

The seal of the Arkansas Legislative Auditor is a circular emblem. It features a central figure of a woman holding a scale and a sword, surrounded by stars and rays. Below her is a shield with a building and a plow. The shield is flanked by two eagles, one holding a banner that says 'EIGNAT' and the other holding a banner that says 'POPULUS'. The shield is supported by two figures, one holding a banner that says 'MERCY' and the other holding a banner that says 'JUSTICE'. The entire seal is enclosed in a double-lined circle with the text 'LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR' at the top and 'ARKANSAS' at the bottom.

Department of Education

Grants Report

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

2017 ADE Grants

Public School Fund (JAA)	\$ 2.8 billion
Federal funds	0.5 billion
Other funds	<u>0.1 billion</u>
Total Grants	<u>\$ 3.4 billion</u>

Department of Education Grants

Total Payments by Recipient

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Payee	Total	Alternative Learning	Assessment/End of Level Testing	Better Chance Grants	Bonded Debt Assistance	Declining Enrollment	English Language Learners	National School Lunch Student Funding	Professional Development Funding
School Districts									
Alma	\$ 18,883,413	\$ 159,522	\$ 3,150		\$ 481,775	\$ 37,184	\$ 2,979	\$ 927,884	\$ 83,270
Alpena	3,002,793	47,759	350		11,508		662	160,958	13,152
Arkadelphia	8,881,122	37,480	1,850	\$ 385,734	49,822	53,733	8,951	583,348	49,028
Arkansas Correctional School	8,454,524								
Armour	473,291		100				2,317	97,836	10,281
Ashdown	5,274,118	27,527	1,378			29,375	3,972	898,093	38,921
Atkins	5,844,838	83,973	1,000	195,600	42,938		2,848	358,628	25,991
Augusta	2,040,249	15,368		250,854				342,628	9,680
Bald Knob	8,295,328	123,549	600		47,181	70,115	5,627	422,378	32,034
Barton-Lexa	5,489,813	18,678		97,800	18,379			728,241	20,778
Batesville	18,358,408	201,052	4,050	933,180	71,838		153,253	884,744	77,215
Bauxite	9,883,024	150,549	1,450				5,298	391,870	42,341
Bay	3,213,158	743	400					195,672	14,928
Bearden	3,014,803	19,278			33,887			361,528	12,557
Beebe	18,259,604	143,781	8,500	390,880	158,558		9,599	888,848	84,830
Benton	25,814,197	270,111	9,900	86,440	240,125		77,123	1,104,600	130,283
Bentonville	74,849,849	488,450	84,100	1,221,880	202,732		244,278	2,183,087	418,158
Bergman	8,614,287	125,853	573		45,234	183,880	331	319,808	28,118
Berryville	10,927,941	130,447	2,700			218,968	151,929	703,282	51,511
Bismarck	5,840,488	31,689	700		21,111		6,289	344,004	24,952
Blevins	3,052,729			73,350	12,825		12,578	423,553	12,378
Blytheville	13,503,878	295,186	200	195,800	125,589	323,295	17,543	1,884,474	58,108
Booneville	7,581,493	82,871	1,000	97,800	132,538	131,591	3,310	922,778	31,817
Bradford	2,954,881	42,250	200	97,800	14,072	21,688		354,187	11,233
Briarclay	2,507,023	11,520	100	158,480				441,420	14,038
Brookland	13,255,390	3,740	2,050	398,090	118,444		7,282	480,359	57,108
Bryant	48,720,941	291,287	24,000	382,888	170,011		174,437	1,788,412	233,278
Buffalo Island Central	4,180,840		50	148,700	22,778	155,184	28,480	238,278	19,920
Cabot	57,393,517	1,043,983	19,350	780,378	420,384		55,808	1,981,454	282,142
Caddo Hills	3,617,829	26,423			18,208			480,307	15,053
Calico Rock	2,338,544	4,150	200		30,996			209,599	10,805
Camden Fairview	15,794,478	180,382	1,000	533,700	142,884	7,909	2,848	2,084,184	68,583
Carlisle	3,412,115	21,154	300	195,800	22,807	55,428	662	231,440	17,250
Cave City	8,480,492	79,552	200	293,400	129,904	73,139	1,988	1,023,674	32,740
Cedar Ridge	3,089,518	23,825	150	391,200			1,855	304,028	22,019
Cedarville	5,405,791	87,048	350		18,201	139,084		830,600	21,483
Centerpoint	5,718,000	14,977	950		84,794	95,985	53,822	483,690	24,714
Charleston	5,374,854	1,099	500	97,800	88,508			232,492	23,154
Clarendon	3,218,220	88,400	300	188,280	1,971	123,449	9,930	747,024	13,291
Clarksville	18,449,991	219,358	950		188,978	98,128	237,327	2,052,603	88,898
Cleveland County	5,044,323	1,440	150	140,280	54,537		3,310	289,828	22,888
Clinton	5,079,316	73,392	800	195,900			11,585	958,512	33,314
Concord	1,724,172		350	413,028				157,274	11,451
Conway	41,854,350	416,249	30,600	880,200	138,341		185,029	2,536,372	252,483

Department of Education Grants Public School Fund (JAA) For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

This appropriation allowed the Department of Education (ADE) to pay up to \$15 million in additional health insurance contributions for eligible employees electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program administered by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board. ADE is authorized to make these payments if 98% of the uniform rate of tax used in the calculation of State Foundation Funding Aid exceeds \$920,731,819.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVE

The Advanced Placement (AP) Incentive program provided support to establish AP courses that are easily accessible and prepare students for admission to and success in a postsecondary educational environment. AP courses and exams provide high school students the opportunity to earn credit at most colleges and universities. The program paid for professional development support for AP and Pre-AP teachers.

ARKANSAS IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Funds were provided to the Arkansas Imagination Library to purchase books for children from birth to age 5 at no cost to families, regardless of income. Selected books promote the love of reading and learning; regard for diversity of people, their roles, culture, and environment; self-esteem and confidence; and appreciation of art and aesthetics. Books contain characteristics specific to their age appropriateness.

ASSESSMENT/END OF LEVEL TESTING

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-404 requires standards-based testing in grades K through 12. Currently, the Qualls Early Learning Inventory is administered in the fall to all kindergarten students and any first grade students who did not attend kindergarten, the Iowa Assessment is administered to students in grades 1-2, and the ACT Aspire is administered to students in grades 3-10. The assessment was replaced in 2016-2017 by a program that assesses English Language Arts and mathematics at three points throughout the year. Proficiency exams are required for all limited English proficient (LEP) students in grades K through 12.