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## Arkansas Students Showed Improved Mastery in Year Two of ATLAS Assessment

**LITTLE ROCK** — The Arkansas Department of Education released today the student results from the second administration of the Arkansas Teaching, Learning, and Assessment System (ATLAS). Based on the baseline from the prior year, Arkansas students saw increases across nearly all grade levels and subjects. The results reflect the state's strong commitment to implementing the comprehensive educational reform under the LEARNS Act.

Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders praised the gains as a reflection of the state's focused investments in education under the LEARNS Act.

"This year's ATLAS results show that the LEARNS Act is working," Gov. Sanders said. "By making the largest investment ever in our public schools, implementing literacy standards and support, raising starting teacher pay, and rewarding our best educators, we are creating an environment where Arkansas' students are set up to succeed in the classroom – and thrive once they graduate."

ATLAS, launched statewide in the 2023–24 school year, is Arkansas' comprehensive K–12 assessment system aligned to the Arkansas Academic Standards. The system provides educators and families with clear, actionable feedback on student learning and progress.

### **Key Highlights from the 2024–25 ATLAS Summative Results**

## **English Language Arts:**

- Overall gains were observed across nearly all grade levels.
- More than 2,700 additional students met or exceeded proficiency.

#### Mathematics:

- Scores increased in the majority of grade levels, with Grade 4 showing the most significant gains.
- Algebra I and Geometry scores increased significantly from the previous year.

#### Science:

- Grades 3 through 8 demonstrated score increases.
- Grade 4 showed the most notable improvement.

"These results affirm the hard work of Arkansas educators, the resilience of our students, and the value of a high-quality, aligned assessment system," Secretary of Education Jacob Oliva said. "When a student graduates from Arkansas schools meeting proficiency standards, we know they are on track to become employed, enrolled, or enlisted."

The ADE remains committed to providing schools and districts with the data, training, and support needed to continue improving student outcomes. Full assessment reports will be shared with districts and parents and made available to the public via My School Info.

## **Accessing Results & Resources**

ATLAS results are available on the department's My School Info website at <a href="https://myschoolinfo.arkansas.gov/">https://myschoolinfo.arkansas.gov/</a>, as well as <a href="https://dese.link/2025TestScores">https://dese.link/2025TestScores</a>. A summary report also is located on the test scores link.

More information regarding ATLAS is available at <a href="https://dese.link/ATLAS">https://dese.link/ATLAS</a>. Parent resources, as well as testimonials from educators and experts involved in the development of the new assessment system, are available at the link.

Information also is available in the ATLAS portal at <a href="https://atlasportal.org/">https://atlasportal.org/</a>. Parents can expect to receive information from schools regarding how to access their child's scores in the ATLAS portal.

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