

Arkansas's Definition of Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools

The annual school performance data from the Arkansas assessments required under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA for literacy and mathematics were used to identify persistently lowest-achieving schools. Performance levels from annual assessments for 2007 through 2009 included all students completing a full academic year, as well as students completing an alternate assessment. Tier 1 schools identified as persistently lowest-achieving were determined from among 273 Title 1 participating schools that were in school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring.

1. Schools were ranked based on 2009 academic achievement for mathematics and literacy combined using an added ranks method.
 - a. Schools were sorted from highest to lowest for the percentage of students proficient in mathematics in 2009. Each school was assigned a rank based on this order with 1 representing the highest ranked performance.
 - b. Schools were sorted from highest to lowest for the percentage of students proficient in literacy in 2009. Each school was assigned a rank based on this order with 1 representing the highest ranked performance.
 - c. An overall rank for 2009 academic achievement was obtained by summing the ranks for mathematics and literacy.
2. Schools were ranked on progress by utilizing the added ranks method for 2007, 2008, and 2009 performance.
 - a. Schools were sorted from highest to lowest for percentage of students proficient in mathematics for 2007 and 2008. Each school was assigned a rank based on this order for each year, with 1 representing the highest ranked performance.
 - b. Schools were sorted from highest to lowest for percentage of students proficient in literacy for 2007 and 2008. Each school was assigned a rank based on this order for each year, with 1 representing the highest ranked performance.
 - c. Overall ranks for 2007 and 2008 were obtained by summing the ranks for mathematics and literacy.
 - d. A 3 year progress ranking was obtained by summing the 2007, 2008, and 2009 rank values.
3. A final combined ranking was obtained by summing the weighted rankings for 2009 academic achievement and 3 year progress. Three year progress was weighted 1.0 and 2009 academic achievement was weighted 0.80.
4. The schools identified as persistently lowest-achieving were the bottom 14 schools when sorted by the final combined ranking. These schools had the 14 highest values for the final combined ranking.
5. There were no Title 1 schools in school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that were identified based on persistently low graduation rate, less than 60.0 over a number of years. Three years of graduation rates were examined.

Tier II schools were identified from among 46 Title 1 eligible (but not receiving Title I funds) secondary schools using the same method as Tier 1 schools. The bottom 5 schools had the highest final combined ranking values.

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District Name	School LEA	School Name	NCES LEA ID#	NCES SCHOOL ID#	Tier I	Tier II
Helena/West Helena School District	5403019	CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	0507680	00476	1	
Little Rock School District	6001061	CLOVERDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL	0509000	01387	1	
Dermott School District	901003	DERMOTT HIGH SCHOOL	0505170	00239	1	
Dollarway School District	3502010	DOLLARWAY HIGH SCHOOL	0505410	00235	1	
Dollarway School District	3502009	DOLLARWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL	0505410	00252	1	
Earle School District	1802007	EARLE HIGH SCHOOL	0505550	00266	1	
Hughes School District	6202024	HUGHES HIGH SCHOOL	0508010	00520	1	
N. Little Rock School District	6002060	LYNCH DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0510680	00790	1	
Marvell School District	5404032	MARVELL HIGH SCHOOL	0509510	00694	1	
Osceola School District	4713051	OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL	0510950	00825	1	
Osceola School District	4713050	OSCEOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL	0510950	00823	1	
N. Little Rock School District	6002077	ROSE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL	0510680	00803	1	
Fort Smith School District	6601019	TRUSTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0506330	00377	1	
Turrell School District	1805021	TURRELL HIGH SCHOOL	0513260	00185	1	
Little Rock School District	6001002	HALL HIGH SCHOOL	0509000	00616		1
Little Rock School District	6001063	J.A. FAIR HIGH SCHOOL	0509000	01389		1
Pulaski County Special School District	6003123	JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	0511850	00919		1
Palestine-Wheatley School District	6205028	PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SENIOR HIGH	0500051	00833		1
Pine Bluff School District	3505042	PINE BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL	0500026	00867		1