

DON'T WAIT. GRADUATE.



**PREMIER
HIGH SCHOOL**

of Fort Smith

Opening Fall 2022

DESE CAP PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

What is Premier High School?

*Premier High Schools
Impact in Arkansas*

Premier 2.0

*PHS Fort Smith
Overview*



What is Premier High School?

Who do we serve?

- ALL STUDENTS
- High school age “at-risk” students who are seeking additional educational opportunities.
- Students seeking smaller learning environment
- Students seeking more flexible schedule
- Students who are not being successful in traditional model
- Majority of students enrolled in Premier High School have previously been retained or dropped out of high school.



OUR MISSION

is to provide **hope** for students through a **caring, mastery-based, blended learning** option, that promotes a free society and cultivate **moral and academic excellence.**



What is Premier High School?

Where do we serve?

Little Rock, AR

North Little Rock, AR

Springdale, AR

Fort Smith, AR*

Note: There are 34 Premier High Schools across the state of Texas

*Pending CAP approval



What is Premier High School?

What do we offer?

- Personalized Learning
- High Quality Live Instruction/Small Group Tutorial/One-on-One Tutorial
- Flexible Schedule
- Character Education
- Academic Advising
- Post Secondary Planning & Support
- Student Life



ACADEMIC MODEL

- Personalized Learning Plan/Graduation Projection Plan
- Mastery-Based Learning
- Goal Setting/Student Ownership & Accountability
- Student Advisory
- Personalized Learning Coach



ARE WE MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

RESULTS

IMPACT

EXPERIENCE



Arkansas Impact- Premier High Schools

PHS Little Rock: Open 2013

PHS North Little Rock: Open 2019

PHS Springdale: Open 2021

Currently serving over 250 students in Central Arkansas

201 Arkansas High School Diplomas Awarded

65 Dropout Recovery Graduates

15 Early Graduates

22 Teen Parent Graduates

43 College Hours Earned

75 Graduates enrolled in a college, military, or postsecondary institution upon graduation



Arkansas Impact- Premier High Schools

CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS

Extracurricular Activities: Student Council, Photography Club, Yearbook Club, Mentoring Club, Service Club, Basketball, Dance, Track & Field, Science Club

College & Career Readiness: College Visits, College Fairs, Career Day, ACT Prep, Workforce Career Readiness Certificates

Student Advisory: Graduation Projection Plan, Personalized Learning Plan, Scheduling, Student Success Center, Writing Center



Arkansas Impact- Premier High Schools

CONNECTING WITH PARENTS & COMMUNITY

Parental Involvement: Parent Volunteers,
Parent Teacher Organization

Community Involvement: Community Service,
Community Partnerships, Community Advisory
Council, Juvenile Justice Office, Truancy Officer



Arkansas Impact- Premier High Schools

CONNECTING WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

Collaboration:

- **Graduate Arkansas** (PD/Leadership Talks)
- **West Memphis SD ALE** (Personalized Learning)
- **LR Metro CTE Center** (CTE Offerings)
- **NWTI** (CTE/EAST)
- **NWACC** (PD/College/Career)
- **The Excel Center** (IBC)
- **Arkansas Tech University** (Concurrent Credit)
- **Arkansas Baptist College** (Concurrent Credit/Postsecondary Resources)



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Arkansas Impact- Premier High Schools

In 2016, Premier High School of Little Rock was recognized by the AR Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for “best practices” in Personalized Learning among charter schools.

In 2017, Premier High School of Little Rock was selected to participate in the DESE PLC Pilot Project.

In 2017, a PHS teacher was recognized by Little Rock Family Magazine for Educator of the Year.



Arkansas Impact- Premier High Schools

In 2017, PHSLR Basketball Team was the AACS Conference Champs. In 2017, PHSLR Track & Field Team won the State Runner up in AACS.

In 2018, Premier High School of Little Rock was recognized by Secretary Johnny Key & Gov. Asa Hutchinson for participation in the Inaugural Class of PLC schools in the state of Arkansas.

In 2020, Premier High School of North Little Rock in its inaugural year served 115 students and graduated 15 students, 46.6% were dropout recovery.

In 2021, Premier High School of Springdale will partner with NWTI to offer students EAST program and CTE courses.



