

# **Benton Public Schools**

## **Annual Report to the Public 2021-2022**



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# Vision and Mission Statement

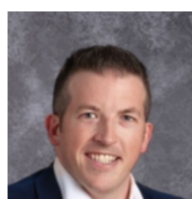
We believe that the Benton School District will:

- Provide students a world class education that prepares them for a globally competitive society.
- Develop lifelong learners and students who can become self-directed in their learning by using a variety of learning strategies to enhance their educational experience.
- Create opportunities for all students to succeed by becoming proficient or above in all content areas with an emphasis on literacy, mathematics, and the sciences.
- Strive to be a district of excellence that competed at the state and national levels in all academic and extracurricular activities.
- Instill a desire for ethical behavior, integrity, and good citizenship.

## BPS School Board



**Holley Little.**  
President



**Chris Ledbetter,**  
Vice President



**Randy Mitchell,**  
Secretary



**Jarrod Hambric**



**Jonathan Woolbright**



**Paul Childress**



**Luke Fulcher**

### 2021-22 Training Hours

Holley Little : 6

Chris Ledbetter : 6

Randy Mitchell : 10

Jarrod Hambric : 6

Jonathan Woolbright : 6.5

Paul Childress : 12

Luke Fulcher : 13.5

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# **BPS Administration**



**Dr. Kim Anderson,  
Superintendent**



**Dr. Larry Smith,  
Assistant Superintendent**



**Stacy DeFoor,  
Assistant Superintendent**



**Dan Breshears,  
Assistant Superintendent**

**Chris Hinson, Chief Financial Officer**  
**Angela McWhorter, Special Education Director**  
**Scott Neathery, Athletic Director**  
**Danny Revis, Transportation Director**  
**Paul Tudor, Facilities Director**  
**Brian Lowrance, Technology Director**

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# Introductory Statement

The Annual Report documents the Benton School District's progress in meeting the requirements set forth by the Arkansas Department of Education's Standards of Accreditation, student achievement data, and the status of various programs offered by the Benton Public School District to students and the community.

The purpose of this document is to provide a glimpse of what an exciting, challenging, and successful year it was for our schools. The Annual Report to the Public is not a one time, once a year snapshot; it is a living document that will be updated regularly. We hope you will visit our website regularly and stay informed about the good things happening in our schools. If our school district and community continue to work together, we can prepare our students to become intelligent, thoughtful, responsible citizens of our community and the world. It is our responsibility to fulfill that vision of greatness – for our community and for our students.

<b>Salary, Operating and Debt Service Funds</b>				
	2020-2021		2021-2022	
	Budget	% of Budget	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Salary &amp; Benefits</b>	\$34,428,425	67.70%	<b>\$34,598,483</b>	<b>66.40%</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>	\$3,725,372	7.30%	<b>\$3,930,857</b>	<b>7.54%</b>
<b>Utilities &amp; Supplies</b>	\$2,298,954	4.50%	<b>\$2,787,39</b>	<b>5.35%</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>	\$1,234,805	2.40%	<b>\$1,033,011</b>	<b>1.98%</b>
<b>Dues, Fees &amp; Debt Service</b>	\$9,129,548	18.10%	<b>\$9,755,603</b>	<b>18.73%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	\$50,817,104	100%	<b>\$52,105,340</b>	<b>100%</b>

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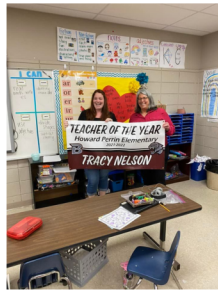
# 2021-2022 BPS Teachers of the Year



Rachel Wooten  
Caldwell



Megan Harris  
Angie Grant



Tracy Nelson  
Howard Perrin



Carmen Phelps  
Ringgold

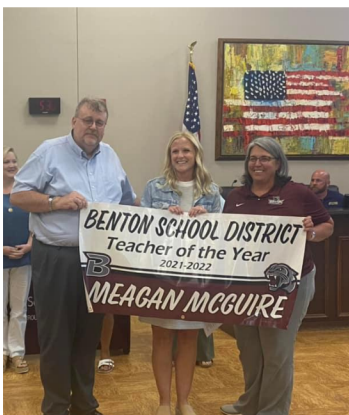


Becky McCormick  
BMS



Julie Miller  
BJH

## 2021-2022 District Teacher of the Year Meagan McGuire



A 2001 graduate of Benton High School, Meagan received a Bachelor of Interior Design and a minor in General Business from the University of Arkansas. In 2008, Meagan started as a Business Education teacher and coach for the dance team at Benton Junior High School, where her dedication for excellence began to grow as recognized by AAA's selecting her as the West All-Star Dance Coach. After receiving her Master of Science in Education in 2010, Meagan transitioned into a dual role at both Benton High School and Benton Middle School as a Business Education teacher and the BHS Pep stepper coach. After a short break when her first son was born, Mrs. McGuire returned to the classroom as an Art teacher at Benton Middle School. During her six years at BMS, Mrs. McGuire was selected to participate in the Arkansas Declaration of Learning program as a participant and then, as a mentor. For the past three years, Mrs. McGuire has taught graphic design courses at Benton High School where her students have been named SkillsUSA Advertising Design Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medalists for the past two years. Throughout all her years of teaching service, her passion for involving all stakeholders in students' educational experiences continues to be a primary focus in her teaching strategies. Her professional participation activities have included BMS and BHS Leadership Team, BHS Guiding Coalition, Non-Core PLC Lead, Dyslexia Intervention, BHS Serve, BHS Yearbook Adviser, and SkillsUSA. She is currently pursuing an Educational Specialist degree in Principalship from Henderson State University.

