

ARKANSAS SCHOOLS TO WATCH

MODEL SCHOOL—VISITOR'S GUIDE

Cabot Middle School North



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2005-07 School Statistics

Source: APSCAN AND NORMES

Community: Cabot is 20 miles northeast of Little Rock with a population of 22,092.
Enrollment: 696
Grade Levels: 5-6
School Schedule: Teaming environment with flexible blocking

Student Demographics

3% Hispanic
95% White
1% African American
0% American Indian
0% Filipino
1% Asian/Pacific Islander

38% Free/Reduced Lunch
1% English Learners

2005 AYP:

Combined Population: Math 65%, Literacy 66%
Caucasian Population: Math 66%, Literacy 67%
Economically Disadvantaged: Math 53%,
Literacy 58%

Students with Disabilities: Math 18% Literacy 9%
2006 AYP:

Combined Population: Math 63%, Literacy 67%
Caucasian Population: Math 63%, Literacy 67%
Economically Disadvantaged: Math 47%,
Literacy 51%

Students with Disabilities: Math 13% Literacy 18%
2007 AYP:

Combined Population: Math 80%, Literacy 68%
Caucasian Population: Math 81%, Literacy 68%
Economically Disadvantaged: Math 65%,
Literacy 52%

Students with Disabilities: Math 35% Literacy 15%

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- **SIM Unit Organizer Routines**
- **Use of Common Assessments**
- **Highly Effective Vertical and Horizontal Alignment and Planning**
- **Effective use of small groups and cooperative learning groups**
- **Use of relevant, real world, current topics**
- **Teachers as coaches and facilitators**
- **Abundance of student work posted with rubrics**
- **Objectives posted consistently**
- **Progress monitoring process (monthly meetings are held monthly with administrators, curriculum coach, counselors, etc.)**
- **Highly engaging activities**
- **Classroom libraries**
- **Room arrangement conducive for cooperative activities**
- **Imbedding of reflection for students and teachers**
- **Evidence of best practice (teaching strategies)**
- **Shared/distributed leadership**
- **Extended learning opportunities**
- **Carefully aligned, paced curriculum**
- **Appreciation of school's self evaluation practices and reflection from parents**
- **Curriculum accessed to all students**
- **Strong professional library for staff**
- **Technology use in classrooms**
- **Lots of hands-on activities in classes**
- **Kids really know how to work together**
- **Teachers discuss and examine student work as a means of improving their own practice**

Developmental Responsiveness

- **Attention to the special needs of students, such as emotional needs**
- **Daily advisory programs**
- **Teams know students intimately**
- **Use of mentoring with students who need extra attention**
- **Use of behavior notebook as a tool for parental communication**
- **Incentives for good behaviors/use of behavior intervention ladder & discipline tiers**
- **Assignment notebooks communicate homework to parents**
- **Fully developed teaming**
- **ELO's**
- **Clubs for kids by interest**
- **SPRINT Intervention Team**
- **Progress Monitoring**
- **DRA**
- **Welcoming, nurturing environment**
- **Administrative team embraces and implements consensus shared decision making and strategic planning, and continuous improvement**

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Social Equity

- **Strong emphasis on family partnerships**
- **Co-teaching and inclusionary practices in special education**
- **Multiple ways to communicate with parents**
- **Parents feel welcome**
- **Equal access to school program**
- **UCA partnership with school around PD**
- **Before and after school programs**
- **Value service and good citizenship**
- **Adult advocates for kids**
- **All parents made to feel welcome**
- **Summer leadership institute was inclusive**