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## **Arkansas Releases 2024-2025 School Letter Grades**

*New Formula Brings Greater Clarity, Focuses on Achievement, Growth, and Readiness*

**LITTLE ROCK** — The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) today released the official 2024-2025 school letter grades, marking the first year of full implementation under Arkansas' updated accountability formula.

The accountability formula is designed to provide a clearer and more meaningful picture of how Arkansas schools support student achievement, year-to-year growth, and ensures that graduates are prepared to be enlisted, enrolled, or employed.

"LEARNS is all about improving the way we educate kids in Arkansas, and our new letter grade formula, alongside the new ATLAS exam, allows us to do that with a better, more full picture of where each of our students and schools stand," said Governor Sanders. "We never want to settle until every child in Arkansas has a pathway to success and with this additional information and the new resources now available through the LEARNS Act, we are creating opportunities to help every student across the state."

ADE Secretary Jacob Oliva added, "These results offer consistent, comparable measures that schools can use to celebrate progress and plan targeted improvements. Our focus remains on ensuring every Arkansas student learns and grows each year."

This year's grades reflect the first calculation under the updated formula. Statewide:

A – 122 schools

B – 291 schools

C – 352 schools

D – 137 schools

F – 130 schools

Last year, ADE provided districts with simulated grades based on the first administration of the ATLAS assessment so schools could review and understand how the new formula works before official grades were issued.

### **Accessing the Results**

For more information about Arkansas' accountability system including a list of 2024-2025 school letter grades, visit <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/public-school-accountability/school-performance/school-letter-grade>.

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