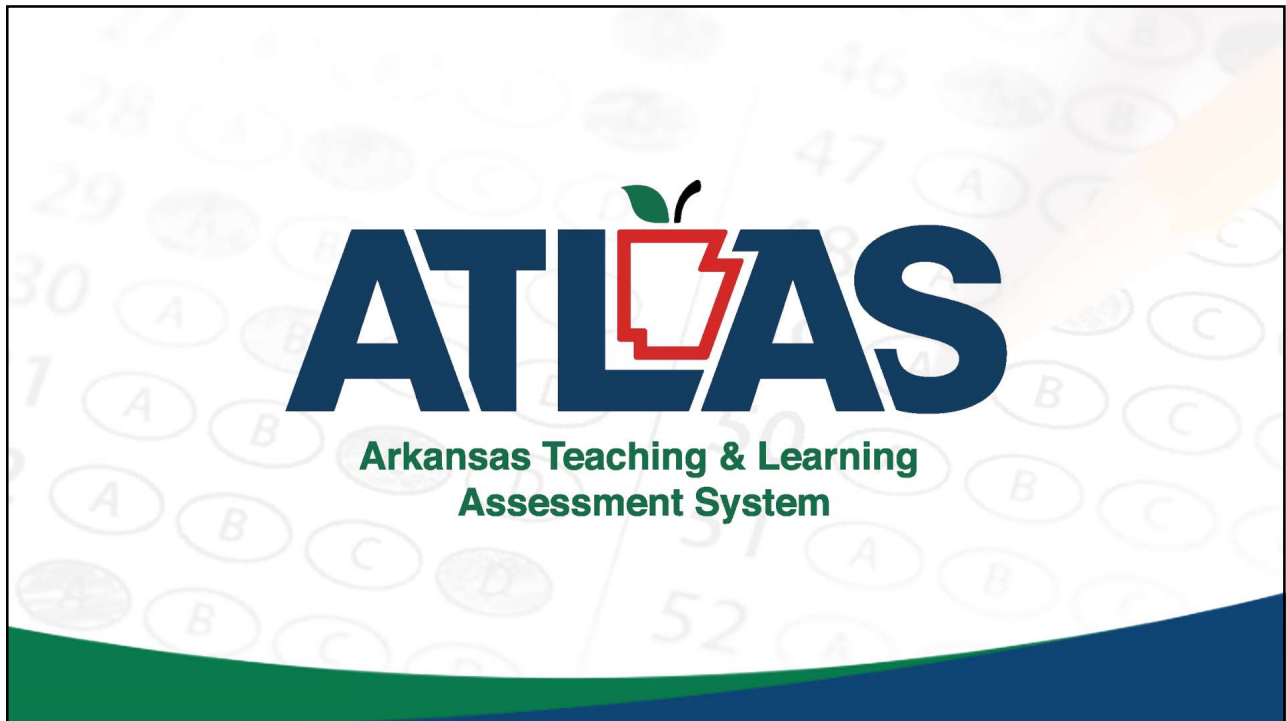




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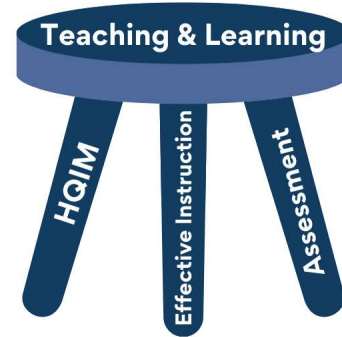
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Executive Summary

This year's results represent the second year of **ATLAS** - the Arkansas Teaching, Learning, and Assessment System.

ATLAS is aligned to Arkansas' academic standards and directly measures what Arkansas students are expected to learn at each grade level.

The performance level for ATLAS are rigorous with the goal being level 3 or 4, level 2 representing basic grade level performance and level 1 limited grade level performance.



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Performance Level Descriptor

