

**Lawrence County School District
Annual Report to the Public 2026**

District Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Lawrence County School District to develop the ability of all students by motivating, challenging, and fostering independent education. To accomplish this mission, the Lawrence County School District will ensure a positive educational environment that enhances learning, fosters growth, and provides opportunities for all students and faculty to exceed and excel beyond the educational setting.

The Lawrence County School District is home to 989 students and 145 staff members. The Walnut Ridge Elementary serves students in grades kindergarten through the sixth grade. Walnut Ridge High serves students in grades seven through twelve. The Lawrence County School District strives to support the schools in administering academic and extracurricular programs that aim at benefiting all students. District personnel accept the responsibility that ALL students can learn and the faculty and staff will continue to work diligently to accomplish that endeavor in order to develop future productive citizens of our communities.

Arkansas schools continue to ensure high quality instruction and instructional leadership through the implementation of the Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS) that defines a system to support high quality classroom instruction and effective teaching and leading in Arkansas's schools. The teacher evaluation system provides school districts a transparent and consistent teacher evaluation system that ensures effective teaching and promotes professional learning. All K-12 faculty have demonstrated awareness or proficiency in the Science of Reading through numerous Prescribed Pathways. Arkansas schools are continuing to evolve following the passage of the LEARNS and ACCESS Acts. These comprehensive pieces of legislation have introduced significant educational reforms, including—but not limited to—enhanced school safety measures, the implementation of ATLAS exams, a "bell-to-bell" no cell phone policy, and teacher merit-based pay. The Lawrence County School District remains committed to progress by actively aligning with these new laws to help elevate the quality of education for our students.

The Lawrence County School District will be participating in the National School Lunch Program, Afterschool Snack Program, and/or School Breakfast Program and Seamless Summer. The Lawrence County School District will provide meals at no charge to the household regardless of program eligibility through the Provision 2 Childcare program.

The Lawrence County School District contracted with OPAA Food Management to provide quality food service operations that support the nutritional and educational needs of our students.

Annual Public Meeting

The Lawrence County School District held a public meeting on October 12, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss progress toward accomplishing district program goals, creating opportunities for excellence, accreditation standards, and school objectives for the 2026-2027 school year. Principals gave an overview of programs in each school. All parents and patrons were encouraged to attend.

Walnut Ridge Elementary School 2026 Public Report

School Accreditation, Professional Development, and Continuous Improvement

Walnut Ridge Elementary School is committed to maintaining compliance with the Arkansas Department of Education's accreditation standards. Faculty and staff remain dedicated to fulfilling the school's mission by developing each student's abilities through engaging, challenging, and independent learning opportunities in a safe and positive school environment.

Grade-level team meetings focus on student data, instructional alignment, and the shared belief that all students can learn. Administrators and faculty work diligently to complete at least 36 hours of professional development annually, focusing on strategies that promote student growth and enhance the learning

environment. All professional development activities meet state requirements. Teachers continue to grow professionally through active participation in professional organizations and the state-mandated Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS) evaluation process. Professional development priorities center around assessing and assisting student academic growth.

School and Community Collaboration

Walnut Ridge Elementary School faculty and staff continue to collaborate with students, parents, and community members to meet the diverse needs of all students. Through partnerships among administrators, teachers, and families, the school strives to improve student achievement and educational quality while fostering an environment that makes Walnut Ridge Elementary School a school of choice.

Enrollment reported at the beginning of the school year for the past three years are:

Students Enrolled	August 2024	August 2025	August 2026	October 2026
ABC Preschool, (ages 3 – 5)	60	60	60	61
Kindergarten	77	84	70	69
1st grade	101	77	71	70
2nd grade	80	95	79	78
3rd grade	88	84	91	87
4th grade	78	86	84	79
5th grade	78	82	82	78
6th grade	84	75	83	81
Total Enrolled	646	643	620	603

Personnel Updates and Professional Growth

Personnel updates for the 2026–2027 school year include the following assignments and transitions:

Leahann Bounds, Kindergarten
 Kaylee Nelson, 2nd grade
 Cameron Priest, moved to 3rd grade
 Stacey Brown, moved to 3rd grade
 Melody White, 4th grade

