

Needs Improvement Priority Schools

Arkansas was required to identify a number of lowest-performing schools equal to at least five percent of the state's Title I schools. Arkansas had 803 Title I schools in 2011, requiring at least 40 Title I schools be identified among the schools identified as Needs Improvement Priority Schools. Arkansas identified 48 schools which included 41 Title I schools. The criteria for identification of Priority Schools set by USDE included identifying schools that were:

Among the lowest five percent of schools in the state based on proficiency and lack of progress of the "All Students" group, or
 Title I participating or Title I eligible high schools with graduation rates less than 60% over a number of years, or
 Tier I or Tier II SIG schools implementing a school intervention model.

An added ranks method was used to identify Needs Improvement Priority Schools. The details of this method are provided on pages 87 – 88 of Arkansas's approved ESEA Flexibility request. This method was used in previous years to identify the persistently lowest achieving schools under Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Schools Act. This method considers the rank of school performance in math and literacy for a three-year period.

The three-year average math and literacy performance for Priority Schools ranged from 7.9% of students scoring at or above the Proficient level to 47.7% of students scoring at or above the Proficient level.

Interventions for Needs Improvement Priority Schools are detailed on pages 88 – 96 of Arkansas's approved ESEA Flexibility request.

The criteria for Needs Improvement Priority Schools to exit Priority status are provided on page 97 of Arkansas's approved ESEA Flexibility request.

These schools are identified for Needs Improvement Priority status:

SCHOOL	DISTRICT
Augusta High School	Augusta School District
Blytheville Charter School and ALC	Blytheville School District
Blytheville Intermediate School	Blytheville School District
Covenant Keepers Charter School	
Dermott High School	Dermott School District
Alzheimer-Martin Elementary	Dollarway School District
Robert F. Morehead Middle School	Dollarway School District
Dollarway High School	Dollarway School District
Earle High School	Earle School District
Forrest City High School	Forrest City School District

Forrest City Junior High	Forrest City School District
Belle Point Alternative Center	Fort Smith School District
Trusty Elementary School	Fort Smith School District
Central High School	Helena-West Helena School District
Summit School	Hot Springs School District
Hughes High School	Hughes School District
Lafayette County High School	Lafayette County School District
Lakeside High School	Lakeside School District (Chicot County)
Lee High School	Lee County School District
Anna Strong Middle School	Lee County School District
Whitten Elementary School	Lee County School District
Wilson Elementary School	Little Rock School District
Geyer Springs Elementary School	Little Rock School District
Baseline Elementary School	Little Rock School District
Henderson Middle School	Little Rock School District
McClellan Magnet High School	Little Rock School District
Hall High School	Little Rock School District
J.A. Fair High School	Little Rock School District
Cloverdale Aerospace Charter	Little Rock School District
Marvell High School	Marvell School District
Saratoga High School	Mineral Springs School District
Rose City Middle School	North Little Rock School District
Boone Park Elementary School	North Little Rock School District
Osceola High School	Osceola School District
Osecola Middle School	Osceola School District
Oak Park Elementary	Pine Bluff School District
Belair Middle School	Pine Bluff School District
Greenville Elementary School	Pine Bluff School District
Jack Robey Junior High School	Pine Bluff School District
Pine Bluff High School	Pine Bluff School District
Harris Elementary School	Pulaski County Special School District
Wilbur Mills High School	Pulaski County Special School District
Jacksonville High School	Pulaski County Special School District
Springdale Alternative School	Springdale School District
Stephens High School	Stephens School District
Strong High School	Strong-Huttig School District
Arkansas High School	Texarkana School District
Wonder Junior High	West Memphis School District