OUR DISTRICT
Hot Springs School District was founded in 1881. Our district serves an area of just over 33 square miles. We are the second largest district in Garland County and the 29th largest in Arkansas.

The Hot Springs School District is a unified Trojan family of campuses spread across multiple historic school sites, comprised of a diverse and driven student population, and located in the thriving Hot Springs community. Our schools include:

- Magnet Elementary Schools
  - Gardner STEM Magnet School
  - Langston Elementary Leadership Academy
  - Oaklawn Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School
  - Park Magnet, an IB World School
- Hot Springs Junior Academy
- Hot Springs World Class High School

The mission of the HSSD is to educate and empower each student to graduate from high school college and/or career ready, respect diversity, and to be contributing members of a global society.

HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT
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HSSD STATS
Enrollment: 3,532
Student to Teacher Ratio: 11.4:1
Total Staff: 446
Student Diversity: 36% African American, 19.7% Hispanic, 35.1% White, 9.2% Other
Languages Spoken: 11

VISION
The vision of the Hot Springs School District is to set the standard for education.

COLLECTIVE COMMITMENTS
- Prepare lifelong learners for the 21st century
- Provide a safe, supportive environment with state of the art facilities
- Hire and retain the best teachers and leaders
- Promote a culture of integrity, dignity, and fairness
- Foster high levels of expectations and achievement for ALL
- Supply relevant curriculum and resources for students
- To gain knowledge, skills, and confidence
- Engage families and serve the community

Our students are our greatest asset, and represent a variety of amazing interests, families, cultures, and ethnicities. Our professional, dedicated staff members are committed to fostering the learning and engagement needed to help make our students career ready via whatever paths they choose, and well-adjusted to the demands of real world challenges.

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DR. STEPHANIE NEHUS
HSSD SUPERINTENDENT

SCHEDULE A VISIT TODAY

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ACADEMICS & CURRICULUM

The HSSD is focused on the highest level of academic excellence and student achievement. We offer standards-based curriculum, and work through Professional Learning Communities to develop lessons that are memorable, challenging, and engaging for students. We are also an International Baccalaureate Programme school district, which creates opportunities to offer inquiry-based learning in all classrooms paired with objectives and requirements under Arkansas Academic Standards.

Unique HSSD offerings include:

- K-12 International Baccalaureate Programme curriculum opportunities including Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, Diploma Programme, and Career-related Programme
- Magnet elementary schools to provide unique options for families looking to pair academic excellence with specific, theme-based elective courses
- Junior Academy & High School district conversion charter schools to allow for career academies preparation and pathways
- K-12 commitment to Capturing Kids Hearts process, which requires a focus in all classrooms on creating high achieving students by strengthening student relationships with teachers and one another, and establishing collaborative agreements of acceptable behavior

ACTIVITIES & EXTRAS

The HSSD is a distinct set of campuses because of the diverse array of talents, interests, ethnicities, and cultures represented among our awesome students.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

- 4-H
- Art Club
- Band
- Book Club
- Choir
- Dance Troupe
- Drama Club
- FBLA
- FCCLA
- French Club
- Garden Club
- Jr. and Sr. Beta Club
- Key Club
- National Honor Society
- Navy JROTC
- Orchestra/Strings
- Quiz Bowl
- Robotics Team
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Thespians Troupe
- Theatre

ATHLETICS

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Track
- Soccer
- Softball
- Special Olympics
- Swimming
- T-Steppers
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The HSSD goes above and beyond to ensure that all programs and services offered are of the highest caliber, and tailored to the students and families at the HSSD.

- After School Tutoring and Enrichment
- Arkansas Learning through the Arts Guests and Programs
- Community Service and Volunteer Opportunities
- Communications and Outreach
- EAST Programs for K-12 Students
- English for Speakers of Other Languages Program (ESOL)
- Language development assistance and support
- Family Outreach Programs and After Hours Activities
- Gifted and Talented (GT)
- Home Access Center (HAC)
- JAG (Jobs for America’s Graduates 7th-12th)
- Language classes in Spanish and French
- Pre-Kindergarten Programs
- School Resource Officers
- Special Education (SPED)
- Technology Labs, Tools, and Training, K-12

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