

Greenwood School District



Providing
Excellence in Education

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School District Facts

Enrollment PK-12	3720
Attendance Rate	95.79 %
Poverty Rate	33.80 %
Graduation Rate	92.16 %
Average ACT Score	23.7

- ⇒ 61 % of students enrolled in AP courses scored a 3,4,or 5 on College Board exams
- ⇒ 339 Students earned 1,441 college hours in 2015-2016
- ⇒ Graduating seniors offered 5.2 million in scholarships

School Awards:

Top 5 Academics in the State

- ◆ East Pointe Elementary
- ◆ Greenwood Junior High School

Top 10 Academics in the State

- ◆ East Hills Middle School

Top 5 Target Growth in the State:

- ◆ East Pointe Elementary
- ◆ East Hills Middle School
- ◆ Greenwood Junior High

Lighthouse School Recognition:

- ◆ Westwood Elementary

Model ALE Program in the State:

- ◆ Greenwood School District

Outstanding Special Education Program:

- ◆ Greenwood School District

A Message from the Superintendent

It is my privilege to welcome you to the Greenwood School District. The Greenwood School District has long been recognized as one of the premier school districts in the state. The reputation it has developed is strongly correlated to the support it receives from the residents of Greenwood and the surrounding communities that it serves.

The Greenwood School District has the long-standing vision of "Providing Excellence in Education". This tradition stems from a community that values education and has high expectations for all academic and extracurricular programs. Our community is committed to providing our students with state of the art facilities, a wide variety of educational programs, and the resources necessary to recruit and retain one of the finest faculties in the state. The strong relationship between community, parents, and schools allow our students to graduate with the skills necessary to be college and career ready and to be productive members of society.

Whether you are a lifelong resident of Greenwood or are a new member of our community, we encourage you to help us continue the "tradition of excellence" that has been established for Greenwood Public Schools.

Sincerely,

John Ciesla, Ed.S.



John Ciesla, Superintendent

What's New for the 2016-17 School Year?

- ◆ *Freshman Center opening for 300+ students and staff*
- ◆ *Gspire—after school intervention program for students*
- ◆ *Performing Arts Center Season of Entertainment*
- ◆ *Updated website, school app, and social media to improve communications*
- ◆ *Partnership with Arkansas Literacy Council for adult education classes*
- ◆ *Greenwood Junior High School named a School of Innovation*



GREENWOOD SCHOOL BOARD



Todd Hales, President
Elected 2007



Jeff Turner, Vice President
Elected 2010



Clifton James, Secretary
Elected 2011



Paul McCollom
Elected 1994



Rozanne Sterling
Elected 2012



Kelli Henning
Elected 2015



Dr. Brad Johnson
Elected 2014

It is the mission of the Greenwood Public School system to provide a quality education for all students in a safe and nurturing environment. Through active community involvement, we are endeavoring to prepare our students to become responsible citizens, and to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS



Suzanne Wilson, Asst. Superintendent



Kevin Hesslen, Asst. Superintendent

Training Hours

Todd Hales	144.00
Jeff Turner	112.10
Clifton James	41.60
Paul McCollom	330.5
Rozanne Sterling	87.25
Kelli Henning	37.50
Dr. Brad Johnson	20.75

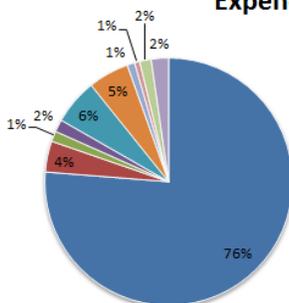
District Employees

469	Total Employees
272	Certified Staff
62	Paraprofessionals
5	School Nurses
21	Clerical Staff
5	Technology Staff
32	Food Service Staff
39	Custodial/ Maintenance
38	Bus Drivers
2	Mechanics
4	BASS Staff
1	Athletic Trainer

**Bus drivers do include nine classified and three certified employees **

Expenditures

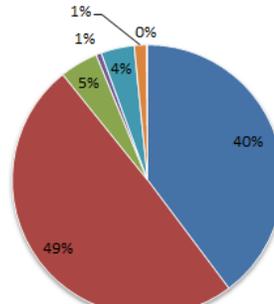
\$32,883,306



- Total Salary & Benefits
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Technology
- Federal Curriculum & Instruction
- Debt Service Payments
- Maintenance & Operations
- Transportation
- Athletic Activity Fund
- School Activity Fund
- Food Service