Premier High Schools 2.0

Improving & Sustaining a High Quality School Model

**Improving Student Outcomes by Improving the Student's
Experience**

Federal CSP Support



Premier High Schools 2.0

Personalized Learning with Live Instruction

CTE Programs & Industry Based Endorsements

Post Secondary Planning Support

Concurrent Credit Opportunities

Minimester (Summer Program)



Premier High Schools 2.0

Student Innovation Hub/EAST Program

Virtual After Hours Academic Support Lab

Afternoon/Evening Program

Community Service learning Projects

IHE Partnerships (ABC, AR Tech, NWTI, NWACC)

High Quality PD/Leadership Capacity/Partner with agencies like APSRC & Ed Elements



WHY PREMIER HIGH SCHOOL of FORT SMITH?

- 1) Provide an alternate academic program to Fort Smith community that provides an educational opportunity with an emphasis on educationally disengaged students.
- 2) Decrease the dropout rate and increase the graduation rate in the Fort Smith community where educationally disadvantaged students are a concern.
- 3) Local community interest & parent support.
- 4) Replicate best practices in “personalized learning” in Arkansas to increase program capacity and accessibility.



COMMUNITY NEED

- One of the state's largest manufacturing hubs. Partnerships with local manufacturers will provide a pipeline from high school to workforce through internships.
- Rich in history and community resources
- Public feedback
- There are over 4,400 students who attended high school in Fort Smith, AR 20-21 SY. Premier is seeking to capture the 2-3% of students who are not being successful, disengaged, or have dropped out.

COMMUNITY NEED

Opportunity Zone

- The United States Internal Revenue Service as identified Fort Smith as an “opportunity zone”.
- Opportunity Zones are an economic development tool that help individuals identify distressed areas in the United States.
- Their purpose is to spur economic growth and job creation in low-income communities.

WHO WILL PHS FORT SMITH SERVE?

- Students seeking a smaller, personalized learning environment
- Disengaged Students
- Students who have or are “at-risk” of dropping out of high school
- Employed Students
- Parent Students
- Delinquent/Truant Students



INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

Practice
Hypotheses Testing
Reinforcing Questions Marzano
Cues Representations Setting
Providing Objectives Generating
Effort Summarizing Similarities
Identifying Nonlinguistic Note Learning
Cooperative Homework
Recognition Organizers Taking
Differences Advanced Feedback

Direct Instruction - relies primarily on the ability of the educator to verbalize content and transfer information

Independent instruction - students learn content independently, with assistance provided by the teachers and paraprofessionals

Accelerated Instruction - students learn content independently, with assistance provided by the educator, and defined by a technology-based program

Connected Instruction - project-based environment

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES



High Quality Professional Development

- Job Embedded Coaching
- Instructional Coaching & Feedback
- Novice Mentoring
- PGP
- Local, State, and National Conferences

Charter Leadership Institute

- Novice Administrators
- BA mentoring

Central Office Support

- Professional Development Plan
- LEADS/TESS alignment

Professional Learning Community

- Replication of PLC Practice at PHSLR
- AR PLC Institute/National PLC Institute

A DAY IN THE SHOES OF A PREMIER STUDENT

- Character Education
- Goal Setting/Personalized Learning Coach Check-In
- Live Instruction/Tutorial
- Student Innovation Hub
- Independent Study
- Project Based Learning
- Employment/Internship /IBC/CTE Program



SCHOOL STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

One-on-One Tutorial Sessions

College & Career Coach

Personalized Learning Coach

Virtual Afterhours Academic Support lab

Attendance Recovery Program

Dropout Recovery Outreach



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SCHOOL STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

504 Coordinator

ESL Coordinator

Director of Special Programs

Dean of Students

Graduation Advisory Committee

Innovation Hub Media Specialist

Student Health Officer/Nurse



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SCHOOL PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

-Communication:

Translators/Bilingual Staff

-Parent Workshops

(Literacy, Postsecondary Planning, Financial Literacy, Social Emotional Support, Career)

-Representation: Parent Teacher Organization, Committee

-Accessibility: Monthly “Donuts with the Director”



SPECIAL SCHOOL FEATURES

Innovation Hub

- CTE Certifications
- Virtual CTE Labs
- Virtual Science Labs
- Mobile Science Labs
- Project Based Learning

Industry Based CTE

Programs: Welding, CNA, HVAC, Drone Certification, Agriculture, OSHA 10, Dental Tech, Pharmacy Tech, Forklift Operator Certification



SPECIAL SCHOOL FEATURES

- **Character Education:**
9 Virtues/Guest Speakers
- **Career Prep:** Career Day, “Pizza with a Professional”
- **Student Life:**
Extracurricular Activities
- **Recognition:** Student Awards & Honors Program



