



Charter Renewal Updates

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

Vision & Mission

Revised in 2017 due to a building-level leadership change and a desire to involve staff, students, and stakeholders

Every student will graduate and be prepared for the next step in their life.

The mission of the NLR Center of Excellence is to prepare students to be authors of their future through personalized learning, positive relationships, and engaging instruction.

Goals

Revised in 2021 to include realistic & attainable goal percentages

SMART Goals

Revision of Goal 1: 20% increase in 9-12 grade level cohort Math scores for all COE students within the next five years as measured by NWEA MAP and ACT Aspire.

Revision of Goal 2: 20% increase in 9-12 grade level cohort English scores for all COE students within the next five years as measured by NWEA MAP and ACT Aspire.

Revision of Goal 3: 20% increase in 9-12 grade level cohort Reading scores for all COE students within the next five years as measured by NWEA MAP and ACT Aspire.


School Profile

[Link](#)

2021-2022 School year

NLR COE

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Center of Excellence

Mission

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Notable Recognitions

The North Little Rock Center of Excellence is a public open enrollment conversion charter school in the North Little Rock School District. Since our establishment in 2017, we have received numerous recognitions:

- 95% or higher graduation rate all four years
- Over 40% of our student body has taken or is enrolled in an AP course
- Highly Effective Schools 2020 - 2021 accreditation by Solution Tree
- Beating the Odds in English Language Arts - 2018
- Top 10% growth of high schools in Arkansas - 2019
- Beating the Odds in English Language Arts - 2019
- Top 10% growth of high schools in Arkansas - 2021
- Beating the Odds in Math - 2021

Co-Curricular Activities


Every student will be a member of at least one CTSO - Career Tech Student Organization

- HOSA - Health Occupations Students of America
- TSA - Technology Student Association
- SKILLS USA - Career and Technical Student Organization

Unique to Center of Excellence

- eSports
- Vex Robotics

Our students participate in every athletic team sport at the NLRHS. They are also members of the arts - band, choir, drama, etc.



School Profile

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GENERAL INFO

Established	2017
Enrollment	326
Grades served	9-12
Student to Teacher Ratio	14:1
Average Class Size	16

