Arkansas Correctional School District

Board Report

Tracy Dowell, Superintendent

September 2026

August 2026 Summary

Important Dates

- District-wide PD - August 10-13
- 26/27 Academic School begins - August 17
- GED Training Day - August 26
- Academic Staff PD (Deescalation Strategies and Dyslexia) - September 10

High School Diploma Program

The HSD pilot has launched at both the Grimes Unit and the McPherson Unit, with five students enrolled at each facility. This initial cohort of 10 students marks a significant step forward in expanding educational opportunities, academic achievements, and pathways for long-term success within our facilities.

ENROLLMENT

Current In-person Enrollment	1880
Total In-person Enrollment	2233
Current CTE Enrollment	271
Tablet Program Enrollment	242

Current GED (Lit 3) Enrollment	312
Current Intermediate (Lit 2) Enrollment	1132
Current Dyslexia/RI (Lit 1) Enrollment	171
High School Diploma Program Enrollment	10

TESTING DATA

GED-Ready Tests Administered	154
GED Tests Administered	59
WRAT Tests Administered	951

COMPLETIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

	MONTH	YTD
GED	10	44
HSD	0	0
CTE	79	89
Industry-Recognized	114	186

HOURS AND ATTENDANCE

In-Person Hours	60190
Tablet Hours	691
Total Hours	60881
Average Daily Attendance	1804

TABLET HOURS

Essential Education	384
iCEV	139
OSHA 10 (Career Safe)	168

ENROLLMENT

	Unit Schools											North Facilities				South Facilities				
	Cummins	Delta	EARU/Max	Grimes	Magness	McPherson	ORCU	PB Complex	Tucker/Norris	Varner/VSM	Wrightsville	ECA - WM	MCWR	NEA-Osceola	White River	Benton	CAC/MPR	Hawkins	Omega	SWAC/WR
Current In-Person Enrollment	86	51	150	128	161	237	205	156	110	188	103	53	9	25	22	12	33	48	14	89
Academic	86	51	118	117	146	209	158	134	110	102	93	53	9	25	22	12	33	48	14	69
Lit. I	11	15	14	0	23	10	14	23	27	18	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lit II	54	18	32	110	89	166	133	92	66	43	61	48	9	19	20	12	33	48	10	69
Lit III	21	18	72	18	34	28	11	19	17	41	16	5	0	6	2	0	0	0	4	0
HSD	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CTE	0	0	32	11	15	28	47	22	0	86	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Total Enrollment (Current + Drops)	131	66	182	149	201	260	232	190	130	203	123	63	9	42	29	14	38	49	22	100

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COMPLETIONS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR TO DATE (July 1- August 31)																						
GED	2	2	0	0	1	10	10	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	8		44
HSD																						0
Career and Technical Education Programs																						
Barber				0																		0
Barber Instruct				0																		0
Basic Res Mech										0												0
Building Maint			1				4			0												5
Building Trades			5				0			5												10
Com & Res Roof										0												0
Computer Sci						3		3														6
Cosmetology						1																1
Cosmo Instruct						0																0
Food Services										4												4
Forestry										0												0
Forklift							3			0												3
Heavy Equip										1												1
HVAC			1							1												2
Landscape Con								2														2
Manufacturing					0					0												0
Office Basics					0				0													0
Pet Care & Mgt																						0
Plumbing								1														1
Res. Carpentry										2												2
Res. Elec.										0												0
Sheet Metal Fab			2							0												2
Welding			3							2												5
Workforce - PTF																		31				31
Other iCEV																					14	14

YTD INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

ACCA - EPA 608	0		NCCER	29		Tooling U	0
AWS	3		OSHA -10	23			
ICEV - Industry Recognized Cert.	83		ServSafe	48		**Total**	186
MSSC	0		SimScholar	0			



School Staff met at the Central Office on August 13th for professional development. Sessions included Educator Ethics, Games Inmates Play, and PREA. As required by law, both certified and classified staff members selected their representatives for the Personnel Policy Committee. 2026-2027 PPC: Certified - Erin Creasey, Bonnetta Williams, Kerri Bone, Erica Whitfield, and Becky Jackson; Classified - Tammy Dutton, Burt Vanhorn, John Woolly, Tonya Wilkerson, and Micheal Harmon.