

# El Dorado School District



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## Mission

By focusing on student engagement, implementing Common Core State Standards, and teaching 21st Century Skills, all students in El Dorado School District will become college and/or career ready in a safe learning environment.

## Schools

ESD has 7 campuses with 4 elementary focus schools, 1 middle school, 1 junior high, and 1 high school.

- ◆ Hugh Goodwin Academy for the Arts (K-4)
- ◆ Northwest Environmental Studies Academy (K-4)
- ◆ Retta Brown Communication & Technology (K-4)
- ◆ Yocum Academy for Math & Science (K-4)
- ◆ Washington Middle School for Arts & Sciences (5-6)
- ◆ Barton Junior High School (7-8)
- ◆ El Dorado High School (9-12)

## Highlights & Recognitions

- ◆ Free college tuition for El Dorado High graduates
- ◆ Endowed Chairs in Math, Science, and Literacy for K-12 curriculum alignment
- ◆ El Dorado High chosen in first 10 high schools to receive Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math & Science (AAIMS) Advanced Placement grant sponsored by Exxon-Mobil
- ◆ El Dorado High “Academic Signing Day” featured in *People Magazine*
- ◆ College Board Honor Roll of Outstanding AP Programs 2010-2011 & 2011-2012
- ◆ EHS selected as a “New Tech High School” for 2012-2013
- ◆ El Dorado High state finalist for Teacher of the Year featured in *Southern Living Magazine*
- ◆ Barton Junior High “Top Ten Junior High Schools Consistently High-Performing” by National Center for Educational Accountability
- ◆ El Dorado High Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) featured school in *Rigor, Relevance & Relationships Improve Achievement*
- ◆ Barton Junior High recognized as “Best Practices” high-performing middle school
- ◆ Barton Junior High recognized as Top Performing School in Literacy & Math by National Center for Educational Achievement 2009-2010 & 2010-2011
- ◆ Jacob Javits Foundation used district as a model for statewide Gifted evaluation program
- ◆ District & staff recognized with Challenger Award by Arkansans for Gifted & Talented Education
- ◆ Magna Award from American School Boards Association 2009 & 2011

- ◆ ERI Golden Apple Award for outstanding Direct Instruction in all elementary schools
- ◆ 2010 Consolidated School *Health Healthy School Board Gold Award*
- ◆ 2010 Pride Team of the Year

## Community Support

- ◆ El Dorado Promise from Murphy Oil for 5-years of college tuition for all El Dorado high graduates
- ◆ El Dorado Education Foundation
  - Sponsor Endowed Chairs Program
  - Teacher Grants for unique projects
  - Teacher Excellence Awards
- ◆ Murphy Education Program
  - Cash Awards for student scores on Advanced Placement, ACT, SAT, & Benchmark Exams
  - Cash Awards for Advanced Placement teachers
  - Academic Letter Jackets
- ◆ Murphy Foundation has given 750 scholarships
- ◆ Union County Community Foundation annually gives over 20 scholarships to El Dorado High students
- ◆ First Financial Bank – student & teacher support
- ◆ Simmons First Bank – student & teacher support
- ◆ Share Foundation
  - Sponsor Pride Youth Program
  - Coordinated School Health

## Student Opportunities & Achievements

- ◆ 4,450 students district-wide
- ◆ Student interest focus in all elementary schools
- ◆ 19 Advanced Placement courses
  - \$9,300 cash awards from AAIMS for student AP scores
  - Recognized by College Board as one of two high schools in Ark. for increased AP scores
    - 21 AP Scholars
    - 2 AP Scholars with Distinction
    - 5 AP Scholars with Honors
    - 2 National AP Scholars
- ◆ 7 Concurrent Credit courses
- ◆ Pre-AP courses in all core areas beginning 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- ◆ Gifted Program in all schools
  - Odyssey of the Mind, Quiz Bowl, unique field trips, Duke Talent Search
- ◆ Over \$1.18 million dollars in academic scholarships for 2009
- ◆ Murphy Education student awards for various test scores