Revenues

\$35,957,888



- Property Taxes
- State Assistance
- Federal Assistance
- Athletic Activity
- Food Service
- Misc.
- Coca-Cola Revenue

STUDENTS RAISING THE BAR

Average ACT Scores

English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State
22.0	19.8	22.5	19.6	22.6	20.7	22.1	20.0	22.4	20.2

2016 Senior Class Facts

- 119 Honor Graduates (3.5 GPA)
- 98 Honor Diplomas
- 9 Governor's Distinguished Scholars
- 43% Seniors receiving scholarships
- 72% Seniors receiving scholarships (including Arkansas Challenge)

\$5.2 million Scholarships

Highest performing school districts and charter schools

Haas Hall Academy charter school campuses in Fayetteville and Bentonville were the top achieving school systems in Arkansas in a ranking of school systems by their 2016 Aspire combined exam results in English, reading and writing, and by their combined math and science exam results. The chart shows the percentages of students who met readiness levels.

REGIONS: 1. Northwest Arkansas 2. Northeast Arkansas 3. Central Arkansas 4. Southwest 5. Southeast.

SCIENCE AND MATH					ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS				
Rank/School district	Benchmark	Region	Enrollment	% FRL	Rank/School district	Benchmark	Region	Enrollment	% FRL
1 Haas Hall Academy	88%	1	352	0%	1 Haas Hall Academy	97%	1	352	0%
2 Haas Hall Bentonville	88%	1	295	0%	2 Haas Hall Bentonville	97%	1	295	0%
3 Responsive Ed Solutions*	68%	1	551	7%	3 Responsive Ed Solutions*	78%	1	551	7%
4 Valley View	65%	2	2,709	27%	4 Valley View	75%	2	2,709	27%
5 Greenwood	60%	1	3,630	35%	5 Responsive Ed Solutions**	68%	3	231	12%
6 Salem	59%	2	793	66%	6 Greenwood	68%	1	3,630	35%
7 Greenbrier	58%	3	3,393	38%	7 Harrison	67%	1	2,668	49%
8 Bentonville	57%	1	16,060	25%	8 Salem	67%	2	793	66%
9 Harrison	56%	1	2,668	49%	9 Greenbrier	66%	3	3,393	38%
10 Academics Plus	56%	3	853	21%	10 Bentonville	65%	1	16,060	25%
11 Pottsville	56%	1	1,699	45%	11 Bismarck	65%	3	967	68%
12 Fayetteville	54%	1	9,652	39%	12 Lisa Academy	65%	3	1,525	43%
13 Clinton	54%	1	1,297	100%	13 eStem Public Charter School	64%	3	1,462	33%
14 Spring Hill	54%	4	555	51%	14 Valley Springs	64%	1	893	49%
15 Bismarck	54%	3	967	68%	15 Ammorel	64%	2	404	46%
16 Benton	54%	3	5,045	42%	16 McCrory	63%	2	603	61%
17 Mt. Vernon/Enola	53%	3	512	56%	17 Fayetteville	63%	1	9,652	39%
18 Cotter	53%	1	680	100%	18 Arkansas Arts Academy	63%	1	774	38%
19 Bergman	52%	1	1,079	56%	19 Clinton	62%	1	1,297	100%
20 Valley Springs	52%	1	893	49%	20 Nemo Vista	62%	1	423	61%
21 Genoa Central	51%	4	1,143	48%	21 Dover	62%	1	1,404	59%
22 Lakeside (Garland)	51%	3	3,391	40%	22 Benton	61%	3	5,045	42%
23 Bryant	51%	3	8,969	37%	23 Searcy	61%	2	4,146	53%
24 Soranton	50%	1	409	53%	24 Spring Hill	61%	4	555	51%
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26 Lisa Academy	50%	3	1,525	43%	26 Pottsville	61%	1	1,699	45%
27 Emerson-Taylor-Bradley	50%	4	986	52%	27 Des Arc	60%	5	515	70%
28 McCrory	50%	2	603	61%	28 Mt. Vernon/Enola	60%	3	512	56%
29 Mammoth Spring	50%	2	449	67%	29 Academics Plus	60%	3	853	21%
30 Dover	50%	1	1,404	59%	30 Genoa Central	60%	4	1,143	48%
31 Nemo Vista	50%	1	423	61%					

SOURCE: University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Office for Education Policy

Arkansas Democrat Gazette



All Schools in the Greenwood District are fully Accredited.

