

2010 Report to our Patrons

Note from the Superintendent

As Superintendent of the Fayetteville Public Schools, I am proud of our accomplishments in the 2009-2010 school year and want to thank our students, teachers, administrators, support staff, and parents who work so hard for academic success every day. The future provides an increasingly important opportunity for continuing to improve as our district embraces the new challenges coming from the Common Core Standards, new standards that define the knowledge and skills students should have during their K-12 education experience so that they will graduate fully prepared for college and careers.

We have organized to meet these challenges and look forward to reporting to you this time next year about our curriculum teams' progress. Teachers are designing an aligned curriculum and assessments based on a thorough analysis of student data to create a strategy toolkit for meeting diverse learner needs in every classroom. Our focus for the year is on "rigor, relevance, and relationships," because we know the more essential and memorable the learning, the greater the success for our students.

Sincerely,

Vicki Thomas



Adequate Yearly Progress

The Arkansas Department of Education annually evaluates every public school on the progress their students have made on the Benchmark and End-of-Course exams. Here are the results for the 2009-10 school year:

Elementary: Seven of our elementary schools met the standards for math, and eight met the standards for literacy. Seven of the elementary schools were ranked as Achieving, one was ranked as on Alert status, and one was ranked on Whole School Improvement-Year 2.

Middle: One of our middle schools met the standards for math and literacy and was ranked as Achieving. One middle school was ranked as on Targeted Improvement-Year 3.

Jr. High & High School: One of our junior high schools met the standards for math and literacy and was ranked as Achieving. One junior high school met only the standards for literacy and was ranked as on Alert status. Fayetteville High School met the standards for math and literacy and was ranked as Achieving.

Fayetteville Board of Education

The Fayetteville Board of Education organized on October 28, 2010, following the annual school election, and elected the following officers:

Susan Heil, president

Tim Hudson, vice president

Jim Halsell, secretary/disbursement officer

Bryn Bagwell

Justin Eichmann

Steve Percival

Becky Purcell

State Reporting Requirements

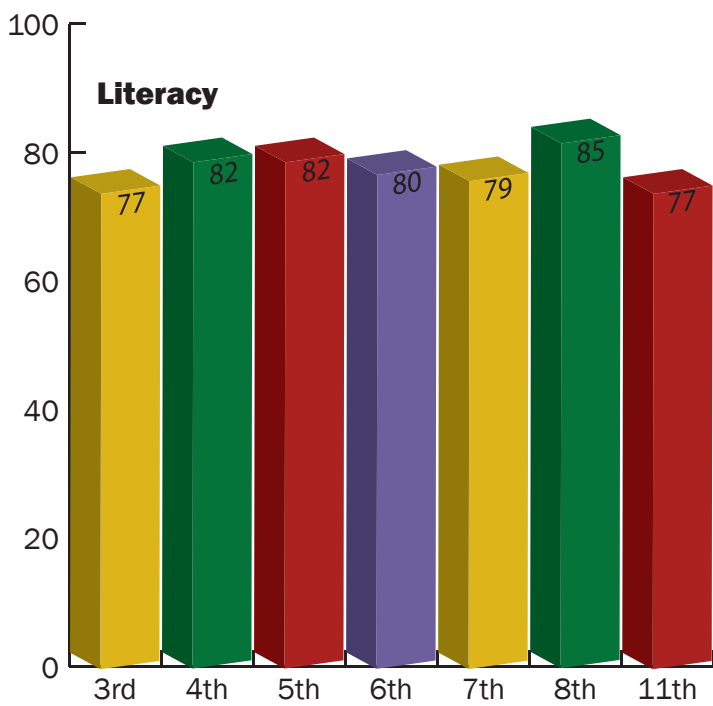
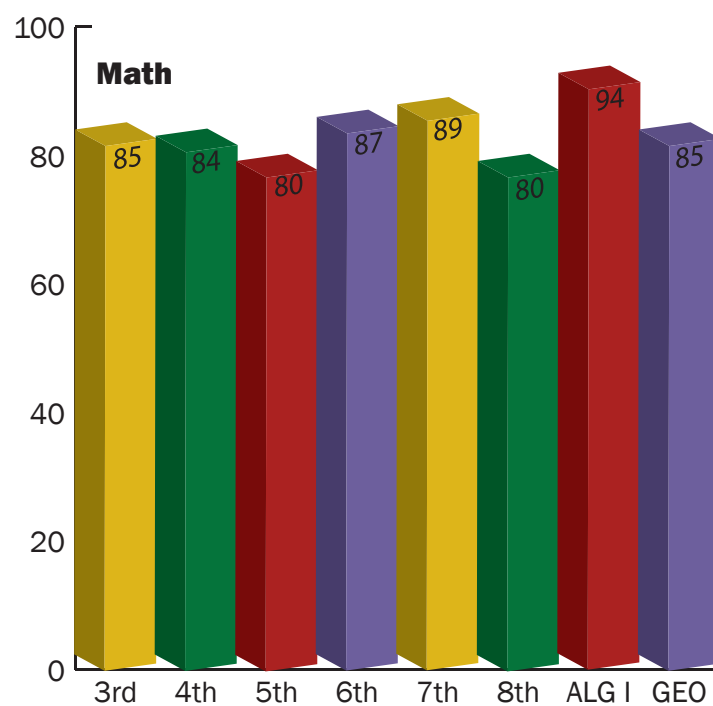
Accreditation: All Fayetteville Public Schools were fully accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education for the 2009-2010 school year.

