



District Insider Newsletter

September 2026 Edition

A Note from the Superintendent's Desk



Dear LISA Family,

It is once again the season to share some exciting news - the Arkansas Department of Education's latest school letter grades! I am proud that this year, five of our schools earned an "A" rating, with 77% of LISA campuses overall earning an "A" or "B" rating. I am also thrilled to announce that **nine LISA Academy schools have been recognized as 2026 GEM Schools!** This recognition reflects the tremendous work happening across our campuses to help students achieve, grow, and succeed. Our qualifying schools earned a combined \$92,290.75 in performance and growth awards!

Please join us in celebrating these wonderful accomplishments:

LISA Academy Fayetteville

- Top 6–10% Overall Student Achievement and Top 5% Overall Student Growth
- Top 10% Recognition in Math Growth, ELA Achievement, ELA Growth, Science Achievement, and Science Growth

LISA Academy Fayetteville Middle School

- Top 5% Overall Student Growth
- Top 10% Math Achievement and Math Growth

LISA Academy Rogers-Bentonville Middle School

- Top 6–10% Overall Student Achievement
- Top 5% Overall Student Growth
- Top 10% ELA Achievement, ELA Growth, Science Achievement, and Science Growth

LISA Academy Rogers-Bentonville Elementary School

- Top 10% for Science Achievement and Science Growth

LISA Academy Rogers-Bentonville High School

- Top 6–10% Overall Student Growth
- Top 10% ELA Growth

LISA Academy West Middle School

- Top 6–10% Overall Student Growth
- Top 10% ELA Growth, and Sustained Improvement

LISA Academy West High School

- Top 10% for ELA Growth and Science Growth

LISA Academy North High School

- Top 10% for ELA Achievement and ELA Growth

LISA Academy Springdale

- Top 10% for Math Growth

This is only possible because of the collective efforts of our teachers, support staff, administrators, students, and families. Whether your campus was recognized for achievement, growth, sustained improvement, or excellence within a particular subject area, each distinction represents countless hours of intentional instruction, intervention, collaboration, and dedication to our students.

Congratulations to all of the teams behind these achievements! Thank you for continuing to demonstrate what is possible when we remain focused on student learning and growth. Together, we continue to prove that LISA Academy is a place where excellence is expected and achieved. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.

Dr. Fatih Bogrek
Superintendent

**5 LISA schools
awarded an A!**



**5 LISA schools
awarded a B!**

77% of LISA Academy schools are now ranked A or B!

Celebrating OEP Awards

LISA Academy West Middle, LISA Academy North Middle, LISA Academy North High, LISA Academy Rogers-Bentonville Middle, LISA Academy Rogers-Bentonville High, LISA Academy Fayetteville, and LISA Academy Fayetteville Middle have been recognized by the Office for Education Policy (OEP) at the University of Arkansas as schools where students demonstrated high growth on the ATLAS!

LISA Academy Fayetteville Elementary received the following awards:

- High Overall Growth (Statewide)
- High Overall Growth (Northwest region)

LISA Academy West Middle received the following awards:

- High Overall Growth (Statewide)
- High ELA Growth (Statewide)
- High Overall Growth (Central region)
- High Math Growth (Central region)
- High ELA Growth (Central region)
- High Science Growth (Central region)

LISA Academy North Middle received the following award:

- High Overall Growth (Central region)

LISA Academy Rogers-Bentonville Middle received the following awards:

- High Overall Growth (Statewide)
- High ELA Growth (Statewide)
- High Science Growth (Statewide)
- High Overall Growth (Northwest region)
- High ELA Growth (Northwest region)
- High Science Growth (Northwest region)

LISA Academy Fayetteville Middle received the following awards:

- High Overall Growth (Statewide)
- High Math Growth (Statewide)
- High Overall Growth (Northwest region)
- High Math Growth (Northwest region)

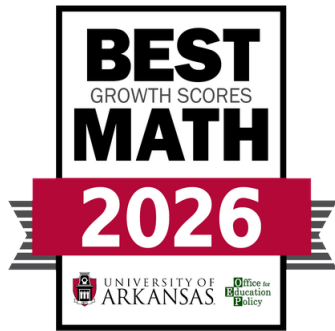
LISA Academy North High received the following award:

- High ELA Growth (Central region)

LISA Academy Rogers-Bentonville High received the following awards:

- High Overall Growth (Statewide)
- High ELA Growth (Statewide)
- High Overall Growth (Northwest region)
- High ELA Growth (Northwest region)





Reflecting on Take Your Legislator to School Month



At LISA Academy, we are proud to welcome legislators into our classrooms to experience the innovation and curiosity of our scholars firsthand. This special month gives us the chance to share our mission of providing a high-quality, STEM-C focused, college-prep education and to highlight the many talents of our students. We value these visits as an opportunity to build strong connections with policymakers while showcasing the bright futures being shaped every day at LISA Academy!



Representative Ashley Hudson Visited LISA Academy West Elementary



Representatives Scott Richardson and John Carr Visited LISA Academy Rogers-Bentonville Middle-High



Senator Kim Hammer Visited LISA Academy West High School

A Spotlight on our Students

West Elementary Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month, which takes place from September 15 to October 15, has brought some exciting learning opportunities to West Elementary! Students enjoyed a parade and an assembly featuring music, dance performances, and storytelling.





