

## 2023 Accountability Results

Public School Ratings & Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) School Index



# State Accountability

The purpose of the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability System is to ensure all children have access to opportunities for a high-quality education and to make progress in closing long-standing achievement gaps.

What does State Accountability mean for schools and districts?

- **Public School Ratings (A-F)**
  - Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2105
- **Levels of Support**
  - Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2913
- **School Recognitions**
  - Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2107
- **Standards for Accreditation**
  - Standard 1-C.1.1 (S/C) - 95% All Student must test for ELA and math



# Federal Accountability

The purpose of the ESSA School Index is to:

- **Inform educators and stakeholders** about school quality and student success as well as the progress and outcomes of schools' and districts' continuous improvement efforts.
- **Identify underperforming schools and subgroups of students within schools** and notify district leaders when schools within their systems are most in need of the district's support to achieve immediate and sustained improvement.
- **Provide support that will empower districts** to uncover the needs of their underperforming schools and/or student subgroups and enable districts to implement evidence-based strategies to address those needs.

What does Federal Accountability mean for schools and districts?

- ESSA School Index Score for All Students and Subgroups
- Participation Requirements for State Assessments (at least 95% for ELA and Math)
- Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)
- Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)



# School Index for Annual Meaningful Differentiation (ESSA) and School Rating (A-F)

Weights for ESSA Calculations			
Elementary and Middle Grade Spans		High School Grade Spans	
Indicator	%	Indicator	%
Weighted Achievement	35	Weighted Achievement	35
Value-Added Growth	50	Value-Added Growth	35
School Quality & Student Success (SQSS)	15	SQSS	15
		4-Year Graduation Rate	10
		5-Year Graduation Rate	5

\*Progress to English Language Proficiency indicator in Value-Added Growth Score is proportionate to number of English Learners.

## School Quality & Student Success (SQSS)

All	Student Engagement Grades K-11	Reading at Grade Level Grades 3-10
All	Science Achievement Grades 3-10	Science Growth Grades 4-10
HS	On-time Credits Grades 9-11	GPA 2.8 or better on 4.0 scale Grade 12
HS	ACT Composite Grade 12	ACT Readiness Benchmark Grade 12
HS	AP/IB/Concurrent Credit Courses (DCTE included) Grade 12	Computer Science Course Credits Earned Grade 12
HS	Community Service Learning Credits Earned Grade 12	

Understanding the SQSS Indicators available on <https://myschoolinfo.arkansas.gov/>

# Change in Letter Grades 2022 to 2023



- 72.4% (728) retained the same letter grade in 2023 as in 2022
- 14.5% (148) earned a higher letter grade in 2023
- 14.1% (144) earned a lower letter grade in 2023

Comparing Letter Grades from 2022 to 2023						
2023 School Letter Grade	2022 School Letter Grade					Total
	A	B	C	D	F	
A	54	22	0	0	0	76
B	22	126	51	0	0	199
C	0	57	308	50	1	416
D	1	0	54	173	24	252
F	0	0	1	9	67	77
Total	77	205	414	232	92	1020

15 new schools in 2023 did not have grades in 2022

# Accessing Scores



- ESSA School Index and Public School Rating reports are available via [My School Info](#)
- School Value-Added Growth and Teacher Value-Added Growth are available via [LEA Insights](#)
- Login to either portal by using State Active Directory (SSO) credentials

# Schools on the Move Toward Excellence



## Featured Schools

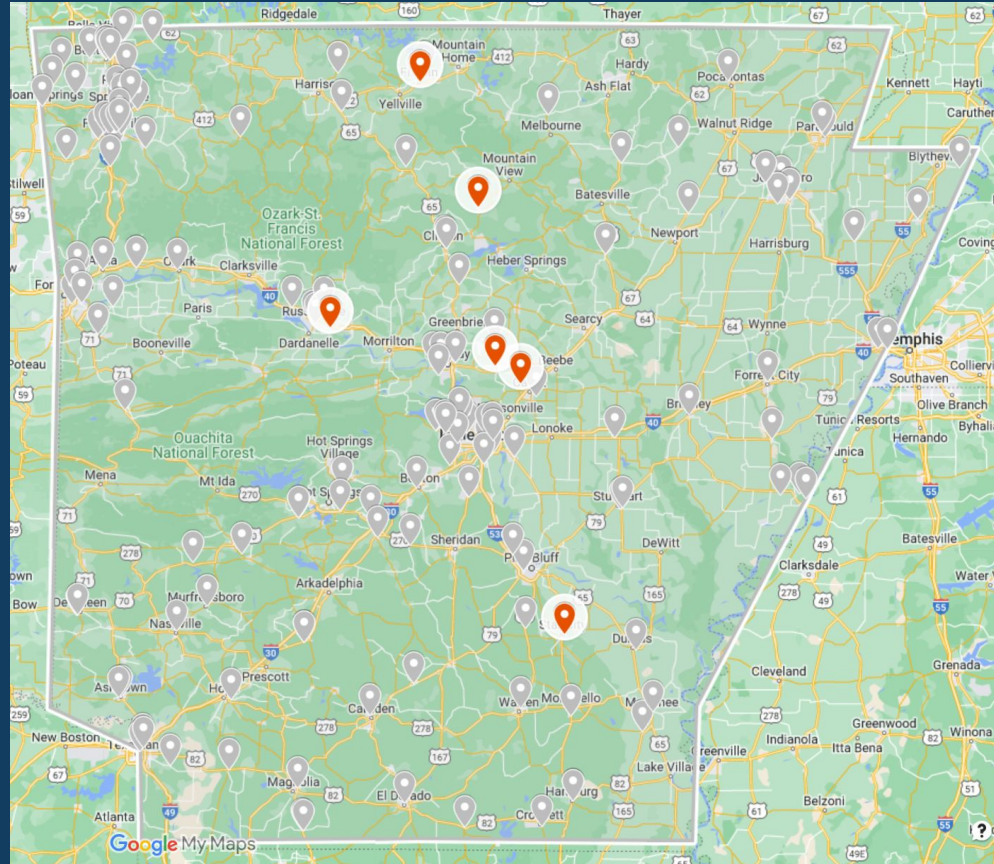
*(meeting requirements of all four categories)*

