



PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

ANNUAL REPORT



LEARN - INNOVATE - SUPPORT - ACHIEVE



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2024

OVERVIEW

LISA Academy is a tuition-free public charter school with a comprehensive college preparatory program focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Computing. All LISA Academy schools have been accredited by the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education since opening.

In the 2023-24 school year LISA Academy served over 4200 students at 13 schools throughout Arkansas.

LISA WEST HIGH SCHOOL, LITTLE ROCK

9 - 12th grades

LISA WEST MIDDLE, LITTLE ROCK

6-8th grades

LISA WEST ELEMENTARY, LITTLE ROCK

K-5th grades

LISA NORTH MIDDLE/HIGH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK

6-12th grades

LISA NORTH ELEMENTARY, SHERWOOD

K-5th grades

LISA ACADEMY ONLINE SCHOOL

K - 12th grades

Campus Learning Centers

Little Rock and Rogers-Bentonville

Satellite Learning Centers

Fort Smith and Jonesboro

LISA ACADEMY SPRINGDALE

K - 8th grades

LISA ROGERS-BENTONVILLE

K - 9th grades, expanding to K-12

LISA ACADEMY FAYETTEVILLE

K - 5th grades, expanding to K-8





ATLAS TESTING

NEW STATE TEST RESULTS

GROWTH AS IMPORTANT AS PROFICIENCY

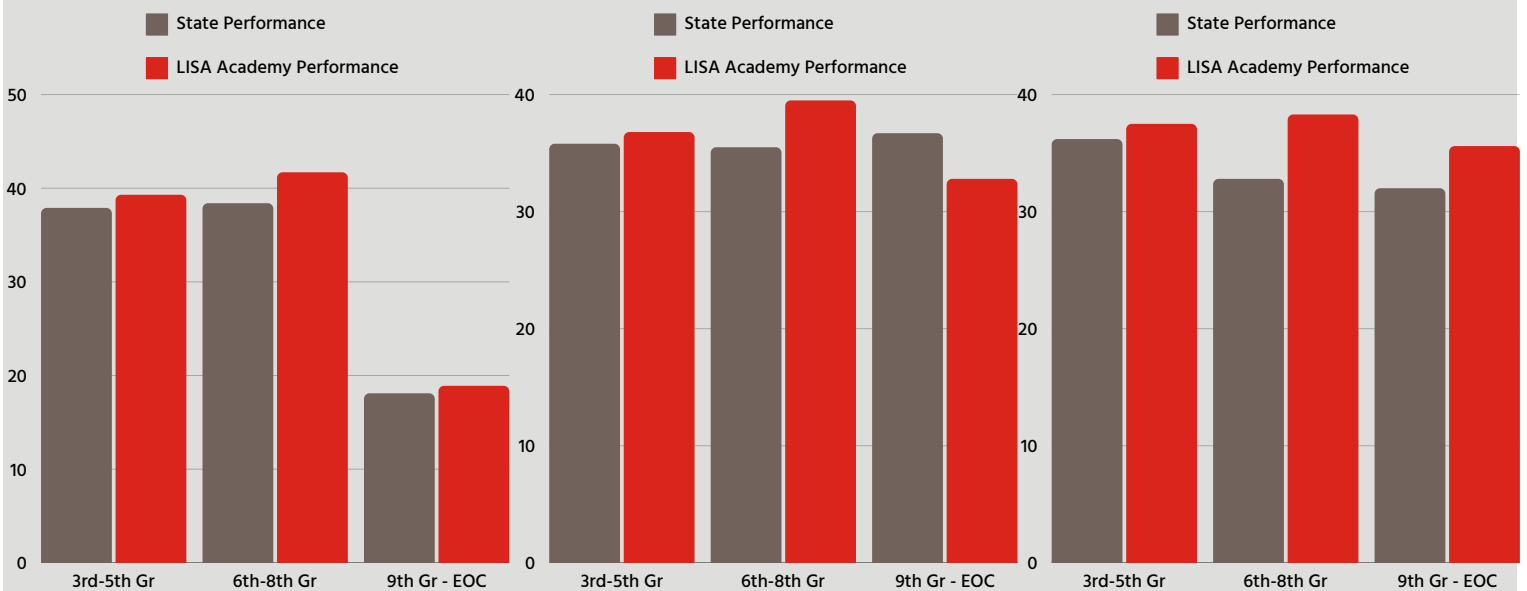
New measurement tool for educational strategies

Starting this year, Arkansas students in grades K-10 are taking the new ATLAS test to measure their academic growth in Science, Math, and English Language Arts (ELA). The ATLAS (Assessment of Teaching and Learning for Arkansas Schools) test is designed to provide educators with valuable data to assess student progress, identify learning gaps, and inform instruction. This marks the inaugural year of the assessment, which replaces previous state testing systems. With a focus on growth rather than just proficiency, the ATLAS test aims to offer a more comprehensive understanding of how students are developing in key subject areas. Teachers and schools will use these results to tailor educational strategies, ultimately supporting student success across the state.

