



Fayetteville Board of Education

The Fayetteville Board of Education elected the following officers for the 2015-16 school year:

Member	Training Hours in 2015
Tim Hudson, president	31.50
Justin Eichmann, vice president	18.25
Traci Farrah, secretary	6.00
Susan Heil	27.75
Bob Maranto	18.00
Steve Percival	23.25
Nika Waitsman	12.50

State Reporting Requirements

Accreditation: All Fayetteville Public Schools were accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education for the 2015-16 school year.

Soft Drink Revenue: The Fayetteville School District received \$65,315 in competitive beverage funding in the 2015-16 school year. The money was used for field trips to the Walton Arts Center, parent involvement nights, celebrations, and student incentives.



2015-16 District Operating Budget

Revenue	
Local (Foundation)	\$34,754,844
Other Local Millage	\$27,829,016
State Foundation	\$27,194,012
Professional Development	\$245,106
Alternative Education	\$838,467
English Language Learning	\$237,000
National School Lunch Act	\$1,997,172
Other State	\$1,390,000
Growth	\$329,200
SPED Catastrophic	\$350,000
Adult Education	\$555,000
Other Local	\$350,000
Bond Subsidies	\$1,500,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$97,569,817

Expenditures	
Teacher Salaries	\$42,023,519
Instructional/Pupil Support	\$21,525,988
General Administration	\$1,189,150
Operating & Maintenance	\$8,970,810
Transportation	\$3,262,863
State Grants	\$2,743,382
Buyout	\$1,274,372
Other	\$46,000
Debt Payments	\$14,798,214
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$95,834,298
Transfer to Building (refunding)	\$734,563
Possible Raise	\$900,000
Total Transfer & Expenditures	\$97,568,861
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE	\$12,077,736

ESEA Accountability

Each year the Arkansas Department of Education evaluates every public school on the progress their students have made on standardized testing and assigns a letter grade. These are the results for the 2015-16 school year:

Seven schools were rated as B schools, and seven schools were rated as a C schools.

Each district school has an ACSIP Plan that addresses strategies for continued improvement.

Note from the Superintendent:

I am so pleased to be the Superintendent of the Fayetteville Public Schools and to present this report regarding our 2015-16 school year. Although I joined the team in July 2016, I am well aware of the accolades, awards, and achievements of this outstanding district during the last school year. Many of our faculty and staff members received both state and national recognition. Hundreds of our students have won both academic and athletic recognition for our school and community.

Speaking of outstanding staff members, over 65% of our teachers have a master's degree or greater, giving us one of the most highly educated faculties in Arkansas. I am impressed daily by the dedication, expertise, and excitement exhibited by the teachers within our district. In fact, it isn't just our teaching staff that goes above and beyond. Throughout the Fayetteville Public Schools you will find employees giving of themselves daily, from those who keep our facilities sparkling, those maintaining our buildings, those transporting students, those preparing the meals, and those answering the phones and working in administrative capacities. All are working hard to prepare our next generation the best that they can.

Our students are well on their way to success. In the 2015-16 school year FPS students took the ACT Aspire test for the first time in grades 3-10. The Aspire test is designed to measure a student's progress in English, mathematics, reading, writing, and science. Fayetteville students turned in a solid performance, outpacing state and national averages. The school district uses these scores as one of many indicators to differentiate instruction for students and to guide curriculum development. Testing is not the only measure of success for our students. As you can see from the list to the right of this letter, students are reaching personal milestones, exhibiting community spirit, and excelling on our athletic fields and in our arts programs.

We are so fortunate to live, work, and play in Fayetteville. Our top ranked university, coupled with the business, industry, and the nonprofit community work together to create a high quality of life for everyone. We are also fortunate to live in a community where the citizens realize that public education is not an expense but an investment that yields long-term dividends for everyone. Thank you to all our community members for supporting your public schools, and thank you to our parents for entrusting us with your most precious resource, your child.

