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## 201 Schools Qualify for \$6.7 Million in Recognition Program Funds

**LITTLE ROCK** — The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to announce that a total of \$6,797,700 will be awarded to 201 schools that qualify for funds through the Arkansas School Recognition Program.

The Arkansas School Recognition Program (Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2107) provides financial awards to public schools that achieve high student performance and public schools that achieve high student academic growth, which includes high school graduation rates where applicable.

"I am proud to recognize the 201 top Arkansas schools that have qualified for additional funds from the Arkansas School Recognition Program," Gov. Asa Hutchinson said. "These schools have demonstrated exceptional academic improvement and have inspired students to work hard to achieve their goals. I am excited to see how these schools use their School Recognition Program funds to continue to increase student success."

The recognition program recognizes the top 10 percent of schools based on academic achievement and the top 10 percent based on academic growth, which includes graduation rates where applicable.

Arkansas School Recognition Program		
Reward Category	Number of Qualified Schools	Eligible Funding
Top 5% Performance	51	\$100 per student
Top 6-10% Performance	51	\$50 per student
Top 5% Growth	49	\$100 per student

Top 6-10% Growth	50	\$50 per student
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Schools receiving recognition funds must establish a committee to determine the best use of the funds. The committee includes the principal, a teacher elected by the faculty, and a parent representative selected by the local Parent Teacher Association or another parental involvement group. Schools must use the funds for faculty and staff bonuses, educational equipment and materials, or personnel to assist with improving or maintaining student performance.

To see the complete list of schools and amounts they are eligible to receive, see Commissioner's Memo [COM-17-032](#), or go to <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/public-school-accountability/school-performance/reward-schools>.

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