Accolades Around the District

The Bessie B. Moore Awards Program recognizes Arkansas teachers for going “above and beyond” what is required by developing outstanding economic and personal finance projects they integrate into the classroom during the school year. Congratulations go to Mrs. Amy Hardy for being one of the finalists with *The Dream Team Entrepreneur*.



The Arkansas School Recognition Program provides financial awards to public schools that experience high student performance and high student academic growth. The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to announce that funds have been made available for this program and the Greenwood Schools have met the criteria established by the State Board of Education. Representative Charlotte Douglas presented these awards at the School Board meeting in May.



Greenwood School District continues to lead in every area of student life in Arkansas schools. Students excel in extracurricular, academic and community events. Academic strength, extracurricular participation, and dedicated staff are the ingredients for success at Greenwood Public Schools

In June 2016, more than 10,000+ attendees gathered in New Orleans, Louisiana for the National Beta Club Convention. Bryce Cohea competed in Science and won First Place nationally. This is only the second time in Greenwood Beta history for a first place win in Science.



**PERFECT
SCORE**

Bryce Cohea scored a perfect score of 36 on his ACT test as a junior.



STEM Initiatives Underway at all campuses

- ◆ Elementary campuses are employing coding classes for all students
- ◆ Middle School students are working with the Maker Bot technology
- ◆ Junior High students offered *Project Lead the Way* classes focusing on medical detectives, robotics, science of technology.
- ◆ High School students offered classes in robotics and computer science as well as science and engineering pathway to college and career readiness in the STEM fields.



Gspire Intervention Program Announced

The belief that all students can learn in their own time is something that is constantly voiced by educators and parents alike. But too often, the general configuration of traditional classrooms and standards get in the way of allowing students more time to grasp key concepts needed for future success. As a result, Greenwood administrators are excited to announce the **Gspire** program designed to provide after school interventions utilizing certified teachers for instruction.

Assistant Superintendent, Suzy Wilson, will be directing the program from the district level utilizing student data to evaluate the progress of the students involved. Each school in the Greenwood system will have a four day intervention program designed to meet the needs of their students.

Small group settings, low student-teacher ratios, hands-on activities, and weekly progress monitoring will be some of the keystones of this program. Wilson says, "It is our hope that by providing small groups of students extra time and teacher support, we will see an increase in student achievement and success."

Greenwood teachers will have an opportunity to apply for Gspire positions in the fall of 2016 and will start intervention classes in early September. Parents will be contacted in late August if their child is a candidate for the Gspire program.



Arkansas became the first state to pass a truly comprehensive law requiring all public and charter high schools to offer computer science courses to students. Governor Asa Hutchinson made “computer science education for all” one of his core campaign promises.

“Whether you’re looking at manufacturing and the use of robotics or the knowledge industries, they need computer programmers,” he says. “If we can’t produce those workers, we’re not going to be able to attract and keep the industry we want.”

In the Information Age, to know the language of computers is essential for innovation and to stay competitive in a global market, Gov. Asa Hutchinson told students at a recent visit to Greenwood High School.

Speaking to several computer oriented classes at Greenwood High School, Hutchinson said students who take the now state-mandatory course will have a better understanding of how computers work and “the opportunities that it brings.” The Governor said Arkansas is now “leading the nation in computer science education” and thanked Arkansas Legislators for passing a law last session that requires all public high schools in the state to teach computer science.

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UAFS Robotics partner with Greenwood

Regional Workforce Grants fund the UAFS Robot Automation Program. The program is designed to prepare area graduates for careers in a number of industries and settings across the region.