Sarah Moore, moved to K – 4th grade Counselor
 Adam Dooly, 5th – 6th grade Special Education
 Tonya Crisler, 6th grade Literacy
 Rose Varner, 5th – 6th grade Science
 Kiersten Henderson, K – 6th grade Art
 Megan Weber, K – 6th grade Music

Walnut Ridge Elementary School also supports continued professional learning and advancement among its personnel. Two teachers are in a Master Professional Educator designation program, and two teachers are pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching degree. Another teacher is enrolled in the Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (ArPEP) program. One instructional aide is pursuing a degree in education, and a former instructional aide just started a the new year-long residency requirement (student teaching) in a fourth-grade classroom at WRES.

School Organization and Facilities

Walnut Ridge Elementary School serves students in kindergarten through sixth grade. ABC Preschool classrooms are located across the street from the elementary school. Kindergarten through sixth-grade classrooms are housed in the Ben R. Bush building, the middle school building, modular buildings adjacent to the middle school, and designated gymnasium spaces on campus.

Parent and Family Engagement

The Walnut Ridge School Parent Center is committed to providing materials and services that help parents support and improve their children's academic achievement. Informational packets are prepared by the Parent Center, posted on the school website, and made available during parent-teacher conferences. These packets include the school calendar, contact information, the parental involvement plan, volunteer opportunities, parenting tips related to homework, health, and nutrition, and projected parent involvement activities for the school year.

Communication Between School and Families

ParentSquare, email, phone calls, Facebook, and face-to-face conferences are effective tools for communication between the school staff and families. ParentSquare announcements are posted on the Lawrence County School District website (www.bobcats.k12.ar.us) and may also be made available in printed form. The district website provides links to valuable resources for parents and students. The Walnut Ridge Elementary School and Walnut Ridge Middle School Facebook pages share information about school events, activities, and other important updates.

Parent-Teacher Conferences and Student Progress

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled twice during the school year: midway through the first and third nine-week grading periods. Parents receive midterm progress reports each quarter that communicate their children's progress in core subjects and identify any interventions they may be receiving. Additional individual conferences are scheduled throughout the school year as needed.

Extracurricular Activities and Enrichment Opportunities

Students in fifth and sixth grades have the opportunity to participate in intramural basketball. Boys in fourth through sixth grades may participate in football, while girls in fourth through sixth grades may participate in volleyball and cheerleading. These activities are part of the Walnut Ridge Elementary Booster Club program and operate under the direction of the Walnut Ridge Public Schools K-6 Athletic Director.

Learning extends beyond the classroom through a variety of additional activities, including the Lawrence County Spelling Bee, chess tournaments, Quiz Bowl, and the One School, One Book program. These opportunities encourage academic growth, teamwork, critical thinking, and student engagement.

Childcare Programs

The Walnut Ridge Elementary Paw Patch and Vacation Station programs provide valuable childcare services to students and their families from 6 am – 6 pm. Vacation Station provides all day childcare with breakfast, lunch, and snacks provided. Enrollment in the 2026 Vacation Station program had 75 students enrolled and six employees approved to work a rotational schedule. Average daily attendance throughout the summer ranged from 26 to 30 students. Paw Patch provides care before school (6 am – 7:30 am) and after school (until 6 pm). Sixty-four students are currently enrolled with six approved employees. Students participate in the breakfast program and are

provided an after-school snack. Enrollment in the childcare program is open to WRES students enrolled to begin kindergarten through students completing sixth grade.

Student Recognition and Character Education

Student recognition is a valued part of the Walnut Ridge Elementary School experience. Mrs. Sarah Moore, WRES K–4 counselor, promotes character education through classroom presentations and PAWS (Student of the Month). PAWS of the month t-shirts are graciously funded through community support and donation. Addition recognitions include: ATLAS achievement and growth through Interim and Summative assessments, Kindergarten graduation and end-of-year awards recognize student growth, achievement, and progress throughout the school year.