Math Performance Level 3-4

Science Performance Level 3-4

ELA Performance Level 3-4



The next round of ESSA scores/school letter grades will be released in early 2025, with an updated Accountability Formula including the ATLAS test scores and graduation preparedness and distinctions.



LISA 2.0 PROGRAM MODEL BRINGS INNOVATION

ADVANCED EDUCATION, HIGHER EXPECTATIONS

5-Year Strategic plan comes into fruition

The implementation of the LISA 2.0 Model has begun, with innovations to inspire learners to reach their fullest potential and be prepared for the 21st Century. By adding C, Computing, to the existing STEM focus, LISA Academy is staying on track with innovative technologies in the ever-changing educational landscape. This is the 20th year of LISA Academy in Arkansas, and with an established network of schools across the state, the LISA 2.0 Model emphasizes advanced education for all.



STEM-C focus

- Weekly STEM-C classes for Elementary
- STEM labs to enhance critical thinking and expand knowledge
- PLTW (Project Lead the Way) courses for STEM-C career pathways
- Clubs and Competitions:
 - Drone Club
 - AI Club
 - VEX IQ Robotics
 - Rocketry
 - MathCounts
 - CARSEF/NWARSEF



Advanced Pathways

- Middle school students required to take at least one high school course
- Graduation requirements for all:
 - 19 ACT
 - 2.3 GPA
 - At least one college acceptance
 - FAFSA on file
 - Two Foreign Language credits
 - At least one AP course and Pre-AP course
 - Completion of one career pathway
 - Complete state required 75 hours community service



COLLEGE-PREP FOCUSED

COLLEGE & CAREER BOUND SCHOLARS

THE GOAL OF LISA 2.0 PROGRAM MODEL

LISA Academy emphasizes supporting students in college and career readiness throughout their K-12 journey. Beginning in middle school, students regularly meet with college and career counselors to develop their plans and stay on track. Counselors assist students in applying for colleges and financial aid, as well as take the relevant classes and career pathways to meet their goals. They arrange college visits and visitors to the campus. They even continue communication post-graduation to ensure students follow through on their dreams.

LISA Academy is growing its Alumni efforts in order to support students for life, not just while they are in school. This is the goal of LISA 2.0: to encourage students to become successful STEM-C professionals, which is a growing, higher-paying career field than most.

Campus	Total College Acceptances	Number of Seniors
West High	155	76
North High	48	56
Hybrid	8	20
LISA Academy	211	152

Total volunteer hours increased from 2110 hours in 2023 to 3830 hours in 2024



TOP STATEWIDE

DESE AWARDS \$147,158 FOR GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

7 SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED FOR TOP 5-10%

Campus	Recognition
Rogers-Bentonville Middle	Top 5% Performance
Rogers-Bentonville Middle	Top 5% Growth
Online School	Top 5% Growth & Graduation Rate
West High	Top 5% Growth & Graduation Rate
North High	Top 5% Growth & Graduation Rate
Springdale	Top 10% Growth
Rogers-Bentonville Elementary	Top 10% Performance
Fayetteville	Top 10% Performance