Make48 Takes Flight: Season 10 Hits Roku's 'This Old House Makers Channel' on October 7

The Make48 Team at North Middle-High spent hours upon hours fine tuning their project for the "Altitude Upgrade" challenge, and now you can watch! Tune in for the live broadcast premier on Wednesday, October 7 at 8:00pm CST, or stream on demand on Roku TV!

Incentive Fun at Fayetteville Middle-High

Last Friday, 6th graders at LISA Fayetteville Middle High enjoyed a Fun Day & BBQ event! Students played games in the gym, enjoyed board games and took part in other fun activities. Our staff cooked a delicious meal, and we all had a wonderful time together.



Janet M. Selected as a Student Presidential Leader

We are proud of Janet M. of North Middle-High School for her participation in [The Clinton Center's Student Presidential Leaders Series](#)! This program is for high school students who want to develop their leadership potential and join a network of peers who share a passion for creating change.

A Visit from Director Lewis

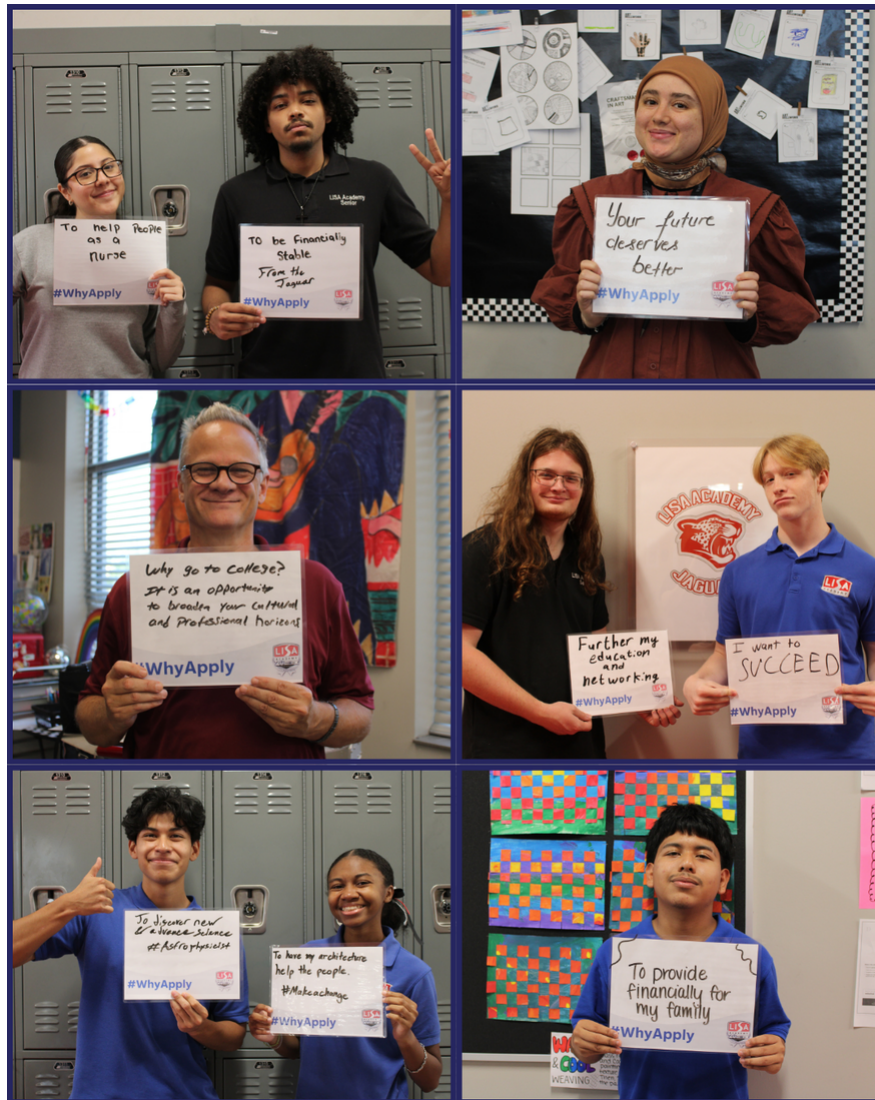


We were honored to welcome Little Rock City Director Andrea Lewis to LISA West Elementary School and LISA West Middle School! Director Lewis toured our campuses, met some of our precious students, and learned more about our school communities.

Strong schools are built through strong community partnerships, and we are grateful for leaders who take the time to visit and connect with the students and families they serve.

College Prep Corner

On September 18th, high school students and teachers celebrated Why Apply Day. As part of the American College Application Campaign hosted by ACT, Why Apply Day encourages students to apply to college. Seniors and their teachers were asked to share their reasons for applying to college and reasons why other students should apply. What's your #WhyApply?



By celebrating the “why” behind college, our LISA Academy community encouraged and motivated one another to stay focused on the future, proving that college and career readiness starts here.

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