Through a partnership with regional high schools and industry leaders, UAFS provides college-level instruction. The courses are provided at the high school location during the traditional school day. Students who participate earn high school electives while also earning college credit. The courses are taught by university faculty. Students participating in the robotics instruction are eligible to earn a technical certificate in their respective fields of study, with the option to transition into an associate or bachelor’s degree program after earning the technical certificate credential.



Greenwood Jr. High School Named School of Innovation

The Arkansas Department of Education announced in April that Greenwood Junior High School has received the designation as a "School of Innovation". At this time, there are only a select number of schools in the state with this distinction. First year GJHS Principal, Mr. Aaron Gamble, stated that a committee of school stakeholders decided to apply for the status which would allow them flexibility of state required courses and increased program choices for their students. He specifically pointed to the new Project Lead the Way initiative which will focus on STEM courses at the Jr. High level as one of the benefits of this status. Eighth grade students will have a choice of Medical Detectives and Science of Technology while 7th grade students can take Automation and Robotics combined with Design and Modeling. Mr. Gamble also emphasized that eighth grade students have the potential to earn 3 1/2 hours of high school credit by the end of this school year.



GJHS parents and students will also see a new face in leadership at the Assistant Principal level. Mr. Josh Ray joins GJHS from Southside High School where he served as band director. Mr. Ray holds a masters and education specialist degree in Leadership from Arkansas Tech University. He is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Education from University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.



Mr. Josh Ray,
Assistant Principal

Mission Statement: Future Focused



The new Freshmen Center at the Greenwood High School campus will open its doors to 290 students and 23 staff members on August 15, 2016. This new facility was made possible through a facilities grant and the generous support of our community in the passing of a millage increase in the fall of 2014. The building principal, Mr. Chatman, said the goal of the Freshman Center is to prepare each student for a successful transition into high school and to take positive steps toward setting and attaining their post-secondary career and/or college goals.

Some of the program spotlights are the Project Lead the Way computer science and keystone courses. In computer science, students work in teams to create apps for mobile devices using MIT App inventor. They explore the impact of computing in society and build skills in digital citizenship and cybersecurity. In the Keystone course, ninth graders will learn successful strategies in study skills, time management, and goal setting which will aide in successful navigation of high school rigor.

"I hope the opening of the new GHS Freshman Center gives you the same feeling of excitement that it gives me. The building itself is beautiful, full of hope, and endless possibilities. I look forward to working with our 9th grade staff and students throughout the 2016-17 school year to ensure our vision of "Future Focused" is fully implemented. " -



Cody Chatman, Principal

Season of Entertainment Schedule

September 10	Restless Heart
October 29	Maxwell Blade
November 16-19	Little Mermaid
December 10	The Hunt Family
January 14	Legend of Johnny Cash
February 11	Shades of Buble'
February 21	Stone Soup
May 5	Janet's Planet

Ticket prices vary depending on the show, but range from \$10 to \$22 per event.

Season ticket packets are available for \$100 and include a parking pass and preferred seating!

For ticket information log on to www.etix.com or call Greenwood Schools at 479-996-4142.



Greenwood Performing Arts Center

Greenwood residents have always traveled out-of-town to enjoy professional shows. Yet, at the edge of the Greenwood High School campus sits a beautiful Performing Arts Center longing to do more for the community. The building was developed and constructed by Guest-Reddick Architects and Beshears Construction, Inc. under the approval of the Greenwood Public School Board of Education and Kay Johnson, Ed.D, Superintendent. It was completed in 2004.

This Performing Arts Center seats 1287 audience members and was built on the site of Arl McConnell's Greenwood home. It is dedicated to his memory.

Since 2004, many students and alumni have performed on this 20' x 50' stage in front of audiences from the surrounding areas.

Professional shows, such as Ricky Skaggs, Gene Watson, Buckets and Boards, Mr. Blue Shoes, Matt Maher, Jimmy Miller, etc. have entertained at this venue that is equipped with sound and lighting.

Under the Greenwood Public School administration led by John Ciesla, Superintendent; Suzy Wilson, Assistant Superintendent; and Kevin Hesslen, Assistant Superintendent; a vision emerged.

