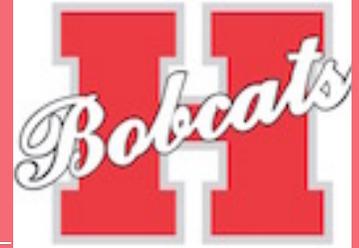


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Academics highlight in second half

Three campuses in the Hope Public School District were recognized for academic excellence as the Spring, 2018, semester closed the 2017-2018 academic year.



ACT growth achievement recognized

The Hope Academy of Public Service, Beryl Henry Elementary School, and Yerger Middle School were recognized by the Office for Education Policy of the University of Arkansas, in Fayetteville, among the top growth achievers in Arkansas and the southwest region of the state in math and English language arts from the 2017 administration of the ACT Aspire standardized test.

“Awards are based on the 2017 content growth score calculated by the Arkansas Department of Education,” Dr. Gary Ritter, faculty director, and Dr. Sarah McKenzie, executive director, noted in the letter. “These growth scores reflect how much students at the school improved from 2016 compared to how much they were expected to grow considering prior achievement.”

Both HAPS and BHE were among the top 20 middle schools in Arkansas statewide in Overall ACT Aspire Growth, while YMS was in the top five in southwest Arkansas in Overall ACT Aspire Growth, along with the other two campuses.



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Summer Calendar

June 18 - School
board; 5:30 p.m.

June 22, 29 - HHS,
CPS summer school
ends.

July 27 -- Summer
nutrition program
ends.

“We are extremely proud of the accomplishments and recognition these campuses have received,” Hope Public Schools Superintendent Bobby Hart said. “All the credit for this success goes to the students, parents, and faculties of these schools. Their hard work and focus on teaching and learning is evident, we expect even greater accomplishments in the future from these and all of our campuses.”

A significant factor in the OEP report is the removal of demographic factors from the scoring of the schools. “Growth is calculated at the student level, and essentially reflects how much a student improved his or her score from the prior year compared to what was predicted based on prior achievement history,” the UA report states. “This means that schools can demonstrate high student growth regardless of the characteristics of the students they serve.”

Scores were based upon “final weighted achievement” and “overall content growth.”

Consequently, among the top 20 middle schools statewide, based upon Overall ACT Aspire Growth, HAPS was No. 8 with an overall content growth score of 84.54, and BHE was No. 17 with an overall content growth score of 84.12.

Overall in the southwest Arkansas region, HAPS was No. 1, BHE was No. 2, and YMS, with a content growth score of 80.30, was No. 5. In math scores for the southwest Arkansas region, BHE was No. 4, with a content score of 80.00, while HAPS was No. 5, with a content growth score of 79.65.

HAPS was No. 1 statewide in ELA content growth at 89.45 and BHE was No. 2 statewide at 88.40. Both campuses finished first and second in the southwest Arkansas region, and YMS ranked No. 5 regionally with an 81.75 content growth score.

HAPS named ‘A’ rated school

The Hope Academy of Public Service in the Hope Public School District is among 175 schools across Arkansas to receive a monetary award from the state for academic growth; and, HAPS has also been named an “A” rating school under new state guidelines for public school accountability.

“We are all proud of the work our HAPS students, parents, and staff have put in to create such a wonderful environment and results,” Hope Superintendent Bobby Hart said. “It is proof that all of our students can succeed at high levels when they are supported by teachers, parents, and community.”

HAPS was the only school in Hempstead County to receive the recognition.

“All of our students and campuses are capable of similar success,” Hart said.

He said the accolade for HAPS Principal Dr. Carol Ann Duke, the HAPS faculty and students reflects community commitment.

“On behalf of Dr. Duke, and her staff and students, I want to thank our entire community for the support and energy it has poured into our HAPS program,” Hart said. “I also want to challenge our community and our other campuses to strive for similar success.”

The HAPS campus will share in some \$6.9 million to be distributed by the Arkansas Department of Education under the Arkansas School Recognition Program. HAPS is among the top 6-10 percent of schools demonstrating academic growth or student academic performance, based upon criteria set by the Arkansas Board of Education. HAPS will receive \$7,229.88, based upon an enrollment of 153 students.

HAPS was also named an “A” rating school under the new A to F rating system for campuses statewide.