Staff Profile

1 Principal

1 Assistant Principal

1 Counselor

3 Classified Staff

- Secretary
- Registrar
- Parent Engagement

3 Multi-Classroom Leaders

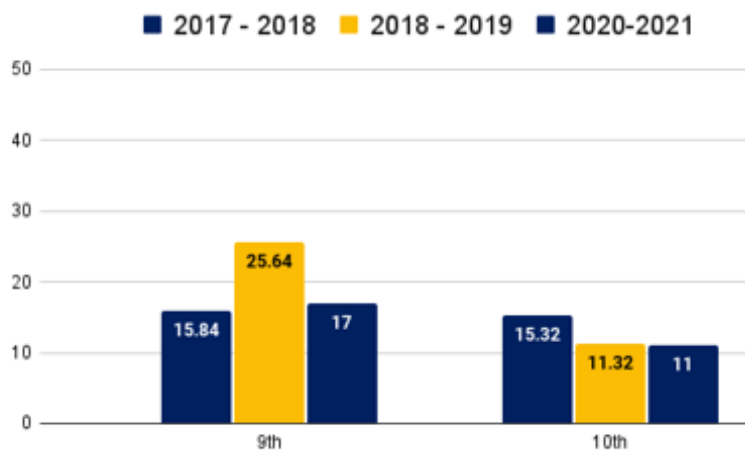
- 1 full released
- 2 partial released

24 Classroom Teachers

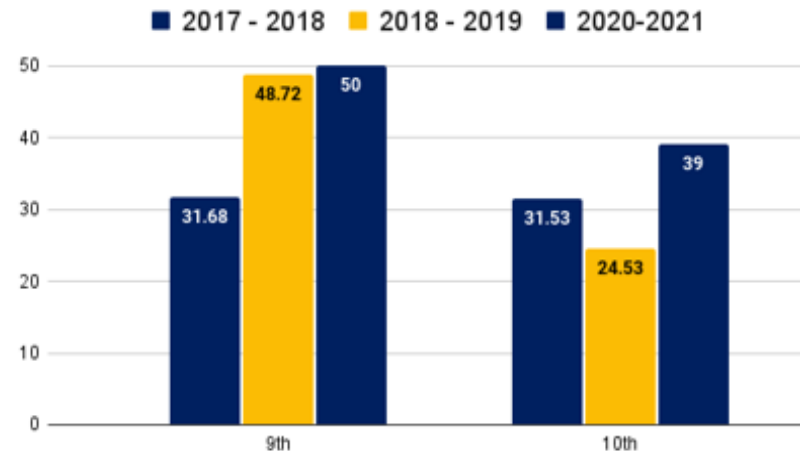
- 14 licensed teachers
- 1 APPEL; 3 MAT; 4 Act 1240; 1 AQT; 1 tech permit