Gifted and Talented Education

Students in kindergarten through second grade receive whole-group enrichment services from the Gifted and Talented Coordinator through in-person instruction or coordinator-provided activities for at least 30 minutes each week. Students in third through sixth grade receive services in the resource room for 150 minutes per week. Referrals to the Gifted and Talented Program are accepted throughout the school year. For additional information, please visit Susan Ashlock’s school webpage or contact her at (870) 886-6697.

Academic Intervention and Student Support

In-school and after-school tutoring through High Impact Tutoring (HIT) and the Literacy Tutoring Grant addresses the academic needs of students identified as at risk. Identification is informed by data from the 2026 ATLAS ELA Summative Assessment and Response to Intervention (RTI) data collected by the teacher through progress monitoring throughout the school year.

Students experiencing academic difficulties receive additional opportunities for growth during Bobcat Block, which provides targeted interventions through small-group instruction. Instructional aides and interventionists facilitate these interventions during designated non-core instructional periods. Intervention curricula and resources include UFLI, Sonday System, Take Flight, and embedded resources from High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) including Amplify CKLA and Illustrative Mathematics. These programs aim to reduce learning gaps and strengthen grade-level literacy, math, and science skills through research-based instructional practices designed to promote student growth.

The literacy and math coaches support teachers in implementing effective instruction through assistance with content standards, lesson planning, assessments, achievement-level descriptors, data analysis, and Tier 2 small-group instruction for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

State Assessments and Academic Progress Monitoring

Walnut Ridge Elementary students participate in state-required assessments throughout the school year. The Arkansas Teaching and Learning Assessment System (ATLAS) is aligned with Arkansas state curriculum standards.

Grade	Screeners (August)	Interim I (Fall)	Interim II (Winter)	Summative (Spring)
K – 2	Literacy & Math	Literacy & Math	Literacy & Math	Literacy & Math
3	Literacy	Reading, Writing, Math, Science	Reading, Writing, Math, Science	Reading, Writing, Math, Science
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The ATLAS assessment is adaptive which means the difficulty of the test questions adjust based on how the student responds to each question. As the rigor of the questions rise and fall, the adjustment process accurately provides the threshold of level of student understanding.

The Screeners help identify students’ readiness for grade-level instruction and those who may be at risk due to gaps or lack of retention in previously learned skills.

The Arkansas ATLAS Assessment (Arkansas Teaching, Learning, and Assessment System) uses a four-level proficiency scale to measure student mastery of state academic standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. The Four Performance Levels indicates the students understanding of grade-level standards.

Level 4 (Advanced): exceeds expectations; working independently

Level 3 (Proficient): meets expectations; working independently

Level 2 (Basic): a basic understanding with some additional academic support

Level 1 (Limited): a limited understanding with significant academic support

ATLAS Assessments for kindergarten through second graders include interactive sections which require students to speak into a headset microphone. ATLAS Assessments for third through sixth graders focus on written responses (essays), multiple-choice, and reading/math/science items.

WRES K-6 ATLAS Summative Assessment Results Spring 2026						
Grade	Content	Average Scale Score	% Level 1 (limited)	% Level 2 (Basic)	% Level 3 (Proficient)	% Level 4 (Advanced)
K	Literacy	1055	21	35	31	14
	Math	1053	33	31	25	11
1 st	Literacy	1060	6	35	53	7
	Math	1059	21	26	36	17
2 nd	Literacy	1054	30	33	23	15
	Math	1057	25	25	34	16
3 rd	ELA	1048	39	32	25	4
	Math	1047	39	42	16	3
	Science	1052	32	35	30	3
4 th	ELA	1052	25	50	17	8
	Math	1054	25	38	29	8
	Science	1054	21	46	25	8
5 th	ELA	1049	39	38	21	3
	Math	1052	32	31	31	5
	Science	1049	40	38	16	6
6 th	ELA	1048	45	28	19	9
	Math	1050	38	38	17	7
	Science	1051	42	29	13	16

Information about the ATLAS Family Portal, including the unique access code for individual students, is shared with parents/guardians of students in Kindergarten through 6th grade at the beginning of the school year. The portal provides access to results from ATLAS assessments, practice and training tests, and the DESE Family Toolkit. Individual Reading Plans (IRPs) are developed to address individual student learning needs of students in Kindergarten through third grade. Likewise, Math Improvement Plans (MIPs) are developed for students in Third through Sixth grade. Skills are retaught through small group instruction. Goals are evaluated and updated as students demonstrate mastery of the target skill(s).

