

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2020



2020 AT A GLANCE

- **2,039 Employees**

As of June 22, 2020

- **14,788 Student Enrollment**

2019-2020

- **1,001 Class of 2020 Graduates**

\$9,538,493 Awarded in Scholarships in 2020



COVID-19 RESPONSE

Continuation of Learning Online by FSPS Teachers, Staff and Admin

Convenient Park & Learn WIFI Zones at Buildings by Technology and Facilities/Maintenance

286,404 Meals Served to Students from March through May 2020 by Child Nutrition

Continuation of Counseling Services and Nurse Support by Student Services

Class of 2020 Recognitions and On-Field Graduation Ceremonies



VISION 2023

\$69 Milion Capital Improvement Investments in 2019 for
FSPS Building Permits

Vision 2023 Construction Projects at:

- Northside and Southside
- Darby and Ramsey
- Barling, Woods, Cook, and Bonneville
- Orr, Sutton and Tilles
- Starting Soon: Peak Innovation Center



VISION 2023
FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLC)

Ballman, Spradling and Northside were Named Model PLC Schools in 2020

Northside is the Only Model PLC High School in the State of Arkansas

91 Teachers and Admin Participated in the PLC Coaching Academy

All Schools Participated in either a Full or Half-Day of Embedded Coaching and Professional Development with Solution Tree

Orr was Selected to Participate in the Inclusive Practices PLC Project



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FSPS Certified Staff Participated in the First FSPS Virtual/Blended Learning Academy

The Academy Designates 18 hours of the Existing 54 Hours of Required Professional Development for the 2020-21 School Year

Certified staff who Complete All Three Levels (18 Hours) Receive a \$500 Stipend



FSPS Teachers are in the Process of Completing R.I.S.E Arkansas (Reading Initiative for Student Excellence) Professional Development.



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PEAK INNOVATION CENTER

Donations, Grants and other Commitments Made in Support of the Peak Innovation Center:

\$13.724 Million Capital Improvement by Taxpayers

- Trust of William L. Hutcheson Jr.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration
- Windgate Foundation
- Governor Asa Hutchinson and Arkansas Office of Skills Development
- ABB
- Gene Haas Foundation

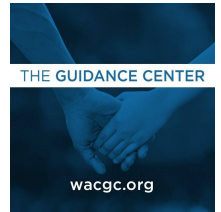
Partnering with UAFS, Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce and Local Industry



WELLNESS

\$500,000 School-Based Health Center Grant

- \$150,000 Awarded by DESE for Year 1
- Partnering with Mercy & The Guidance Center
- Serving students, staff and families at Darby Junior High and Tilles Elementary School



No Kid Hungry Grant by Share our Strength

- \$100,000

USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant

- Fairview Elementary School



WELLNESS

Comprehensive School Counseling Plan


- Revised District Counseling Plan is comprehensive, collaborative, and equity-based.
- The Arkansas chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has presented the 2020 LifeSaver School Award to the Fort Smith School District. ..."Fort Smith School District with our LifeSaver School award for all the work that has been done going above and beyond to make sure the school environment is a suicide safer place."

If a student demonstrates warning signs of suicidal ideation, a school counselor steps in to conduct:

- A suicide risk assessment
- Emergency conference with parent/guardian
- A safety plan for the student is discussed
- Referral and resource options and support are provided to student/family

Myths: Talking about suicide will lead to and encourage suicide.

Fact: There is a widespread stigma associated with suicide and, as a result, many people are afraid to speak about it. Talking about suicide not only reduces the stigma, but also allows individuals to seek help, rethink their opinions, and share their story with others.



Resources

Call 911 for Emergencies

VISIT
Your Primary Care Provider
Mental Health Professional
Baptist Hospital Mercy Hospital

FIND A MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER
findtreatment.samhsa.gov
psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/or/fort-smith


NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Available 24 hours a day

FSPS SAFE SCHOOL HELPLINE
Anonymous tip line and trained crisis counselor
800-418-6423 ext. 359
Available 24 hours a day


TEXT HOME TO 741741
Text with a trained crisis counselor
Available 24 hours a day

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION
afsp.org/aboutsuicide/

APP STORE
A Friend Asks – the Jason Foundation
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School-Based Intervention and Student Support



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SUICIDE PREVENTION

A Safer Home

If a person is experiencing a mental health problem or the crisis, these simple steps can help protect your family and possibly save a life.

Support

- Offer hope when someone has expressed thoughts of suicide.
- Don't take responsibility and stay with them until they are safe.

Safety Sweep

- Check each room for dangerous items like medications, sharp objects, firearms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Be aware of both and stay steps.

Seek Help

- Learn about warning signs such as: obvious drops in school, eating, sleeping, changes in sleep or eating, talking about death or ending it all.
- Depression often begins with loss of suicide.
- To alert a doctor look for sadness, anger, hostility or irritability. Pay attention to abrupt changes in behavior. Talk to your family.

Medications

- Lock and label
- Be aware of doses and refill/stock
- Be aware of over-the-counter and prescription medications.

Firearms

- Securely lock or remove
- Kitchen Items
- Exercise Ropes
- Be aware of classes and other potential problems

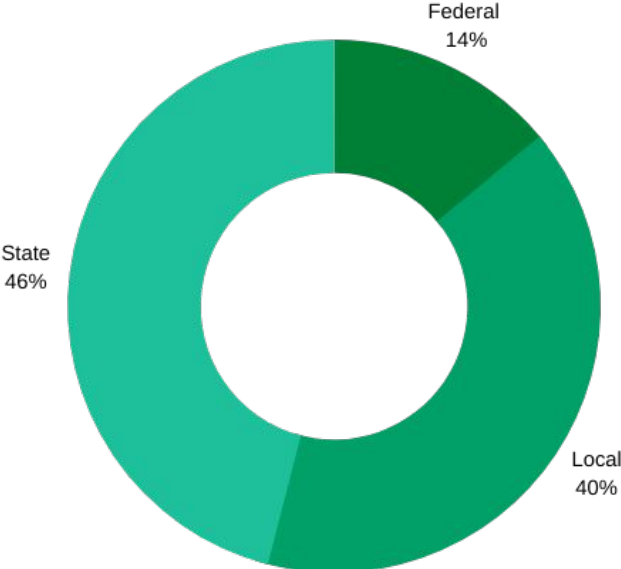
Carbon Monoxide

- Be aware of warning sign
- Make professional with valves



FINANCIAL

Actual Revenue Sources 2019-2020



Your Dollar in FSPS (2019-2020)

- Classroom Instruction \$0.52
- Instruction/Support Services \$0.15
- Administration \$0.06
- Utilities, Maintenance and Central Support \$0.11
- Transportation \$0.02
- School Meal Services \$0.05
- Debt Services \$0.08
- Capital Outlay \$0.01



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Let's continue growing
together!

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