



# FPS

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## Fast Facts

### District Overview

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Administration:

1000 W. Stone St.

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Superintendent: Vicki Thomas

2009-10 Enrollment: 8,566

Per Pupil Expenditure: \$9,538

Operating Budget 2009-10: \$90,719,689

Millage Rate: 42.9

Number of Schools: 15 (8 elementary, 1 pre-K-7<sup>th</sup> grade, 2 middle schools, 2 jr. high schools, 1 high school, 1 adult & community education center)

Area: 113 square miles

% of students eligible for free/reduced-price meals in 2009-10: 35%

Students Enrolled GT: 917

AP Course Offerings: 23

AP Exams Taken: 1,183

AP Scores 3 or above: 834 (highest in Arkansas)

AP Scholars: 173

### Graduates

Students Graduating in 2009: 528

Graduation Rate: 81%

% of Students Pursuing Post-secondary Education: 78

2009-10 National Merit Semifinalists: 14

Avg. ACT Score: 23.9 (highest in Arkansas)

### Demographics

African-American: 10.8%

Asian/Pacific Islander: 4.2%

Caucasian: 73.2%

Hispanic: 9.3%

Native American/Alaskan/Pacific Islander: 1.02%

Multi-racial: 1.5%

Languages Spoken: 43

### Faculty

Certified Teachers: (full-time equivalency) 650

Support Staff: 595

Advanced degrees: 68%

National Board Certified: 14

Average Teacher Salary: \$53,700

Starting Salary: \$41,310

### Facts and Highlights:

- FPS was chartered by the state of Arkansas in 1871, which makes it the first chartered school district in the state.
- Fayetteville was the first school district in the South to voluntarily integrate its schools following the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, without incident, only three months after the decision was handed down.
- In 2007, *Sports Illustrated* ranked the Fayetteville High School athletic program as the #1 athletic program in Arkansas for the third consecutive year. *SI* also ranked FHS as the 19th best in the U.S. in 2005.
- *Newsweek* magazine ranked Fayetteville High School as one of the top 4% of high

## Fast Facts (con't)

schools in the U.S. in 2005, based on the number and outcome of Advanced Placement exams taken by FHS students.

- Fayetteville High School annually leads the state in the number of Advanced Placement Scholars.
- The FHS Band was selected to march in the 2005 Fiesta Bowl Parade, and was the first band from Northwest Arkansas to march in the Tournament of Roses Parade in January, 2006. The band returned to New York to march in the 2008 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade after its initial march in 1997.
- Fayetteville annually has a greater percentage of its students accepted to the Arkansas Governor's School than does any other school district.
- Fayetteville High School annually has the highest average ACT score of any high school in Arkansas.
- FPS Gifted & Talented Education Program was named the best in Arkansas in 2008 (the fifth time in the last twelve years).
- Fayetteville High School graduates are annually accepted into the finest universities in the nation.

### **Accolades in the news in 2009:**

- Vandergriff Elementary School was named a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.
- The penny drive by the Ramay Jr. High Foreign Language Club raised \$4,100 for the Peace at Home Family Shelter.
- The Homeless Vigil conducted by the Fayetteville High School Student Council raised more than \$14,000 for students in need and their families.
- Holt 6th grade teacher Janice Ferguson was selected to serve on the Read 180 national advisory board.
- Fayetteville High School received the College Readiness Award from the Arkansas ACT Council for increasing the number of students taking the ACT

Assessment over the last five years and significantly increasing their level of achievement and college readiness.

- The Arkansas Department of Education selected the Fayetteville School District to be a recipient of an Enhancing Education Through Technology grant. This \$99,550 award will be used to increase the academic performance and technological literacy of all geometry students and will focus on closing the achievement gap for Mathematics in all secondary schools.
- Fourteen National Merit Semifinalists from FHS were offered Chancellor's Scholarships from the University of Arkansas Honors College: Mathias Bellaiche, Sue Breden, Pete Brooks, Benjamin Costrell, Zoe Curlee-Strauss, Mary Guthrie, Robert Hills, Kate Ivey, Yibo, Jia, Melissa Richardson, Gabe Trumbo, Annie Wang, California Wang, and Rachel Yeager.
- The Fayetteville School District was named the #2 district in the U.S. medium-sized category by the Center for Digital Education, the National School Boards Association, and Converge Online magazine.
- The Woodland Jr. High Volleyball team completed an undefeated season.
- The Fayetteville High School girls golf team won a 5th consecutive state championship.

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