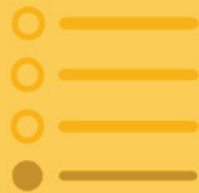


VISION: Every Arkansas student will graduate prepared for success in college and the workplace.

STRATEGIC GOAL: Becoming a leading state in education by improving student achievement at a historically ambitious yet achievable rate and closing the achievement gap within a generation.

ForwARd is a partnership of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, The Walton Family Foundation and the Arkansas State Board of Education that is committed to helping every Arkansas student graduate prepared for success in college and the workplace. The group of education, business, government and community members has conducted extensive research and is encouraging statewide discussion and activities aimed at strengthening public education.

8,500
surveys



550

focus group participants



100

hours of
expert interviews



28

volunteer committee
members

7
areas
of focus



2 goals



One vision



AREAS OF FOCUS & GOALS

Pre-K

All students, starting with those in highest need, have access to high-quality early childhood learning opportunities so they arrive at kindergarten ready to learn.

Teaching and Learning

Each student is supported in developing the full range of knowledge and skills she/he needs to be successful in college and career. All schools have a culture of mutual respect, high expectations for all, teamwork and continuous growth.

Teacher Pipeline

All schools, especially those in high-need areas, have access to talented educators who have been rigorously prepared.

Support Beyond the Classroom

All students and families, starting with those in highest need, have access to and support in accessing the nutritional and health resources needed to come to school ready to learn.

Leadership

All education leaders put students at the center of their decisions, work tirelessly to build and support a team, deploy resources effectively, and hold themselves and their team accountable for enabling all children to be successful.

Academic Distress

All schools in academic distress and pre-academic distress receive support and interventions that enable them to transform their school cultures, dramatically improve student achievement, and sustain their improvement over time.

Systems & Policies

All school districts have sufficient funding and use resources in a way that most effectively supports student success. Policies enable the implementation of recommendations needed for Arkansas to become a leading state in education.

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