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Arkansas Department of Education Awards \$1.6 Million to Bentonville Schools
Bentonville Schools Awarded More Money than Any District in the State

Bentonville, Ark.—January 28, 2025—Bentonville Schools received \$1.6 million of the \$7 million recently awarded by the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for academic achievement. This is the 10th consecutive year for Bentonville Schools to lead the state in student performance and academic growth.

“Our teachers are committed to meeting students where they are and bringing them along whether through accelerated coursework or additional resources,” said Superintendent Dr. Debbie Jones.

“The team here is relentless in its dedication to excellence,” she added.

Principals may use these monies for educational equipment, staff training or other classroom enhancements to aid student learning. Arkansas state law requires that all purchases using these rewards go through a vetting process by a committee consisting of that school’s principal, school staff and a parent representative from that school’s families.

About Bentonville Schools

Established in 1841, Bentonville Schools is the premier public school system in Arkansas, serving more than 20,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Twenty-four schools, spanning more than 143 miles across Northwest Arkansas, call the district home. Bentonville Schools is critically acclaimed for its academics, arts and athletics and is committed to excellence through innovative, inspiring learning experiences. For more information, visit **bentonvillek12.org**