Under the LEARNS Act, third-grade promotion guidelines are aligned with student performance on the ATLAS ELA Summative Assessment. Parents/guardians of third-grade students are invited to attend a LEARNS Act Informational Meeting to discuss Third grade promotion and how kindergarten through second grade prepares students for success. For this reason, parents/guardians

of students in kindergarten through second grade are also invited to attend. See flyer for additional information.

Walnut Ridge High School 2026 Public Report

Walnut Ridge High School meets the Standards for Accreditation as established and set forth by the Arkansas Department of Education.

The faculty and administration are involved in an ongoing effort to accomplish the goals of the school's mission statement. Workshops and training to obtain the highest level of services for our students and faculty are provided. The professional development hours are based on the requirements found within Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Rules, board policies, student achievement data, LEARNS act, and the District and School-level improvement plans. Specifically, professional development activities are designed to increase student academic performance. Key focuses of professional development at WRHS are the improvement of literacy, math and science scores and the utilization of high-quality instructional materials. Efforts are ongoing to improve our school report card grade specifically focused on ATLAS and AP scores, students obtaining technical certificates, and eventually obtaining associate's degrees. WRHS has a graduation rate of 91.94%.

At Walnut Ridge High School, 26 faculty members provide instruction in a broad spectrum of subjects ranging from special education and basic skills to Advanced Placement courses. WRHS offers seven Advanced Placement courses. Every student at WRHS should graduate from high school success-ready with the knowledge, skills, abilities, and habits to succeed on their chosen path, with options including: enlistment in military service, enrollment in a postsecondary training or degree program, and employment in a career that provides a family-sustaining wage. Students may also become a "Completer" by completing a course of study in one of three career and technical pathways at WRHS: Agriculture, Business, and Criminal Justice. Students are allowed to pursue a course of study that will enable them to attend the Northeast Arkansas Career and Technical Center in Jonesboro which offers 9 technical programs or the Black River Career and Technical Center in Pocahontas which offers 7 technical programs. Walnut Ridge High School also offers courses in academic and CTE subjects totaling 27 concurrent credit hours through Black River Technical College taught on our campus that allow students who qualify academically to receive college credit in those courses. BRTC also allows WRHS students to take online courses through their campus at the reduced rate for any course not offered on our campus. The Arkansas A2A Scholarship will pay for up to fifteen hours of concurrent credit per semester in the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years of high school in core subject areas, if students maintain a 2.5 GPA in the college coursework. Currently, WRHS has 93 students in grades 9-12 enrolled in BRTC concurrent classes, either online or on our campus with our teachers.

The LEARNS Act requires all students starting with the class of 2026 to earn a total of 75 hours of community service before graduation. WRHS has worked with a number of local businesses and non-profit organizations to give students opportunities to earn the required hours. A community service-learning course is also in place for seniors, to ensure this requirement is completed prior to graduation.

Walnut Ridge High School students participate in a variety of nationally sponsored activities that include FFA, FBLA, Key Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, and several school sponsored clubs. WRHS students have excelled both at the state and national level in such competitions as Quiz Bowl and FBLA. Students are also involved in community activities with Key Club, Ralph Joseph Leadership, and The Red Cross. Walnut Ridge High School students also attend Boys' and Girls' State, sponsored by the American Legion.

Each summer, students are given the opportunity to attend an ACT preparation course offered here on the Walnut Ridge High School campus. The prep course gives many students a significant increase in scores as a result of their participation. ACT help sessions are also sponsored throughout the school year in the week before a scheduled test.

Students may participate in a host of extracurricular activities that enhance the learning process. Athletic programs include football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, track and field, golf, the “Alleycats” dance team, eSports, and trap shooting team. An active cheerleading squad, band, and choir compete in a host of local, state, and national events. Individual clubs and organizations meet a diverse range of student needs.