Soft Drink Revenue: The Fayetteville School District received \$50,000 in soft drink revenue in the 2009-10 school year. That money was distributed to district schools based on enrollment.

District Budget

Here is the district budget for the 2009-10 school year:

| Revenue | |
|--|---------------------|
| Property Tax Reserve | \$3,000,000 |
| Restricted Carryforwards | \$4,281,046 |
| State Funds | \$21,992,862 |
| Local Funds | \$53,594,854 |
| Interest on checking account | \$120,000 |
| Fed Funds/Grants/Restricted | \$7,570,745 |
| Vocational Education | \$27,000 |
| Coke Contract | \$50,000 |
| Athletic Gate Receipts | \$125,000 |
| E-rate | \$35,000 |
| Miscellaneous | \$130,000 |
| Food Service sales | \$1,330,000 |
| Reserve | \$5,281,200 |
| Total Revenues & Reserve: | \$97,537,706 |
| Expenditures | |
| Salaries | \$55,600,000 |
| Fringe Benefits | \$13,609,436 |
| Debt Service Payments | \$6,080,000 |
| <i>Maintenance & Operations:</i> | |
| Maintenance | \$1,344,505 |
| Utilities | \$1,720,174 |
| Transportation | \$871,873 |
| Food Service | \$1,064,283 |
| Technology | \$500,864 |
| Curriculum & Instruction | \$1,900,000 |
| School Improv/Prog. Devlp. | \$251,922 |
| Athletics/Physical Education | \$373,926 |
| Grant Expenditures (not personnel) | \$2,075,745 |
| Miscellaneous | \$406,520 |
| Tuition | \$13,000 |
| C21 Curriculum | \$1,945,372 |
| Capital Expense | \$296,596 |
| Reserve | \$5,281,200 |
| Unrestricted Carryforward | \$3,000,000 |
| Restricted Carryforward | \$1,202,290 |
| Total Expenditures & Reserve: | \$97,537,706 |



Federal Programs

Here's how our 2009-10 Federal funds were used:

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| Title I: Economically Disadvantaged | \$2,313,941 |
| Title II: Improving Teacher Quality | \$432,557 |
| Title III: English Language Learners | \$78,902 |
| Title IV: Safe and Drug-Free Schools | \$36,721 |
| Carl Perkins: Workforce Education | \$140,953 |

| Title I | Free/Reduced Meal Students | Budget |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Asbell | 325 | \$276,250 |
| Butterfield | 179 | \$152,150 |
| Happy Hollow | 154 | \$130,900 |
| Holcomb | 245 | \$208,250 |
| Leverett | 209 | \$177,650 |
| Owl Creek | 472 | \$401,200 |
| Washington | 212 | \$180,200 |
| Holt | 191 | \$162,350 |

Noteworthy from 2009-10:

Fayetteville High School (FHS) was named to Newsweek's 2010 Best U.S. High Schools list.

Transportation director **Tommy Davenport** was the inaugural winner of the President's Star Award from the Arkansas Association of Pupil Transportation.

FHS teacher **Connie Crisp** was named the 2010 Arkansas Educator-of-the-Year by the Arkansas Sierra Club.

Connotations, FHS' award-winning literary magazine, was named to the Arkansas Scholastic Press Hall of Fame.

FHS senior **Mary Kate Harrison** was selected to be the mistress of ceremonies for the 2010 Student TV Network national convention.

Thirteen **FHS seniors** were named as finalists in the 2010 National Merit scholarship competition.

The 2010 **average ACT score** for FHS students was 23.9, which was the highest average in Arkansas.

FHS junior **Anne Mitchell** was named the 2010 Gatorade Arkansas Girls Soccer Player-of-the-Year.

185 FHS students earned **AP Scholar honors**, representing 12% of the total number of Arkansas AP Scholars. 595 students sat for AP exams, and 69% of them scored 3, 4 or 5.

The **FHS Odyssey of the Mind** team won first place in the 2010 Arkansas competition.

FHS teams won state titles in girls golf, girls soccer, girls outdoor track, and boys indoor track.

The **Gifted & Talented Program** served 927 students, and 100% of them scored Proficient/Advanced on the Math Benchmark, and 99.6% on the Literacy exam.

The **Vandergriff Elementary School** Knowledge Master team won first place in Arkansas and tenth place overall in the 2010 Knowledge Master International Competition.

Vandergriff teacher **Rebecca Wilbern** was named as a finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math & Science Teaching.

Vandergriff was named a 2009 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Ramay Jr. High was named one of 15 semifinalists in the nation in the 2011 NASSP Breakthrough Schools Project.

Challenges & Opportunities

Curriculum Design: We will continue our work of revamping our entire process for aligning written, taught, and tested curriculum to provide a seamless articulation of learning goals from grade to grade and course to course. The end result will be a world-class educational system that will enable us to make maximum use of our human and financial resources in the education of our students and ensure that our students receive the best possible education.

Fayetteville High School Transformation: It is under way! The Bates Annex has been demolished, and significant dirt work has been done in preparation for the foundation of the new performing arts center, which will be the first building to be constructed. Phase 1 should be complete by August of 2012, and Phase 2 is scheduled to be ready by August of 2015.

Happy Hollow Construction: Work is progressing nicely on the new Happy Hollow Elementary School. The dry summer aided the site work process. Many of the school walls have been erected, and roofs are being installed. The project is on time, on budget, and will open in August of 2011.



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