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Bentonville Schools Brings Its A Game
Arkansas Department of Education Awards District Top Scores

At a Glance

- Bentonville Schools has been recognized with 13 A letter grades by the Arkansas Department of Education
- It is the highest number of perfect grades in Arkansas, surpassing any other district.
- The Arkansas Department of Education report can be found [HERE](#).
- Photo/Video Opportunity: A celebration will be held this evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Bentonville's Board of Education meeting. The BOE meets at 500 Tiger Blvd.

Bentonville, Ark.—April 16, 2018—Bentonville Schools is celebrating a significant educational milestone after the Arkansas Department of Education assigned 13 schools in the district an A, in accordance with its state report card. (Creekside Middle School and Osage Creek Elementary, both in their first year of operation, were exempt from the report.)

"This is a snapshot of the excellence found in Bentonville Schools. What you don't see are the countless hours our teachers and students commit to on a daily basis to get us to this point," said Superintendent Dr. Debbie Jones.

"We're not graduating test scores. We're thoughtful of the entire student. We want to see our students excel academically but also socially and emotionally. This is where you find excellence combined with opportunity at a price all families can afford," Jones added.

The report issued by the Arkansas Department of Education is significant in that by law it must be easily understood by those who are not education professionals. The state assigns letter grades based on a series of unified standards related to school quality and student achievement. Those standards correlate with the federal frameworks defined in The Every Student Succeeds Act.

Factors considered include student attendance, community service, grade point average and reading at grade level.

About Bentonville Schools

Established in 1841, Bentonville Schools is the premier public school system in Arkansas serving almost 17,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Twenty-one schools, spanning more than 140 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 district.bentonvillek12.org

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