



SCHOOLS TO WATCH

MODEL SCHOOL—VISITOR’S GUIDE

McNair Middle School



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- County Washington • State AR
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2008-09 School Statistics

(Source: Enter name of data source for stats listed below.)

Community: Suburban University Community with population of 72,208
 Enrollment: 653
 Grade Levels: 6th & 7th
 School Schedule: Teaming atmosphere with flexible blocking

Student Demographics

- 4% Hispanic
- 86% White
- 5% African American
- 3% Asian
- 2% American Indian

- 18% Free/Reduced Lunch
- 3% English Learners

	Math	Literacy
2006 AYP:	74%	76%
2007 AYP:	87%	86%
2008 AYP:	90%	87%

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Total Instructional Alignment (TIA)
- Curriculum and instruction carefully aligned with Arkansas Frameworks
- Data driven decision making and informed instruction
- Common formative assessments
- Student led conferences
- Well defined and established “Pyramid of Intervention”
- Before and After School tutoring
- Reading strategies utilized in all core and encore classes
- Strong team identities that support teaching and learning
- Consistent commitment among staff that all students will achieve
- Distributed leadership with share decision making

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Academic Excellence *(continued)*

- 100% of staff trained in comprehensive literacy program
- GK-12 partnership with University of Arkansas (NSF Grant)
- Technology programs for accelerated learning opportunities

Developmental Responsiveness

- Daily Advisory program
- Welcoming and nurturing environment
- Safe and orderly school environment
- After School Intramurals 2 days per week
- Chewy Café Partnership – Nutrition and cooking program
- Fuel up to Play sponsored by the National Dairy Council
- Club day twice a month
- Attention to service learning projects
- Fully developed teaming concept
- Wide range of clubs and activities
- Feeling of belongings for all students
- Attention to emotional growth by counselors and advisors

Social Equity

- School Motto- “Lifelong Learners, Innovative Leaders”
- Use of heterogeneous grouping in each pod
- School wide discipline plan that is consistently followed
- Strong emphasis on family partnerships
- Multiple ways to communicate with parents with strong emphasis in the use of technology
- Equal access to school programs
- Use of test results to increase student achievement
- Sense of social acceptance for all students
- Participation in school wide book studies

Organizational Support

- Well-established partnerships
- Common formative assessments
- High satisfaction among parents
- Effective use of cooperative learning groups
- Embedded technology use by both teachers and students
- Reading is at the center of the culture
- Students responsible for their own learning
- High quality professional development that is job embedded
- Strong sense to shared vision among the entire school community