Graduation
rate



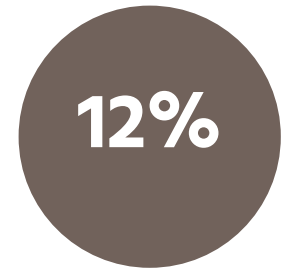
College
Acceptance Rate



Student to
teacher ratio

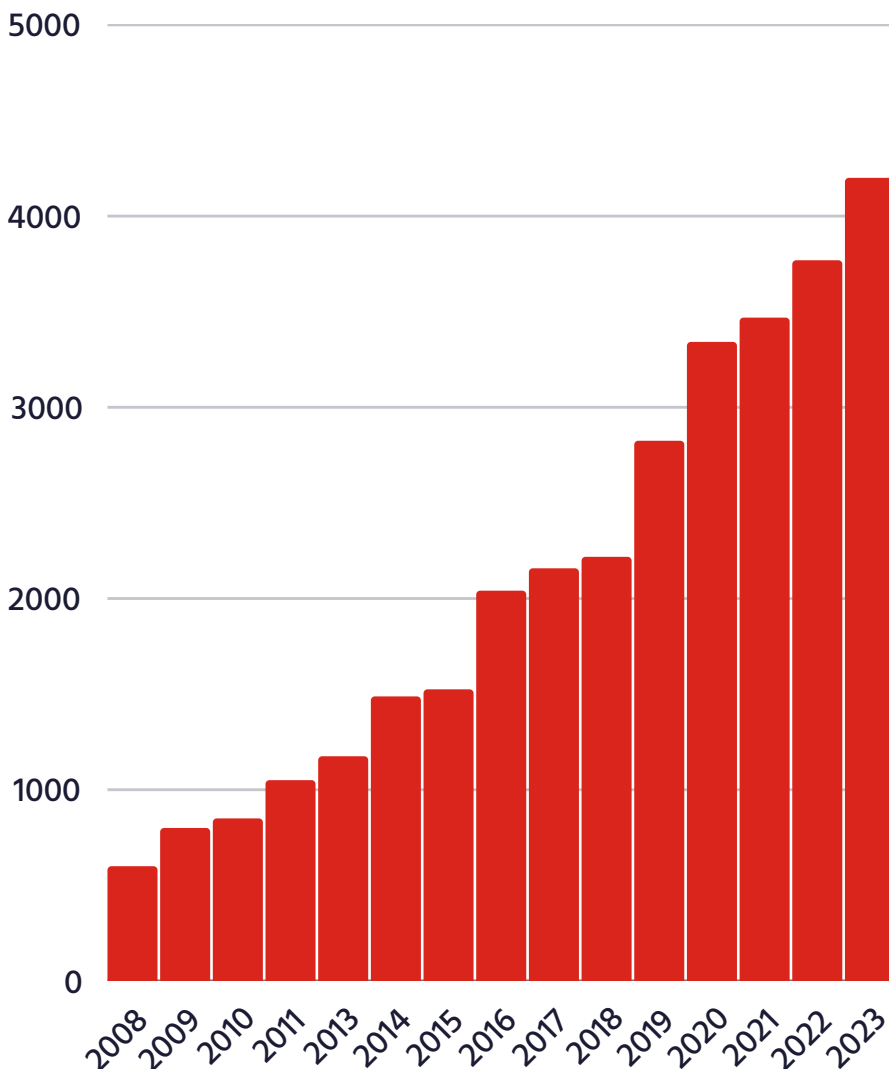


Average
class size



Enrollment
increase

STUDENT ENROLLMENT YEARLY INCREASE



AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Top 1% of Most Diverse Schools
in Arkansas (Public School
Review, 2023)

#1 Graduation Rate (US News,
2023)

#3 Best High School in Little
Rock Metro (US News, 2023)

#1 Best Charter High Schools in
Little Rock Area (Niche, 2023)

#2 Best Charter Middle Schools
in Little Rock Area (Niche, 2023)

Silver medal AP School Honor
Roll (2023)

Best Choice Public or Charter
Elementary & Middle School for
Kids & Families (Kid's Directory,
2023)



EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Named Top 1% of Most Diverse Schools in Arkansas (Public School Review, 2023)