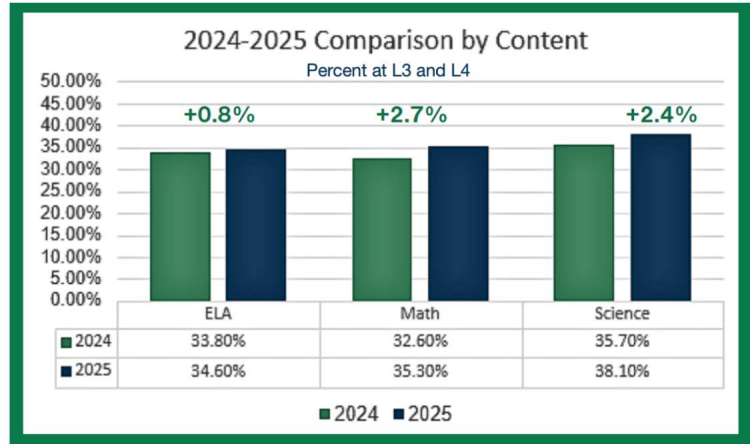
Level 4	Students demonstrate an advanced understanding of the knowledge and skills required of the grade-level standards. These students are on track for career and college, and demonstrate readiness for advanced and accelerated content at the next grade/course.
Level 3	Students demonstrate a proficient understanding of knowledge and skills and show mastery of grade-level standards. These students are on track for career and college, and demonstrate readiness for content at the next grade/course.
Level 2	Students demonstrate a basic understanding of knowledge and skills required of the grade-level standards and personalized support and intervention may be needed to access content taught in the next grade/course.
Level 1	Students demonstrate limited understanding of knowledge and skills required of the grade-level standards and will require significant support/scaffolding and intervention to access content taught at the next grade/course.



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Statewide Gains in Year Two of ATLAS

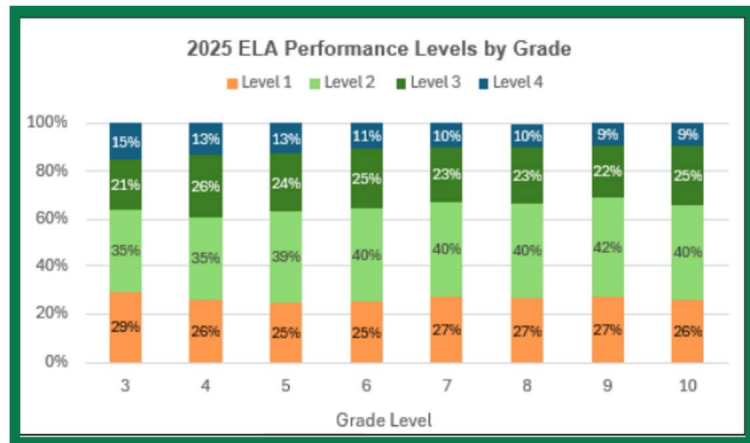
Across all grades, Arkansas saw modest increases in subject mastery as educators adjusted to the second year of ATLAS. Gains were most notable in math and science.



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2025 ELA Performance

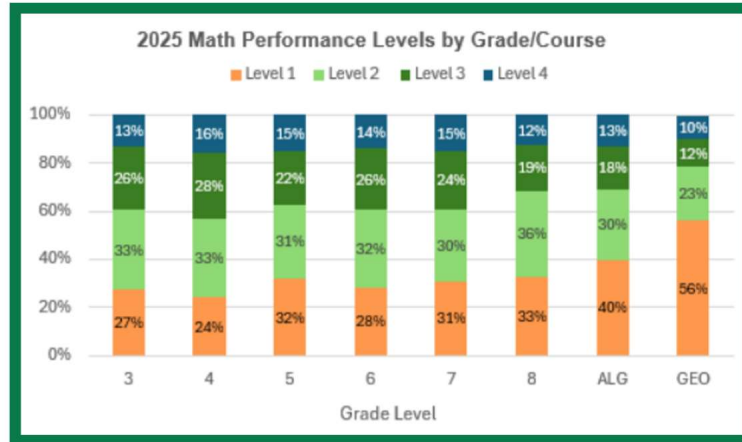
Arkansas saw increases in the percentage of students earning Level 3 and Level 4 on the ATLAS ELA in grades 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10.



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2025 Math Performance

The largest increases in math mastery were seen in both advanced high school courses and foundational elementary grades, with increases in grades 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, Algebra 1 and Geometry.

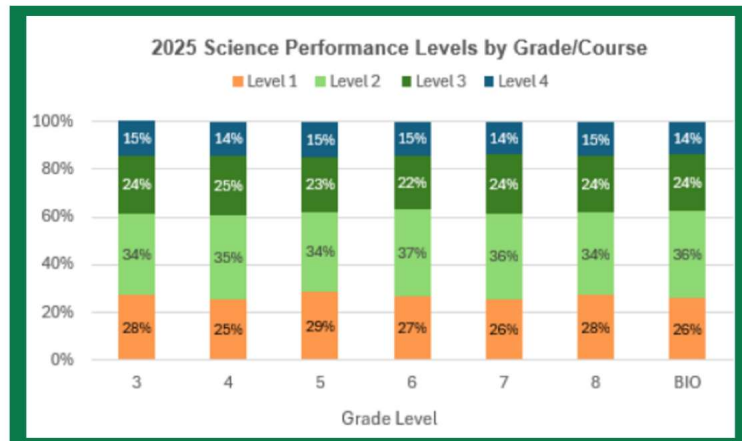


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2025 Science Performance

All tested grades demonstrated gains in science mastery, suggesting that educators statewide are effectively adapting to ATLAS expectations and delivering increasingly rigorous instruction.



