

# OUACHITA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023/2024

## REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

**Accreditation Report** —Acorn Elementary School, Acorn High School, Oden Schools and Ouachita River School District were fully accredited for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Progress Toward Goals** — The district's 2022/23 Ready for Learning Plan is posted to the website. 2022/23 ACT Aspire results for the district: (% Ready or Exceeding) Math 34%, English 72%, Reading 42%, Science 39%. Ouachita River School District continues to progress toward its goal of: 100% growth for every student, 85% on grade level by the end of the school year and above the state average in all areas on ATLAS Summatives tests 2023/24. The district has implemented a district wide reading initiative, RAD (Reading Adventures Daily) with the goal of providing the necessary reading skills for all students to be successful in life beyond high school. The district has developed strategic plans to address student learning loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**School Board In-Service** — The ORSD board members met the in-service requirement of six hours per year for all members and 9 hours for new members in 2023-2024

**Preschools** —ORSD will have five preschool classrooms for the 2023/2024 school year. 70 students are allowed for enrollment on the Acorn campus and 20 students on the Oden campus. **The schools are currently taking student applications.** Please call 479-394-2348 for Acorn campus information and 870-326-4311 for Oden campus.

**School Report Card** —School Performance Reports are developed and posted by the Arkansas Department of Education at <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov>. Go to the site and click on My School Info. For additional information please contact Linda Heath, Acorn Elementary (479-243-0396), Apryl Philpot, Oden campus (870-326-4311) and Tammy Young, Acorn High School (479-394-7339).

**CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act of 2012)**—The district will follow all CIPA guidelines. All staff and students are educated on internet safety and cyber bullying. All online activities of minors are monitored for safety. Internet access is filtered locally using a M86 filter.

**School Improvement Plans**—detailed 2023/2024 School Improvement Plans are available for review on the district website [www.ouachitariversd.org](http://www.ouachitariversd.org). Click State Required Information, then click School Improvement Plans.

**Federal Funding/State Categorical- 2023/2024 allocations:** Title I -\$220,210.70, Title II-\$28,926.09, Title IV-\$17,234.09, Title V-\$22,837.34, Title VIB Special Education-\$196,338.57, ESA-\$584,268.00, State Professional Development-\$29,006.00, AE-\$109,852.00, English Language Learners-\$ fall of 2023, ESA Match-\$ fall of 2023, CARES Act/ESSER I, \$168,000.34, ESSER II, \$733,910.91, ARP ESSER, \$1,659,388.11, SOAR Grant, \$45,000.00, Stronger Connections Grant, \$119,500.00.

**Facilities & Safety**— ORSD has completed several summer projects that will enhance the learning environments of our students. The district continued to paint classrooms, strip and wax floors and remodel buildings district wide. This school year the Oden Gym and Acorn Gym are continuing to be remodeled. Up next for ORSD is to continue to enhance all facilities with improvements to provide a safe and warm learning environment. One additional employee of ORSD will complete the Polk/Montgomery County Sheriffs' Reserve Officer Course and add to the number of armed daily staff to increase safety. One exciting change to the ORSD Oden Campus is the installation of a safe room in Ode Maddox Elementary. This safe room will be large enough to house all employees and students in the event of a tornado. ORSD is committed to having a safe environment where all students learn and grow in order to be prepared for life.

**DISTRICT WEBSITE**-Please visit the district WEBSITE for Acorn campus, Oden campus and Ouachita River School District information: [www.ouachitariversd.org](http://www.ouachitariversd.org) and/or [download the new app](#).