Under the new guidelines, HAPS is among 46 of 204 middle school level campuses to receive the “A” rating, based upon data from the 2016-2017 academic year as required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. Across the 1,040 public and charter school campuses at all grade levels in Arkansas, 163 schools received an “A” rating, according to the state report. The reports reflect factors such as academic achievement and growth, graduation rates, school quality and student success as defined through stakeholder, educator, and student feedback gathered by the ADE.

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People...

The Hope Rotary Club honored Carol Hendrix, center left, and Kelly Muldrew, center right, as the elementary and secondary Rotary Teachers of the Year at the group's annual banquet at Hempstead Hall on the University of Arkansas-Hope campus. Offering their congratulations are, left to right, Rotary committee chair John Watkins, Hope Academy of Public Service Principal Dr. Carol Ann Duke, Hope Public Schools Superintendent Bobby Hart, and Hope High School Principal Bill Hoglund.



Awards...

Honors graduates for 2018 announced during the HHS Senior Banquet included: Summa Cum Laude – (4.0 GPA or above) Andria Marie Curtis and Tristen Simone Jones. Magna Cum Laude – (3.75-3.99 GPA) Elizabeth Gabrielle Bamber and Morgan Alexandria Gray. Cum Laude – (3.5-3.74 GPA) Vanessa Juana Carballo, Zachary Maxwell Johnson, Quentin Kane Key, Angela Nava, Dora Liliana Ortiz, Kaitlyn Ariana Robinson, and Luis Diego Toscano.



Wins...

Members of the Yerger Middle School concert band entered the annual All-Region Solo/Ensemble Contest at Redwater on May 18 and performed in the "large ensemble" category of the competition. Hope Bands Director Julie Gladden said the group received an "excellent" rating and was awarded a trophy, which Gladden presented to the students during the end of year awards assembly for YMS at Hempstead Hall.



Successes...

Melinda Strike, Yerger Middle School teacher and Girls of Promise sponsor, introduced Rocio Martinez and Leslie Rodriguez to the Hope Public Schools Board in a report on the YMS Girls of Promise program. Martinez and Rodriguez recently returned from a two day Girls of Promise conference in Little Rock, where they and four other YMS coeds were among only 200 girls statewide chosen to attend. The girls reported to the board on conference activities which focused upon higher education, work ethic, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) career opportunities for women.

CAMPUSES

What's positive on the campuses of the Hope Public School District?



State okays health center

A plan to establish a student/faculty health center on the Hope High School campus has been endorsed by the Arkansas Department of Education, clearing the way for a \$500,000 grant over five years to create and operate the center.

ADE School Health Services Director Jerri Clark announced the initial grant approval of \$150,000 for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Hope Superintendent Bobby Hart said the approval was a "game changer for the Hope Public Schools."

"The committee did a wonderful job in putting the grant together and in handling all the logistics," Hart said. "Our community supported our plan, our health care providers stepped up, and our students and families will benefit greatly."

The HPSD will undertake the cost of continuing operations after the fifth year of service, according to Hart.

Renovations to the HHS "cottage" will include a reception area, waiting area, up to five exam rooms, restrooms, offices, laboratory, secured storage, break room, and conference room; while, much of the furnishings and equipment needed for initial operations have been donated by Wadley Regional Medical Center-Hope.

The health center is designed provide both physical and mental health components including immunizations, wellness visits, athletics physicals, acute care, vision exams, dental exams, health education, and preventative health training, as well as mental assessments, referrals, counseling, and medication management.

Partnerships with Dr. Ladell Douglas, of Hope, and with Arkansas Counseling and Pyschodiagnostics will provide professional health services on a regular basis on site.

Hope Schools Vision...

...World Class Students, World Class Learning, World Class Citizens.

Hope Schools Mission...

The mission of the Hope Public Schools is to provide all students a quality education through the collaborative efforts of the schools, families, and all stakeholders to create productive citizens in our ever-changing society.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

What an amazing school year!!!

School-based health clinic; an "A" rated school; three schools listed in top 5 in SW Ark.; an ALE program providing a second chance for students; new college, career program in the works; and so much more.

Hope Public Schools is the place to be!

Thanks to all of our stakeholders for their support and input. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students and families.



HPS Supt.
Bobby Hart

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