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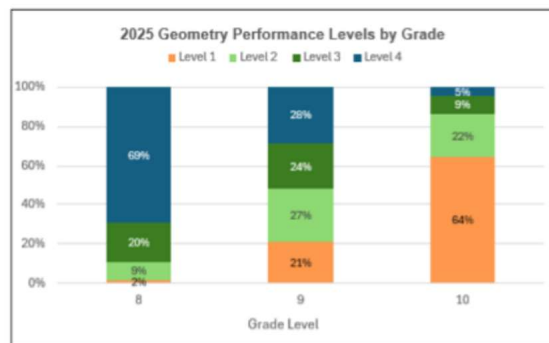
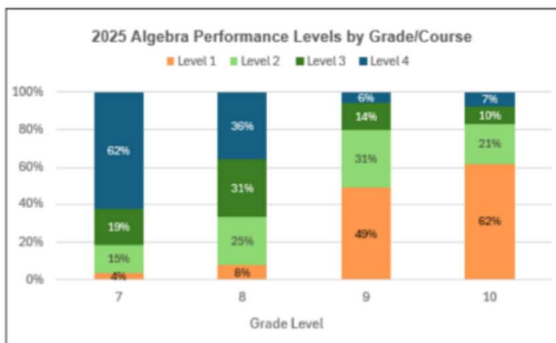
Most Grades See Improvements on ATLAS

Grades	Percentage of students earning Level 3 and Level 4								
	ELA			Math			Science		
	2023-2024	2024-2025	% Change	2023-2024	2024-2025	% Change	2023-2024	2024-2025	% Change
3	36.1%	35.9%	-0.2%	37.8%	39.7%	+1.9%	35.9%	38.5%	+2.6%
4	36.0%	39.2%	+3.2%	38.0%	43.1%	+5.1%	35.8%	39.5%	+3.7%
5	36.6%	36.6%	0.0%	38.0%	37.2%	-0.8%	35.6%	37.8%	+2.2%
6	34.1%	35.3%	+1.2%	37.7%	39.6%	+1.9%	34.7%	36.7%	+2.0%
7	32.2%	32.6%	+0.4%	37.8%	39.3%	+1.5%	36.3%	38.4%	+2.0%
8	32.1%	33.0%	+0.9%	27.6%	31.7%	+4.1%	35.3%	38.1%	+2.8%
9	32.2%	30.9%	-1.3%						
10	31.7%	34.0%	+2.3%						
Algebra I				26.8%	30.8%	+4.0%			
Geometry				18.0%	21.5%	+3.5%			
Biology							36.4%	37.7%	+1.3%

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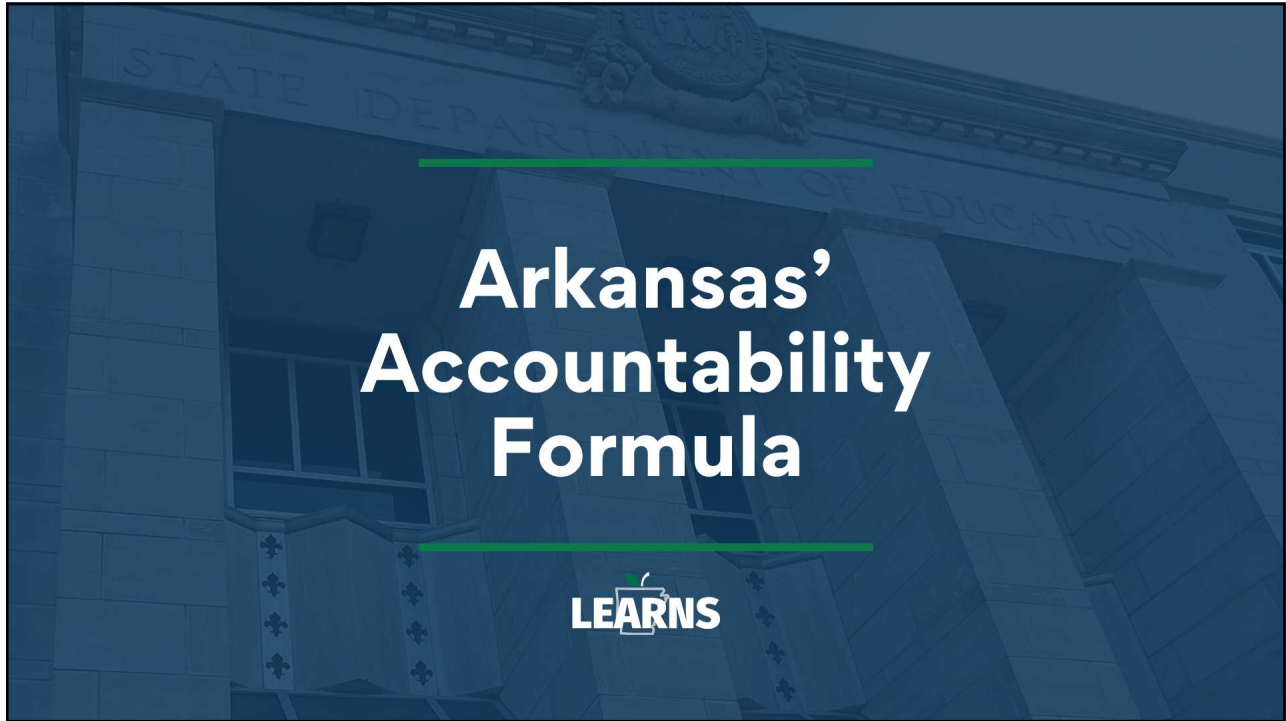
Performance in Math EOCs for Accelerated Pathway