Alternative Education is located on the Walnut Ridge High School campus and serves students in grades 9-12. This program serves students with behavioral, attendance, and/or academic issues. WRHS teachers teach most courses. Students may also take electives in their field of interest or attend the Jonesboro Career and Technical Center or BRTC Secondary Center to learn skills for specific trades. The district has also implemented Bobcat Virtual Academy, an online learning option that provides students in grades K-12 with additional flexibility in completing their coursework. This option offers an alternative learning environment to help meet the individual needs of students while allowing them to continue working toward graduation.

Technology continues to be an important component of the educational process. Every classroom has internet accessibility, and the high school library has sixteen computers available for student research and projects. The high school has three additional computer labs. One of the labs is used for classroom instruction in the business department. One lab is used for students taking online college classes and for students to earn lost credits through Credit Recovery. The other is a general lab adjacent to the library used for eSports activities as well as a variety of other educational needs. All three labs were upgraded with new computers in 2022. WRHS provides a laptop computer for every student in high school, making it an official one-to-one school. Eighty-five new laptops were purchased in 2026 to upgrade and replace existing computers. Additionally, WRHS utilizes Microsoft 365 to enhance online and traditional learning.

Students at Walnut Ridge High take the state-required assessments annually. ATLAS became the state-mandated test for grades 3-10 in 2023-24; those scores became available, and scores were reviewed/analyzed in faculty professional development before the start of the school year. ATLAS scores on four Levels: Level 4-Advanced Understanding; Level 3-Proficient Understanding; Level 2-Basic Understanding; Level 1-Limited Understanding. The State recognizes Levels 3 and 4 as levels of proficiency. At the 9th and 10th grade levels, WRHS students’ Proficiency Levels are the following:

2026 ATLAS PROFICIENCY

7TH Grade English/Language Arts: 25% PROFICIENT
 7TH Grade Math: 53% PROFICIENT
 7TH Grade Science: 24% PROFICIENT
 8TH Grade English/Language Arts: 42% PROFICIENT
 8TH Grade Math: 29% PROFICIENT
 8TH Grade Science: 42% PROFICIENT
 9TH Grade English/Language Arts: 37% PROFICIENT
 10TH Grade ELA: 44% PROFICIENT
 Science/Biology: 56% PROFICIENT
 Math/Algebra I: 30% PROFICIENT
 Math/Geometry: 15% PROFICIENT

ACT College Admission Exam---State-Tested 11th Grade (Mean Scores)

	2024 WRHS	2025 WRHS	2026 WRHS
Number Tested	55	68	66

English	17.8	19.1	17.3
Mathematics	16.4	17.1	16.6
Reading	19.1	18.0	18.5
Science	18.6	18.9	18.7
Composite	18.1	18.4	17.5

2025-2026 Advanced Placement Tests/ Scores of 3 or higher

AP Course	# Taking Exam	3	4	5
Biology	5	3	0	0
English Lang./Comp	27	11	0	0
U.S. Government	8	3	1	0
AP Precalculus	16	2	0	0
World History	15	6	4	0
English Lit./Comp.	21	9	1	0
U.S. History	7	3	1	1

In Spring 2026, eight WRHS students were recognized by College Board as AP Scholars. One student was recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction (scored 3 or higher on 5 or more AP exams); One student was named AP Scholar with Honor (scored a 3 or higher on 4 or more AP exams); six students were named AP Scholars (scored a 3 or higher on 3 AP exams).

Success-Ready Diplomas of Merit & Distinction

Beginning with the Class of 2025, graduates can now earn a state diploma with merit or distinction based on advancement placement scores, college concurrent credit hours, certifications of credentials of value, a technical certificate or associate degree, or by achieving a Seal of Biliteracy.

	2025	2026	2027
Diplomas of Merit	19	15	15 seniors are on track for diplomas with merit
Diplomas of Distinction	2	13	21 seniors are on track for diplomas with distinction

These numbers may increase based on credentials, certifications, and technical certificates earned on the Black River Technical College campus or at the Northeast Arkansas Career & Technical Center on the Jonesboro High School campus.

WRHS seniors and underclassmen are also encouraged to take the necessary courses to earn the Technical Certificate in General Studies from BRTC which will qualify them for the Diploma of Distinction as well as the Governor's Scholarship of \$5000 per year at an instate 4-year college.