ACT Aspire Data Trends

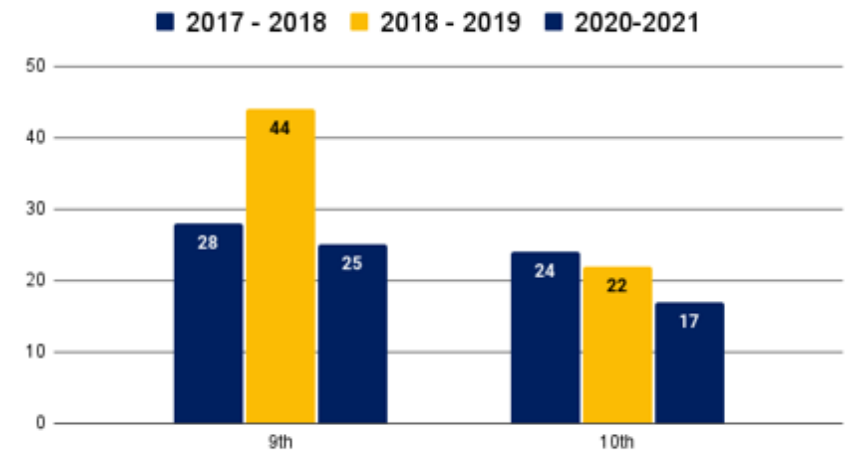
Math % Ready



English % Ready

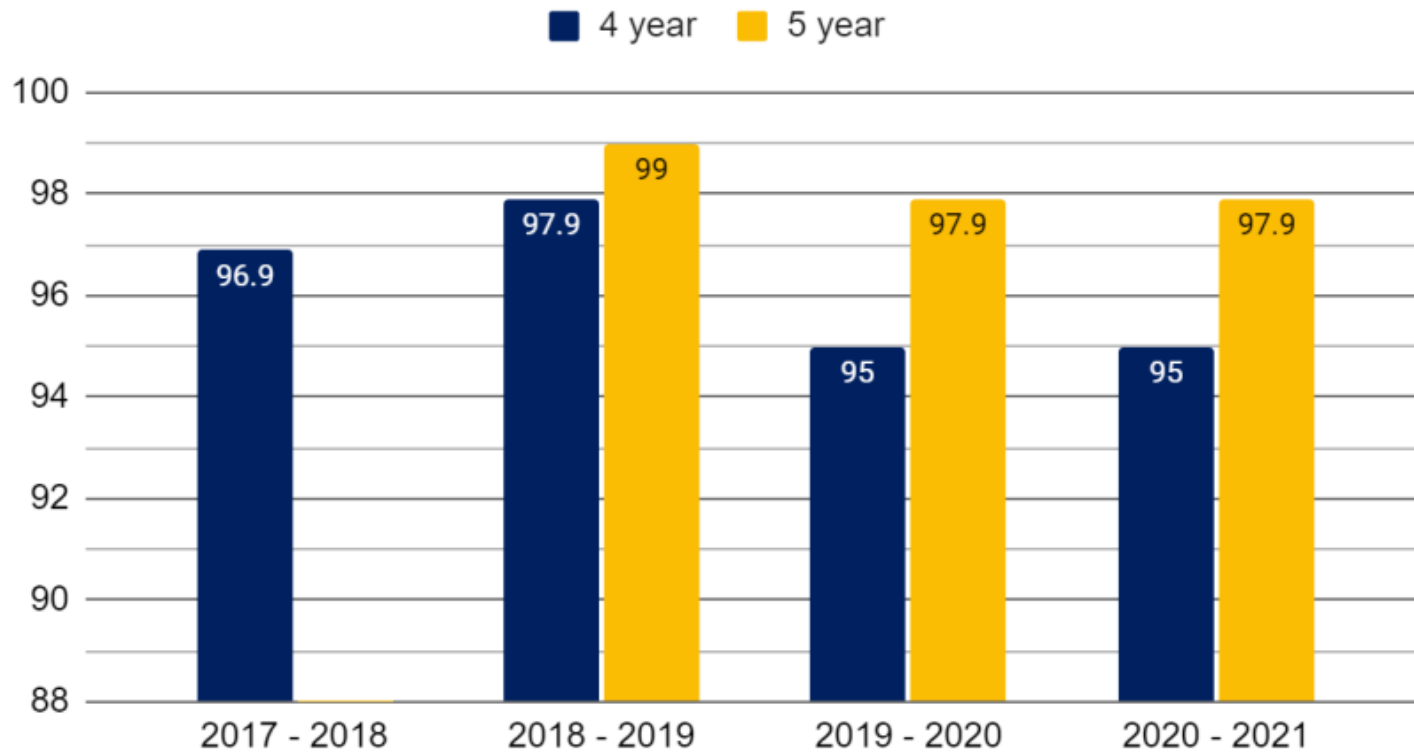


Reading % Ready



COE offered Critical Reading and Critical Algebra in 2021 due to limited growth in math and reading

COE Graduation Rates



Graduation
Rate Trends

Timeline of Changes

Vision and Mission recreated
Mentoring during pull outs
Cumulative grading throughout semester
Weighted grading in core classes only
After school tutoring

2017–2018

Dedicated room for RTI
Platform to Google
Just Words Reading
Virtual learning

2019–2020

No hybrid classrooms
Essential standards
Weighted grading in all non PBL or AP classrooms – 70% summative & 30% formative

2021–2022

2018–2019

Mentoring during day
Student directed learning period
Read 180 class
DEAR reading initiative

2020–2021

Hybrid classrooms – virtual and face to face simultaneously
PLCs – grade level and department for all teachers

Lessons Learned



A quality digital curriculum must be offered



Mentoring must be offered to all students



Project based learning is essential for deeper understanding and greater retention of content knowledge



Strict safety protocols must be in place to offer flexible scheduling

Snapshot of COE

- ▶ Students have the option of blended, traditional, and digital courses while focusing on the best pace, place, path, and time for their needs.
- ▶ Course delivery is personalized.
- ▶ Flexibility in scheduling is offered to allow students time to participate in internships, apprenticeships, work force, and concurrent classes.
- ▶ Students can complete a value-added high school diploma program with certifications.

Waivers

- ▶ Career and Technical Education 9-12
- ▶ Library Media – Services, Specialist, Licensure, Program, Student Services, Ratio
- ▶ School Nurse
- ▶ Health Services – program, safety
- ▶ Teacher Licensure – requirements, qualified, waivers
- ▶ Salaries – Teacher definition, warrants void without valid license and contract
- ▶ School Day – Instructional Time
- ▶ Six-hour instructional day
- ▶ Unit of credit meets for 120 clock hours

Notable Recognitions

- ▶ 95% or greater graduation rate during the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- ▶ Over 40% of the COE student body is either enrolled in or completed an AP course – 2021
- ▶ Highly Effective Schools 2020 - 2021 accreditation by Solution Tree
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- ▶ Beating the Odds in Math - 2021

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