50

Languages
spoken
by LISA families

75%

minority
enrollment

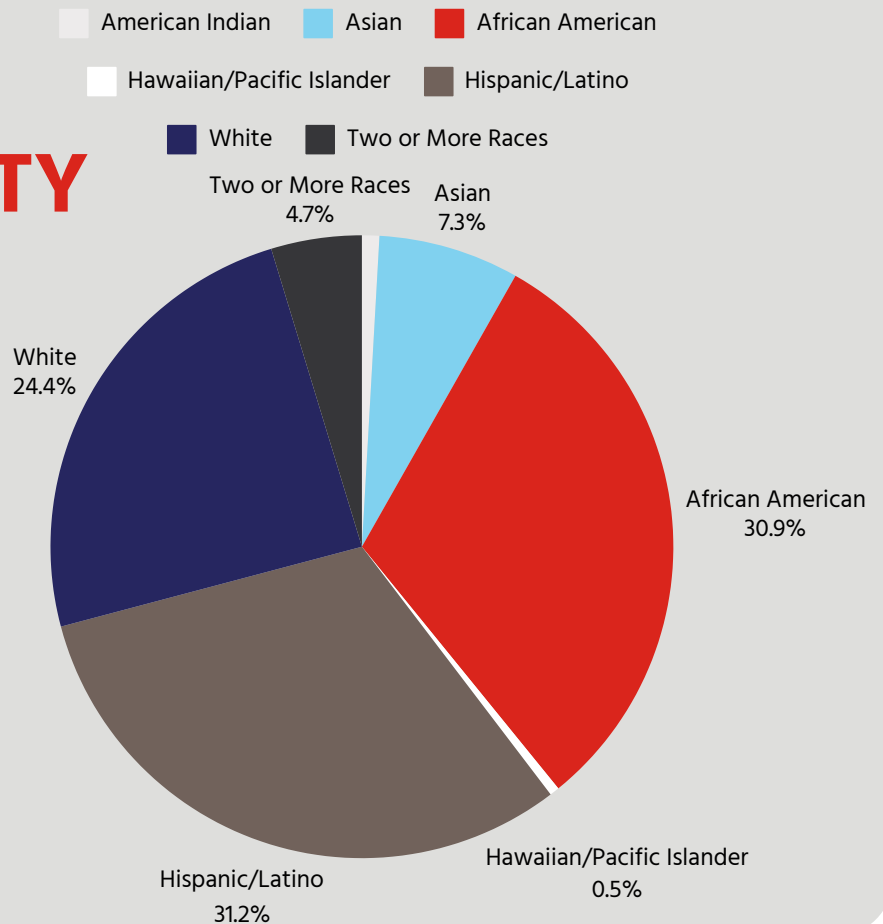
61%

free and
reduced lunch
participation

22%

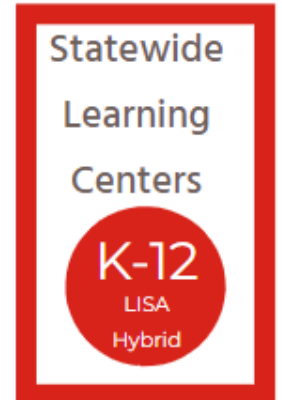
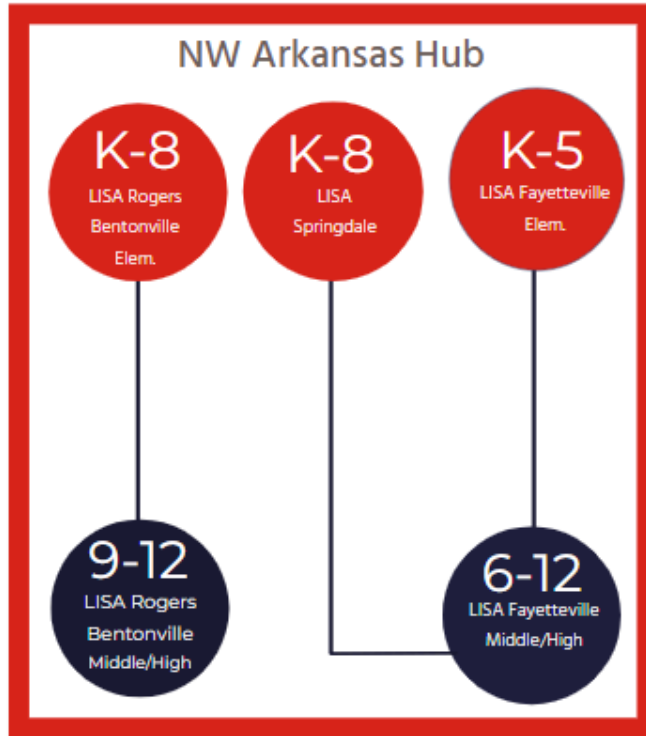
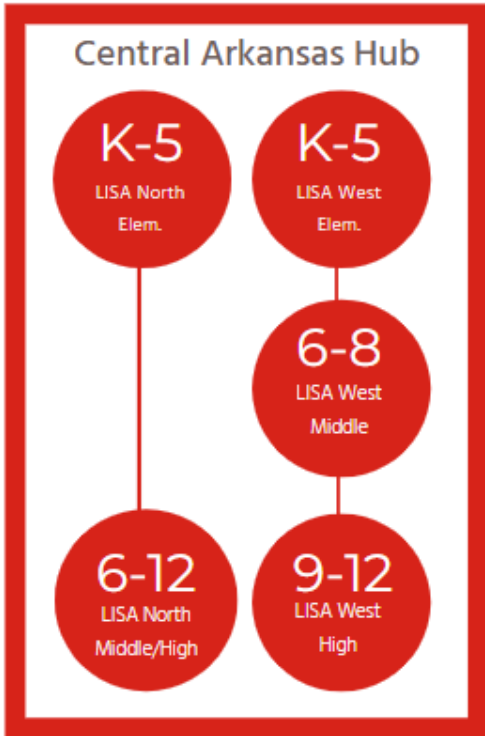
English Language
Learners