Christeon Coleman
Class of 2017

POTENTIAL SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

University of Arkansas- Fort Smith

- Concurrent Credit
- CTE offerings

PEAK/FSSD

- Cutting-edge career and technology education for high school students
- Dropout Recovery
- Professional Development



POTENTIAL SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Chamber of Commerce

Juvenile Justice Network

Educational Cooperative

Hispanic Community Liaison

DESE/APSRC

Future School of Fort Smith



COMMUNITY INTEREST & SUPPORT

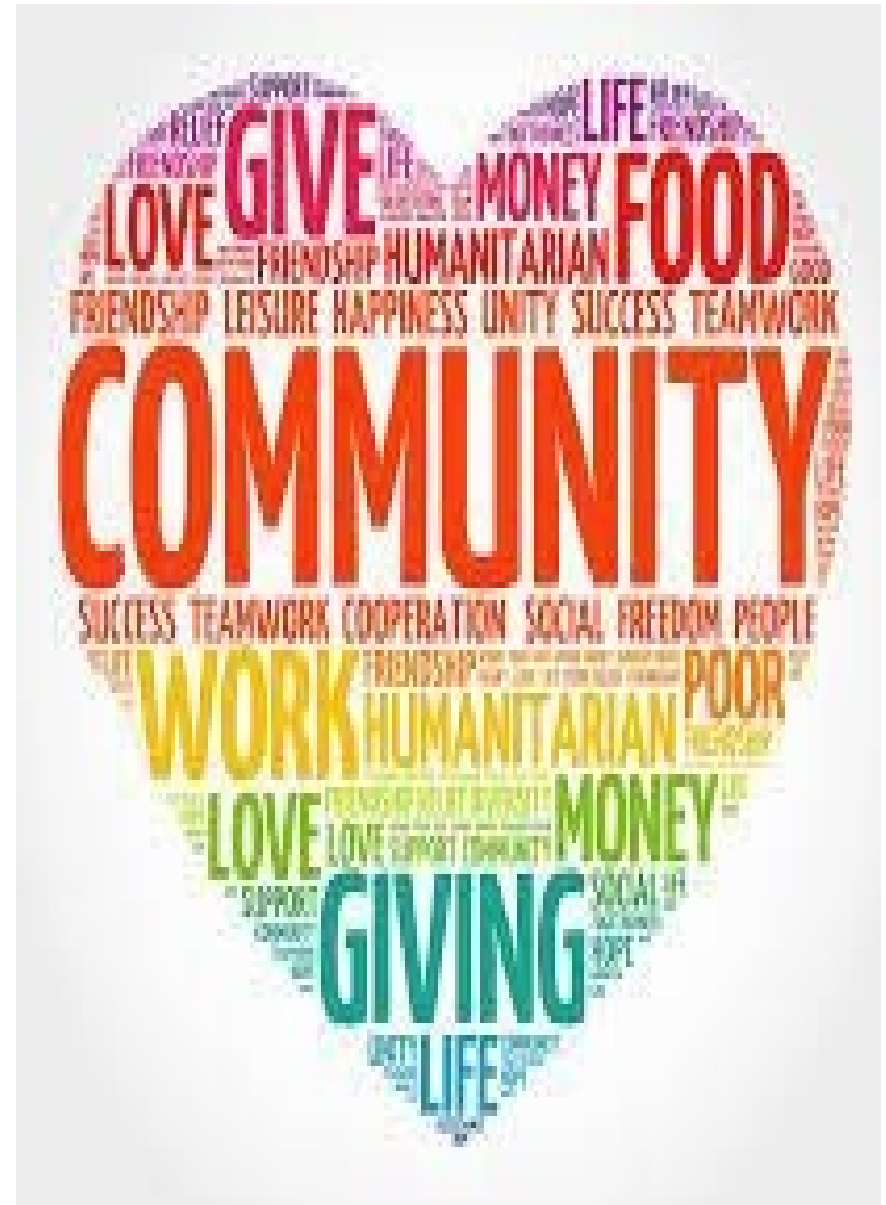
Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce

Fort Smith Parents

Fort Smith Students

Fort Smith Business Owners

Fort Smith Community Members & Leaders



ResponsiveEd AR PREMIER GRADUATES



First year: **10** graduates

More than **50** high school diplomas awarded last year

More than **200** AR Premier graduates to date

Premier High School of Fort Smith



“Where the success of our students matter the most”

“Aiming to be responsive to the needs of the Fort Smith community”

Questions?