Matthew Wendt, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Assessment

Each year our students are evaluated on a variety of standardized tests. Highlights from 2015-16 school year include:

High Achieving School Awards

The Office of Education Policy at the University of Arkansas awards High Achieving School Awards to schools for their student assessment performance. Schools receiving awards for their 2015-16 performance included:

Vandergriff Elementary: #2 elementary overall, #3 in math, #3 in literacy

McNair Middle School: #1 middle school overall, #1 in math, #1 in literacy

Ramay Jr. High: #12 jr. high overall, #9 in literacy

Woodland High School: #3 jr. high overall, #2 in math, #3 in literacy

Advanced Placement

of Exams Taken 1,802

of Exams with score of 3 or higher 1,005 (60%)

ACT Exam (average composite score)

Arkansas 20.2

National 20.8

FHS 23.8

ACT Aspire

The percentages of our students in grades 3-10 who scored "ready" or "exceeds" on benchmark tests:

Grade Level	English	Math	Reading	Science
3	81%	68%	50%	53%
4	76%	63%	57%	53%
5	83%	58%	47%	57%
6	81%	67%	60%	70%
7	86%	61%	57%	65%
8	79%	50%	62%	57%
9	72%	42%	51%	38%
10	71%	38%	49%	39%

Federal Programs

Our 2015-16 Federal funds were expended as follows:

Title I: Economically Disadvantaged	\$1,937,905
Title II: Improving Teacher Quality	\$291,116
Title III: English Language Learners	\$69,997



Noteworthy from 2015-16:

The FHS Class of 2016 was offered more than \$12.8 million in college scholarships.

Seven FPS schools received more than \$600,000 in performance rewards from the Arkansas Department of Education.

Vandergriff Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education for the second time.

Fayetteville Virtual Academy, the first virtual academy operated by a public school district, was approved by the State Board of Education.

FHS AP Physics teacher Marc Reif received the 2016 Southwest Region AP Award from the College Board.

FHS teams won state championships in boys golf (3rd consecutive), volleyball, football, boys & girls indoor track, and boys & girls outdoor track.

Five FHS students achieved perfect scores on the ACT exam (four juniors, one sophomore).

Eight FHS seniors were named National Merit Finalists.

FHS sophomore volleyball player Ella May Powell was named the 2015 Arkansas Gatorade Player of the Year.

McNair Middle School was ranked the #1 middle school in Arkansas for performance on standardized tests.

Ramay Jr. High was ranked the #1 junior high school in Arkansas in performance on the End-of-Course Biology exam.

Ramay engineering teacher Bethany Strasser received the 2015 Outstanding Young Educator Award from the International STEM Association.

FHS art teacher James Kunzelmann was named the 2015 Arkansas Middle Level Art Teacher of the Year.

The Owl Creek School was re-designated as an Arkansas Diamond School to Watch.

FHS students won 4th place at the Student TV Network national competition.

Nineteen FHS students were named to the 2015 All-State Choir, and 17 students were named to the All-State Band.

McNair Middle School student Gable Sloan was named a Distinguished Finalist in the 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

FHS Film, FHS-TV, and the FHS *Amethyst* yearbook each received All-Arkansas Awards from the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association.

The FHS Quiz Bowl team won the 2016 Arkansas competition.

FHS Drama produced several productions, including the musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.

The Ramay Jr. High Odyssey of the Mind team won the jr. high division of the Arkansas Odyssey of the Mind competition and placed 33rd at the World Finals.

The transformed Fayetteville High School campus was dedicated on September 27, 2015, completing a five-year, \$96 million project.

Dr. Matthew Wendt was hired to be the 11th superintendent in the history of the Fayetteville Public Schools.

FHS seniors Tyler Bishop, Jordan Davis, Cannon Kern, Trey Langston, Aidan McGill, and Abby Pickhardt were named National Merit Finalists.

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