

Do you believe in **REAL** education reform
that's based on research-proven solutions?

Do you believe our **public schools**
are valuable assets to our communities?

Do you believe ALL Arkansas
students deserve the opportunity
to learn in a school system that's
both **effective and fair?**

WE DO!



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Research-Based Solutions for REAL Education Reform

The Arkansas Opportunity to Learn Campaign believes that our schools need the following to succeed:

1. Improve development & preparation of teachers.
2. Encourage more parent, student, community & school partnerships.
3. Expand effective after-school and summer programs.
4. Increase access to quality Pre-K programs.
5. Spend funds for low-income students on proven interventions to boost learning.
6. Improve access to higher education by passing the DREAM Act and making college affordable.
7. More effective and fair discipline policies.

These factors are proven by research to improve student success.

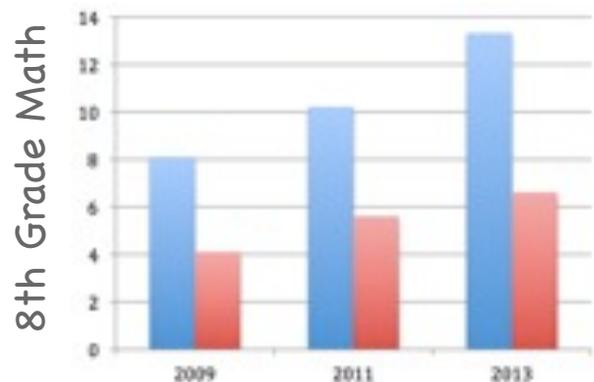


Arkansas has one of the fastest improving education systems,

thanks to the reforms and investments the state has made over the last ten years resulting from the *Lakeview* court ruling.

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Education Week's Quality Counts report ranks Arkansas 5th in the nation overall.

After decades of lagging schools, we are finally making progress.

We need to continue the momentum with research-proven ways to further boost student learning.

There's much more to do, but we're moving in the right direction.



Your Public Schools are Under Attack!

A group of wealthy business interests and outsiders want to abandon the progress we've made and gamble with our kids future by allowing for-profit charter companies with dubious track records to take over our public schools.

Their agenda could result in elimination of local school boards,

creation of more segregated schools and huge gaps in accountability.

Their plan has little evidence to support it. It will expand government bureaucracy, costing the state tens of millions of dollars and benefitting for-profit education companies at the expense of traditional schools.

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Battling over expanded, less accountable charters only distracts us from the interventions that we know will improve our children's education. They also threaten the resources we need to invest in quality public schools.

Every child deserves access to the education solutions that are proven to work.

Charters that are properly designed and have vigorous oversight can help students succeed, just as current Arkansas law allows. But they are not a magic bullet. They succeed when they have great teachers, high levels of student & parental involvement and proven interventions for struggling students. Things every student should have.

Please join us in asking Arkansas lawmakers to stay focused on the proven, common-sense solutions that will boost every child's opportunity to learn.

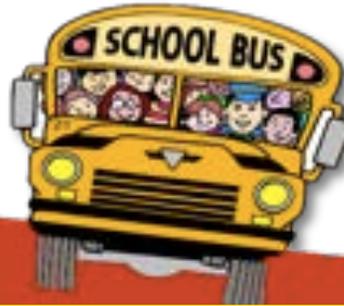


Tell your lawmaker to focus on what our school system really needs.

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EDUCATION ADVOCACY DAY

Wed, Feb 20th



TAKE ACTION!

- COME TO THE RALLY!** : Join the Arkansas Opportunity to Learn Campaign for a special Citizens' Advocacy Day for Education at the Capitol on **Wed. February 20, 2013 from 9:00 am to 2:00.**
- Register for the Advocacy Day at www.citizensfirst.org** and **sign the petition** to ask legislators to improve opportunities to learn for all students.

9:00 AM Breakfast and registration at the Arkansas Education Association
(1500 W. 4th Street, Little Rock, AR)

10:00 AM Meet the Governor and attend legislative committee hearings at the Arkansas State Capitol Building
(500 Woodlane Street, Little Rock, AR)

11:00 AM Lunch with your Legislators at the Arkansas Education Association
(1500 W. 4th Street, Little Rock, AR)

1:00 PM Rally for Public Education on steps of the Capitol

1:30 PM See the Arkansas House and Senate in action. We'll make sure that you get a chance to speak to your legislators before you leave!

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