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# Panther Pride



Benton Middle School  
Principal, Steve Quinn was  
named 2022 Arkansas  
Middle School Principal of  
the Year!

Benton Schools employ 396 certified teachers. 217 hold a Masters's degree or higher. Our average teacher salary is \$56,565.29



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# Professional Development

The Benton School District continually strives to find innovative ways to meet the needs of students and teachers by providing high-quality professional development.

The Benton School District offers many hours of professional development within our district. We are members of the Dawson Educational Cooperative in Arkadelphia. This allows our staff to attend many sessions nearby. We offer courses in the following categories: Technology, Arkansas History, Curriculum Alignment, Assessment, Instructional Leadership, and many more.

Benton is committed to developing in-house experts who are able to share their knowledge and expertise with other district faculty. Many of the courses offered during our summer professional development days are presented by our own staff members. In order to maintain a valid teacher license with the Arkansas Department of Education, teachers must complete a minimum of 36 hours of professional development annually. Courses are offered at various times throughout the school year on 10 scheduled in-service contract days.

The Benton School District continually strives to exceed standards not only for our students but for our teachers as well. Well-trained teachers lead to increased student achievement and success in and out of the classroom. District initiatives include Capturing Kids' Hearts, Professional Learning Communities, Advanced Placement Training, Technology in the classroom, RISE, and Empowering Writers.



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# Academic Achievement



Zac Bevill  
Valedictorian



Joseph Morris  
Salutatorian

Benton High School had 382 graduates in 2022, 59 graduated Summa Cum Laude, 30 Magna Cum Laude, and 7 Cum Laude. The class in total was awarded scholarships in the amount of \$7,027,800.00. 96% of our students graduated on time.

Joseph Morris is a National Merit Scholarship winner. He intends to study Library Science at the University of Southern Mississippi.



Clara Ehorn was selected as a National Honor Society semifinalist. She was chosen from over 10,000 applicants nationwide.

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# Student Assessments

## ACT Aspire

Grade	ELA	Math
3rd	39%	55%
4th	38%	42%
5th	43%	55%
6th	43%	61%
7th	51%	70%
8th	46%	58%
9th	51%	46%
10th	42%	41%



## AP College Board

360 Benton High students took a total of 758 AP College Board exams. 389 tests were passed with a score of 3 or higher. We had 70 AP Scholars, 11 of whom were AP Scholars with Honors and 6 AP Scholars with Distinction.

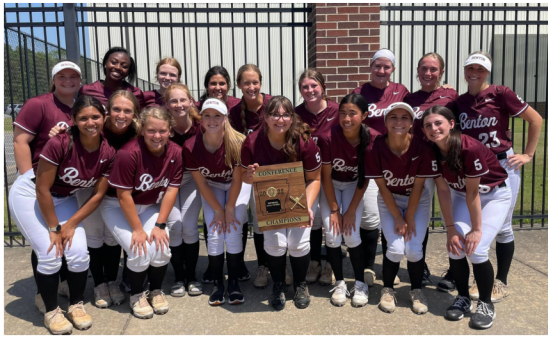
## ACT

393 Benton High 11th grade students participated in electronic testing of the ACT exam. Our average score was 2 points higher than the state average.

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# Conference Champions



2022 Lady Panther Softball 5A  
Conference and State Champions



2021 6A West Champions  
Benton Panther Football



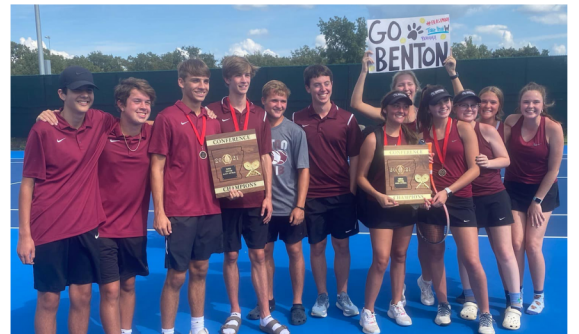
2022 Benton High Girls  
5A Cross Country Champions



2022 Benton High Cheer  
5A State Champions



2022 Benton High Volleyball  
Conference Champions



2021 Benton High Boys and Girls Tennis  
Conference Champions

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# **Special Programs**

## **English as a Second Language**

Benton Public Schools provides services for students whose primary language is not English. 268 Students were served in the 2021-22 school year.

## **Gifted and Talented**

Benton Public Schools provided services to 612 high-ability and identified gifted students in the 2021-22 school year.

## **Special Education**

Benton Public Schools is committed to providing our students with an educational environment that supports their needs. Some of our services are occupational and physical therapy, behavioral support, and homebound services. We served 638 students with disabilities in the 2021-22 school year.

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# Looking to the Future

Benton Public Schools broke ground on a new elementary school in 2021. The new school will be located at the 114 exit close to the Saline County CTE center. It is expected to be open at the start of the 2023-2024 school year!



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