Public School Ratings, ESSA School Index Scores, and Weighted Achievement Scores were compared between 2023 and 2022 to identify schools which made the most continuous improvement over the span of time. Value-Added Growth Scores for 2023 were evaluated to identify schools who scored two standard deviations above the mean. Five schools, three elementary and two high schools, earned the distinction as a Schools on the Move Towards Excellence Featured School by meeting the requirements for all four categories!



# Featured Schools

- Pottsville Elementary
- Mountain Springs Elementary (*Cabot SD*)
- Rural Special High (*Mountain View SD*)
- Vilonia Primary
- Star City High
- Flippin Elementary



# Schools on the Move Toward Excellence



Public School Rating (*Letter Grade*)  
& ESSA School Index Increases  
of 5+ points from 2021 to 2022

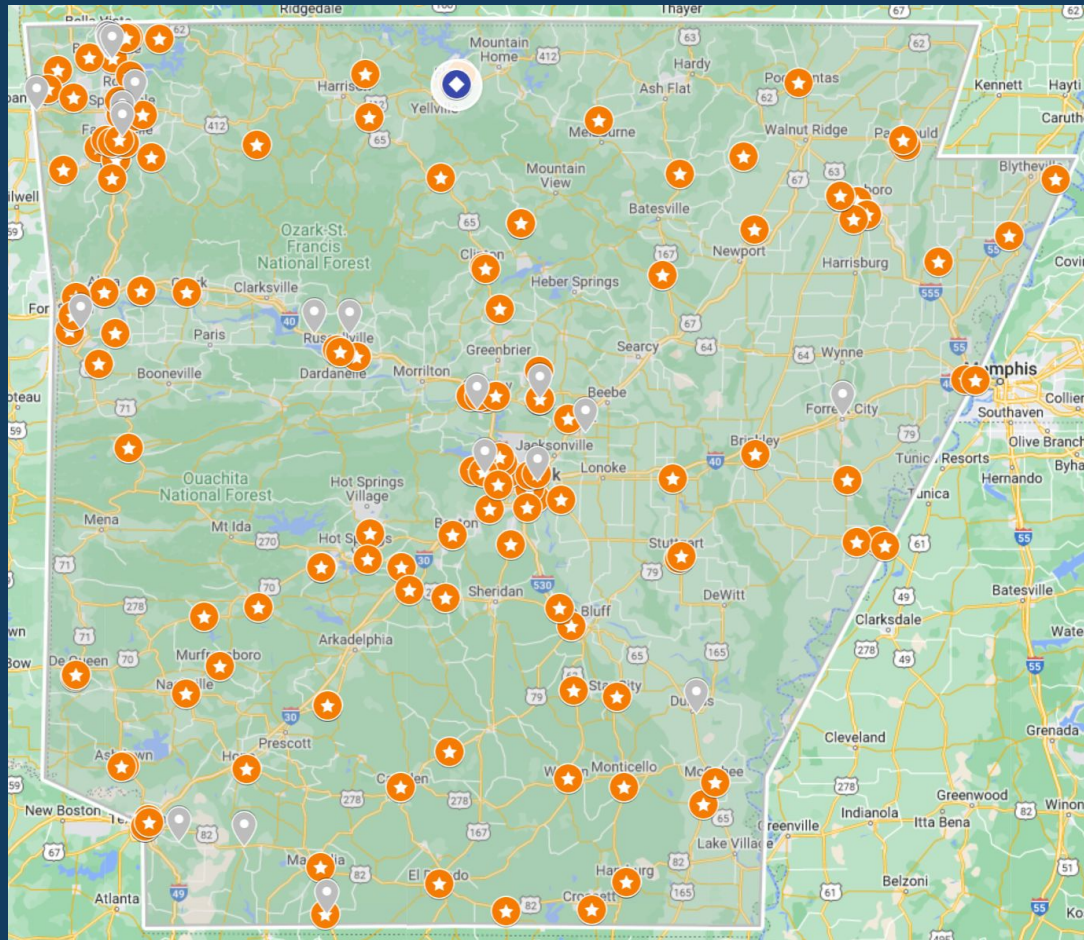
**148** schools increased their  
School Rating

**518** schools increased their  
overall ESSA School Index

**33** schools increased their  
Rating & ESSA scores by 5 or  
more points

- 7 schools improved from B to A
- 11 schools improved from C to B
- 10 schools improved from D to C
- 5 schools improved from F to D
- 1 schools improved from F to C

# Letter Grade Increase



# Schools on the Move Toward Excellence



Weighted Achievement  
Increases from 2021 to 2022

- 524 schools increased their weighted achievement score
- 24 schools increased their weighted achievement scores by 10 or more points
  - 13 Elementary
  - 2 Middle School
  - 9 High School

# Schools on the Move Toward Excellence



Value-Added Growth  
better than 97.5% of schools  
*(2 standard deviations above the mean in 2022)*

- 540 schools earned 80 or more points for student growth
- 25 schools earned growth scores higher than 97.5% of other schools in their respective grade spans
  - 15 Elementary
  - 5 Middle School
  - 5 High School