RACE/ETHNICITY





GROWTH PLAN



- Current Schools
- Approved/In Progress



Fayetteville Campus Opens

The LISA Academy Fayetteville campus opened at 1166 Van Asche in August of 2023 with over 200 students enrolled in grades K-5. The facility houses more than 40 staff members and is a bright addition, and the third Northwest Arkansas campus in the district. October 6, 2023 was declared "LISA Academy's Grand Opening Day" by Fayetteville Mayor Lionel Jordan, and the Grand Opening Event was attended by State legislators, funders, architects, and featured student performances and school tours.

Construction Begins on Rogers-Bentonville High School

Construction began on the Rogers-Bentonville secondary campus midway through the year, with plans to open in Fall 2025 to house grades 6-12. This will be the first Northwest Arkansas feeder system, with the building modeled after the LISA Academy North Middle-High building in North Little Rock. The campus will be next door to the current Rogers-Bentonville elementary campus, so families will enjoy a familiar campus environment as their students progress through to high school. LISA Academy looks forward to bringing its STEM-C focused, college prep curriculum to the Northwest Arkansas area, where students will be Today's Learners and Tomorrow's Leaders.



RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

2023-24 Bright Spots



FBI-SOS National Winners

4th and 5th grade students at West Elementary completed the Safe Online Surfing program and received certificates for its completion. Overall, the students averaged a score of 94.5% to recognize they will have safe online practices.

Graduation Rates Recognition

The Office of Education Policy at the University of Arkansas recognized LISA Academy in its Freshman Success Report for 89% of LISA freshmen being "On Track" for graduation, with the average LISA 9th grader earning 5.9 high school credits. LISA Academy students succeed at a higher rate than regional and state averages.

Sen. Boozman's Congressional Youth Cabinet

West High students Landon and Evelyn, as well as North High student Gabrielle, were selected to serve on the U.S. Congressional Youth Cabinet.



Northwest Arkansas School Landscape Analysis

According to the Walton Family Foundation report, our teachers make a difference! "LISA Academy Springdale was more effective at getting better results from economically disadvantaged students than the rest of the state, and the difference in achievement between economically disadvantaged students and others was much smaller than this difference statewide. The difference in achievement scores between economically disadvantaged students and others at LISA Academy Springdale (8.2) points, was much smaller than this difference in the typical school statewide (21 points).



Congressional App Challenge Winner

North Middle-High student William was awarded 3rd place in U.S. Congressman French Hill's Congressional App Challenge. The challenge encourages students to use their coding skills to create a unique app. William's app centered around simulating objects on various planets, and how they are affected on each planet.

Bright Spots



10th Annual STEM Festival

The 10th Annual Arkansas STEM Festival, themed AI: Rise of the Machines, saw over 2,000 attendees from across the state. These student projects wowed viewers. There was even a DaVinci surgical machine for students to manipulate.

National Science Olympiad

The West Middle Science Olympiad Team, which was awarded 1st Place and the Raye Montague trophy at state, was able to compete at the national level in Michigan.

13th Annual Language and Culture Festival

The 13th Annual Language and Culture festival celebrated the rich culture of students at LISA Academy, with cultural songs and folk dances, as well as cuisine and dress, for all to enjoy.

Senior Statistics

The LISA Academy graduating class combined from North and West High schools of 2024 received over \$6.5 million in scholarships. West High graduates volunteered 9,012 hours of community service between 75 students.





TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

2023-24 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

1st

**4A State Quiz
Bowl Champions**

11

**AR Governor's
School
Participants**

41

**Students Placing
in CARSEF and
NWARSEF**

4

**Governor's
Scholastic
Honorees**

1

**National Merit
Scholar**

3rd

**VEX IQ Robotics
World Qualifier**

1

**National STEM
Champion**

3

**All State Coding
Champions**

1

**National
Rocketry Finalist
Team**

7

**Thermo Fisher
Junior Innovators
Nominees**

14

**Students Earned
AR Seal of
Biliteracy**

1st

**Regional Aerial
Drone
Competition**