of the bus, making it no more expensive for the district than a traditional bus. However, the savings to the environment is an investment in the future of our students.



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