For students who are enrolled in Algebra I or Geometry earlier than the typical path (7th and 8th grade), there is a drastic improvement in overall performance. This suggests that the right students are being accelerated and that they rise to the challenge when given the opportunity.



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Arkansas' New Accountability System ---

The new formula is simpler and better aligned to Arkansas' educational priorities based on the following priorities:

-  **Simplify and streamline the accountability formula** to clearly articulate what matters most for student success.
-  **Focus on achievement and growth** to ensure every student is ready for what comes next in their education and life journey.
-  **Prioritize students who need the most support** by placing additional value on the academic progress of struggling students.



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Arkansas' New Accountability System

Indicator	Description
Achievement	Are students achieving Level 3 or 4 on the new ATLAS assessment in ELA, Math, and Science?
Growth of All Students & Growth of Lowest Quarter	Are students achieving their individualized growth targets ?
	Are the students who are farthest behind their peers growing?
Success Ready Graduate (HS only)	Are students graduating on time in four years?
	Are students demonstrating postsecondary readiness for enlistment, enrollment, or employment?



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What is an “A” School in Arkansas?

An “A”-rated school is one where, on average:

Achievement



Students master grade level content on ELA, math, and science assessments.

Growth



Students meet their growth targets, particularly among the lowest performing students.

Success Ready Graduate

(High School Only)



Students graduate demonstrating readiness for postsecondary success.




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Merit and Distinction



- Purpose is to provide recognition of students who complete extra level of demonstration that aligns with student post-secondary goals.
- Recognizes students who go above and beyond graduation requirements.
- Recognizes school systems that are intentional in providing pathways that lead to student post-secondary success.



Diploma with MERIT



Diploma with DISTINCTION



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Success-Ready Graduates



Enrollment



Enlistment



Employment



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Success-Ready Pathways

Accounting	Computer Science - Networking
Advanced Manufacturing	Construction
Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar	Criminal Justice
Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Honor	General Bachelor's Degree Preparation
Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Distinction	International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma
Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma	Management
Agriculture Power, Structural & Technical Systems	Nursing Services
Animal Systems	Plant Systems
Automotive Service Technology	Pre-Educator
Banking	Pre-Engineering
Business Finance	Retail Management
Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma	Welding
Computer Science - Programming	World Language



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Demonstration of Readiness

Diploma with Merit (completed path plus)

- Industry Recognized Credential
- 12 post secondary credits
- Certified Pre-Apprenticeship
- AP Scholar (scores of 3 or higher on 3 AP exams)
- Qualifying ASVAB and Enlistment Pathway
- Cambridge Scholar
- IB Scholar (scores of 4 or higher on 3 IB exams)
- Seal of Biliteracy

Diploma with Distinction

- Technical Certificate
- Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma
- IB Diploma
- AP Scholar with Distinction or Capstone Diploma (average score of 3.5 or higher on 5 AP exams)
- Qualifying ASVAB and currently enlisted in the Armed Forces
- Completed youth apprenticeship



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 <p>Enrolled</p>	 <p>Enlisted</p>	 <p>Employed</p> 
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