



# Arkansas Students **BENEFIT** from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) has become the preeminent early childhood book gifting program in the world. The Imagination Library mails more than 2 million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to registered children from birth to age five. Currently, every child in Arkansas, birth to age 5, is eligible to sign up for Imagination Library.

Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading, inspiring them to dream. The impact of the program has been widely researched and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics. For more information, please visit [arkansasimaginationlibrary.org](http://arkansasimaginationlibrary.org).

## Ready or Exceeding on the ACT Aspire, 3rd Grade



Science



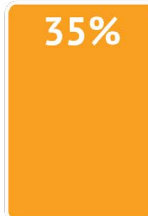
Math



Reading Language Arts



44%



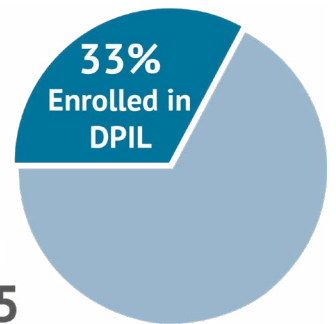
NonDPIL

DPIL

Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.



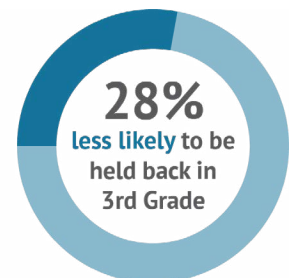
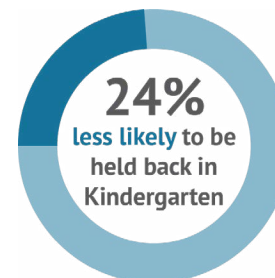
**Children Birth - Age 5**



\*Population of children Birth to Age 5 based on U.S. Census Data. Snapshot of distribution data from June 2022.



## DPIL Enrollees are:



Walker, J.T.; Parham, C. R.; Holland, G. (2021). Impact of Dolly Parton Imagination Library Participation on Early Childhood Education Outcomes of Arkansas Students [Unpublished Manuscript]. Arkansas Research Center, University of Central Arkansas.