- ◆ Athletic Program
    - 7-12 baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball
    - 4 time 6-A state football champions
    - Excellent athletic facilities
    - Since 2009 district teams have won 10 state championships with 8 runner-ups
    - Since 2009 district teams have won 21 conference championships
  - ◆ Regional & State Science & Math awards
  - ◆ Special Instructional Programs
    - Bridge to College Algebra, Waiting to Excel,
  - ◆ CHAMPS, PRIDE, FBLA, FCCLA, Young Republicans, Young Democrats, Student Counsel, and many other clubs
- Master in Fine Arts instructor
  - ◆ Performing Arts
    - Drama grades 5 – 12, Dance, Specialized music classes
  - ◆ Thespian Troupe regularly performs at American Theater Festival in Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Edinburgh, Scotland
  - ◆ Thea Foundation Scholarship students
  - ◆ South Arkansas Symphony partnership

### *Staff Highlights & Recognitions*

- ◆ Over 400 certified staff
- ◆ 200 staff have advanced degrees
- ◆ 6 National Board certified teachers
- ◆ 70 Advanced Placement/Pre-AP certified staff
- ◆ 50 Laying the Foundation certified staff
- ◆ 11 GT certified staff
- ◆ Toyota Tapestry Excellence in Science Teaching Award
- ◆ National Association of Biology Teachers “Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year”
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Butler Center for Arkansas Studies Fellow
- ◆ Bessie B. Moore Excellence in Teaching Economics Award
- ◆ Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Power of Art Award
- ◆ Blue Bell Ice Cream Arkansas Regional Teacher of the Year
- ◆ 2009 Arkansas Teacher of the Year finalist
- ◆ Top Ten Finalist in Shell National Science Teacher Award
- ◆ Staff chosen for Eisenhower People to People Literacy Team for South Africa educational tour
- ◆ Arkansas Newspaper in Education Teacher of the Year
- ◆ Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year (multiple times)
- ◆ Arkansas Superintendent of the Year
- ◆ ERI Principal of the Year
- ◆ AAEA/AACIA Administrator of the Year 2010

### *Fine Arts Program*

- ◆ A+ School Network designation
- ◆ Music & visual arts instruction in all elementary schools
- ◆ Band grades 5-12 and Concert, Jazz, & Marching Band 9-12
- ◆ Orchestra grades 5-12
- ◆ Vocal music – various choirs, ensembles & madrigal groups 5-12
- ◆ Visual Arts
  - Watercolor, oils, ceramics
  - Advanced Placement Drawing, 2-D & 3-D Art
  - Artists in Education through South Arkansas Arts Center

### *Technology*

- ◆ 1 to 1 student to computer/tablet ratio
- ◆ All schools wireless networking
- ◆ E-Labs, X-Labs, E.A.S.T. Lab, New Tech
- ◆ Smartboards, TI Navigator, Interwrite, Quizdom, graphing calculators, Mac Labs, iPods, cameras, Compass Odyssey, A+, iPads

### *Partnerships*

- ◆ El Dorado Education Foundation
- ◆ A+ Schools Network
- ◆ Arkansas Council on Economics Education
- ◆ Economics Arkansas
- ◆ Boys & Girls Club
- ◆ South Arkansas Arts Center
- ◆ South Arkansas Community College
- ◆ El Dorado Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ El Dorado Education Foundation
- ◆ Healthworks Fitness Center
- ◆ South Arkansas Symphony Orchestra
- ◆ Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources
- ◆ Murphy Oil Corporation
- ◆ Murphy Foundation
- ◆ Murphy Education Program
- ◆ Cyber Innovation Center
- ◆ Share Foundation
- ◆ Simmons First Bank
- ◆ First Financial Bank

### *Accreditation*

ESD is fully accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education. El Dorado High is also accredited by North Central Association/AdvancedEd.

