

# ARKANSAS SCHOOLS TO WATCH

## MODEL SCHOOL—VISITOR'S GUIDE

### J.O. Kelly Middle School



#### Designated in 2008

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### 2005-07 School Statistics

(Source: Arkansas State Department of Education)

Community: Rapidly growing suburban area  
Enrollment: 877  
Grade Levels: 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>  
School Schedule: Regular with 7 periods

#### Student Demographics:

49%	Hispanic
38%	White
10%	Asian/ Pacific Islander
3%	African American
0%	Native American

68 %	Free/Reduced Lunch
47%	English Learners

2005 AYP:	Alert Status SPED Language Arts
2006 AYP:	Year 1 School Improvement SPED Language Arts
2007 AYP:	Year 2 School Improvement SPED Language Arts ESL Language Arts

## School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

### Academic Excellence

- Total Instructional Alignment (TIA)
- Data driven decision making
- Common assessments in core content classes
- Student led conferences
- Well defined and established “Pyramid of Intervention”
- Before and After School tutoring
- Middle Level Scholars Project- Extended Day, Extended Year, Extended Curriculum
- Weekly Bookmobile to school neighborhoods during the summer months
- ReDo Café- Daily opportunity during lunch period for re-do of assignments
- Reading strategies utilized in all core and encore classes

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**Academic Excellence** *(continued)*

- Lunch and Learn
- Breakfast with Champions
- Extensive program of professional development
- 50% of staff graduates of 12 credit hour ESL Academy
- GK-12 partnership with University of Arkansas (NSF Grant)
- Technology programs for accelerated learning opportunities

**Developmental Responsiveness**

- Daily “Huddle” Advisory
- After School Intramurals 4 days per week
- Chewy Café Partnership – Nutrition and cooking program
- PE- 4- Life
- Kelly Club Days
- Well established “Teaming” model
- Active, engaged classrooms

**Social Equity**

- School Motto- “Every Day, Every Knight, College Bound”
- Member of the PALMS Project (Post Secondary Access for Latino Middle Level Students)
- English Classes on campus for parents
- Ozark Guidance Center Parenting Classes for Spanish speaking parents
- Marshall Island Dancers
- College Bound Club
- University of Arkansas Talent Search

**Organizational Support**

- Data driven decision making
- Well-defined and implemented
- Well-established partnerships
- Common assessments
- Common planning time
- Shared leadership
- Teacher ownership