



District Insider Newsletter

August 2026 Edition

A Note from the Superintendent's Desk



Dear LISA Family,

August is always an exciting month as we welcome teachers, staff, students, and families back to school. The first week was a great success, and we were happy to share with journalist Whitney Thomas from KARK4! I am proud of our LISA family for continuing to demonstrate their commitment to learning, innovating, supporting, and achieving in every way.

We are honored to share that with this new year, the brand new Fayetteville Middle-High School has opened! Now, operating across our 14 schools in Arkansas, we serve over 4,500 students and their families. We are continuing to offer seats, so please share information about LISA with your friends and family.

LISA Academy strongly values parent and community engagement. Students who are supported by their teachers, by their family members, and by the school community perform higher socially and academically. Home visits are a pillar of LISA, and we hope you are able to participate and build a strong foundation in partnership with us for your student.

I wish everyone a wonderful school year, and I look forward to what we will achieve together!

Dr. Fatih Bogrek
Superintendent

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FAYETTEVILLE MIDDLE-HIGH CAMPUS OPENING FALL 2026



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Exciting Announcement!

LISA Academy & GTEC Partnership

We are happy to share that LISA Academy and GTEC are collaborating to

- Increase awareness of adult education opportunities available through GTEC
- Provide LISA Academy families with information about workforce development programs and career training
- Promote educational opportunities that strengthen families and communities
- Encourage eligible adults to earn a high school diploma, industry certifications, and workforce credentials
- Support college and career readiness by expanding educational pathways for entire families

Stay tuned for more news and updates about this collaboration!

Reminder: Labor Day Observation



Labor Day

— Sept 7 —

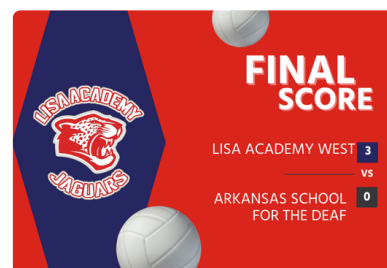
LISA Academy will be closed Sept 7, 2026 in observance of Labor Day



A Spotlight on our Students

West High Varsity Volleyball Girls' Team Wins First Game of the Season!

The season is off to a great start! West High School's Varsity Volleyball team won over the Arkansas School for the Deaf at 3-0. Keep shining, Jaguars!



Students Celebrate Last Spring's ATLAS Results

Fayetteville Middle-High School held an energetic pep rally to celebrate students' achievements from ATLAS Testing, and to kick off another great new year.

Congratulations to all of the hard working students at Fayetteville Middle-High School. We are proud to share that our students earned a total of 136 Level 4 scores! A Level 4 score means a student demonstrates an advanced understanding of the content, exceeds grade-level expectations, and shows strong mastery of the subject. Keep up the excellent work!

Congratulations!

Outstanding Performance!

- ✓ 293 Total AP Students
- ✓ 570 AP Exams
- ✓ 159 Students Scoring 3+

54% of AP Students Earned
3+ on their AP Exams!

We're proud to celebrate another year of outstanding achievement in our Advanced Placement (AP) program!

2026 District AP Highlights:

293 students took AP courses

570 AP exams were completed

159 students earned a score of 3 or higher

54% of our AP students earned qualifying scores that can lead to college credit!

These results reflect the hard work of our students, the expertise of our teachers, and the unwavering support of our families. Every AP exam represents countless hours of studying and perseverance.

Congratulations to every student who challenged themselves by taking an AP course. We are incredibly proud and excited to see how these accomplishments open doors to future success.



A few memories from Professional Development week earlier this month. Thank you to our passionate educators for everything you do every day!



DESE Podcasts

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education offers podcasts on a variety of topics to encourage listeners to think and grow.

Testimonials - Learn about LISA



“ What stands out to me the most is the individualized attention from teachers and counselors who will meet with you one-on-one and say, ‘These are the opportunities that I think you would benefit from.’ People cared about whether I was learning, whether I was excelling and growing. ”

**Jennie Burns, M.D.
Class of 2016**

Alumna Dr. Jennie Burns shares how the individualized attention from LISA Academy teachers and counselors provided a clear pathway to and through medical school.

Explore More Testimonials!

At LISA Academy, our greatest pride comes from the voices of our community. Our video testimonials feature members of our school family – including staff, students, alumni, and parents. We hope you'll take a few moments to listen and celebrate the experiences that make our community so special.

First Day of School Memories



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