"Our vision is to recognize the Greenwood School District PAC as a venue for a variety of educational, economical, and culturally diversified programs specifically for the community and Greenwood Public School students," states Wilson. "We want professional shows to come to Greenwood. We want to help our community economically. But, most importantly, we want our students to be exposed to different forms of performing arts. A 'For the Kids' Education Series will present educational shows by professional artists during the school day. Some of those artists are Maxwell Blade (magician), "Stone Soup" with the Arkansas Arts Center Children's Theatre Tour, and Janet's Planet," explained Malynda Sayers, PAC Season of Entertainment Coordinator.

The 2016-17 Season of Entertainment includes Restless Heart, Maxwell Blade (magician), "GHS Presents"-The Little Mermaid, The Hunt Family, The Legend of Johnny Cash, and Shades of Buble'.

For more information contact Greenwood Schools at 479-996-4142 or to order tickets go to etix.com

GREENWOOD WELCOMES DR. DUSTIN SMITH



Dr. Dustin Smith has joined Greenwood Schools as the Director of Athletic Operations and Student Activities. "Creating Champions in the Classroom, in the Community and in Competition" is a motto Dr. Smith developed and lives by in his role as director of athletics and student activities.

*"Greenwood Athletics and Student Activities enhance the educational experience for students in the Greenwood School System. We are committed to offer the best learning environment possible that allows our students to achieve additional levels of excellence outside of the classroom. Greenwood Schools continues to provide exceptional learning and personal growth for our students through extracurricular activities. We will strive to provide the best coaches and teachers that provide valuable, real-world life lessons that contribute to the whole educational enhancement of those who participate. We believe that all extracurricular activities provided will foster an opportunity to learn and develop cognitive and disciplined traits that will serve the students for the rest of their lives. Extracurricular activities at Greenwood Schools will challenge students **to learn, to grow and to lead!**"*

Dr. Dustin Smith

Smith holds a doctorate in education from the University of Arkansas (2012), bachelor's degrees in mass communication (1999) and physical education (2002) from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in sports administration from East Central University.





2016-2017 District Calendar

Professional Development (District Day)	Thursday, August 11
Staff Work Day	Friday, August 12
First Day of School	Monday, August 15
Labor Day Holiday	Monday, September 5
End of 1st Quarter	Friday, October 14
Parent Teacher Conferences	Thursday, October 20
Professional Development	Friday, October 21
Thanksgiving Break	Wednesday – Friday, November 23-25
End of 2nd Quarter	Tuesday, December 20
Christmas Break	Wednesday – Tuesday, December 21- January 3
First Day of 3rd Quarter	Wednesday, January 4
MLK Holiday	Monday, January 16
Parent Teacher Conferences	Thursday, February 16
Winter Break	Friday, February 17
Professional Development	Monday, February 20
End of 3rd Quarter	Thursday, March 9
Professional Development	Friday, March 10
Spring Break	Monday – Friday, March 20-24
Good Friday Holiday	Friday, April 14
Graduation	Friday, May 19
End of 4th Quarter/Last Day of School	Wednesday, May 24
Memorial Day Holiday	Monday, May 29
Last Day of School includes 5 snow days	May 25 – June 1

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Secondary Schools

Greenwood High School

Principal: Jerry Efurd Assistants: Chris Young and Mark Shumate

501 Bulldog Loop

Greenwood, AR 72936

479-996-4141



Greenwood Freshman Center

Principal: Cody Chatman

501 Bulldog Loop

Greenwood, AR 72936

479-996-4141



Greenwood Jr. High School

Principal: Aaron Gamble Assistant Principal: Josh Ray

300 East Gary Street

Greenwood, AR 72936



Elementary/Middle Schools

East Hills Middle School

Principal: Beth Fincher Assistant Principal: Tim Golden

1211 Wells Drive

Greenwood, AR 72936

479-996-0504



East Pointe Elementary School

Principal: Mike Dean Assistant Principal: Teresa Rose

700 Mt. Harmony Road

Greenwood, AR 72936

479-996-4249



Westwood Elementary School

Principal: Renee Foster Assistant Principal: Kim Gill

300 Westwood Avenue

Greenwood, AR 72936

479-996-7748



Greenwood Preschool Center

Director: Carolyn Smith

300 East Gary Street

Greenwood, AR 72936

479-996-7440



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