Walnut Ridge High School is committed to excellence in education. The mission of Walnut Ridge High School is to enable all students and faculty an opportunity to exceed and excel. We recognize that the responsibility of a solid educational foundation lies with the students, teachers, school leaders, parents, and community. Our mission is to develop the abilities of each student by maintaining an educational setting that enhances learning, fosters growth, and ensures development.

Parent Center

The Walnut Ridge School Parent Center is committed to providing materials and services to assist parents in improving their child's academic achievement. We continue to encourage and support active parental involvement in a variety of ways including but not limited to volunteering.

Informational packets are prepared in the center and will be posted on our website and made available during parent/teacher conferences. Packets consist of useful information including but not limited to school calendar, contact information, parental involvement plan, volunteer opportunities, parenting tips in areas such as homework, health and nutrition, and projected parent involvement activities planned for the school year.

The Parent Center is using the app ParentSquare to provide communication between the school and parents in a regular and meaningful manner. The school website is another method for parents to communicate or be informed in a regular and meaningful manner. Parents are encouraged to visit the website at www.bobcats.k12.ar.us to check their child's progress, assignments, and activities.

Parent Center surveys are sent home annually and are available to download on the parent center page on the school website. Results from the surveys are used to better understand the needs of the parents. Parent meeting topics and material suggestions are also compiled from the surveys.

Volunteerism is supported and encouraged at Walnut Ridge School. Volunteer surveys are sent home annually and are available to download on the school website. Instructional volunteers are trained through the center each year. Faculty members receive a volunteer resource book which is updated yearly from the survey results. Teachers are encouraged to take advantage of this useful resource.

The parent center provides resources and materials free of charge. The center is available daily and is located near the middle level building. It is coordinated by Lindsey Romine and facilitated by Angela Brady. Mrs. Romine may be reached at 870-819-0443 and Mrs. Brady at 870-819-0451 or both at www.bobcats.k12.ar.us. The Walnut Ridge Elementary School encourages all parents to utilize this valuable asset.

Gifted and Talented Program

The Lawrence County School District's gifted and talented program provides students with various program options such as Whole Group Enrichment, Resource Room, Honors Classes, and Advanced Placement Courses.

Kindergarten through second grade are served through Whole Group Enrichment by the coordinator via in person enrichment or through coordinator provided activities for at least 30 minutes per week.

Students in the third through sixth grade are provided services in the resource room for 150 minutes per week by the coordinator.

Students in the fifth through tenth grade are served through Honors courses such as Civics, English, Economics, Math, Physical Science, Biology, and Algebra II, by a certified teacher for 250 minutes per week.

Students in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade are provided services through Advanced Placement courses such as Biology, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, World History, American Government, English Language, and English Literature and Composition by a certified teacher for 250 minutes per week.

Any identified tenth through twelfth grade students can meet with the coordinator on Thursday and Friday, 9:40-10:30. Seventh and eighth grade students may meet with the coordinator one time per week for 35 minutes, in addition to the Honors courses provided.

Identified students also may participate in outside learning opportunities such as quiz bowl, chess competitions, ASU Business Expo, Story Store, Bioscience Institute, and Project Fair. Additional field trips are arranged when appropriate.

Referrals for the gifted and talented program are accepted throughout the year. Please feel free to access Susan Ashlock's website page for more information or contact her at 870-819-0421.

District Technology

Started new phase of campus wide network upgrade using E-Rate funding. Replaced 90% of the network switches on campus. These new switches are able to handle up to 10 Gbps compared to the 1 Gbps limit of the old ones. They are also manageable through the cloud, giving the IT department better control and visibility of the network. Improved the networking situation in the press box to account for the growing demands of live streaming the football games.

Access control was added to seven doors across the high school to increase security.

Perkins money was used to replace the laptops being used by the Agri program. New laptops were purchased to begin the process of replacing the now 6-year-old fleet of devices being used across the middle and high school. Also purchased more iPads so we could filter out the last of the gen 6 devices that were still in use by students across different parts of the district.

Transportation has started using BusRight to help improve drive times and communication between drivers, office staff, and parents. This software also makes it easier for sub-drivers since it gives them a Google Maps style route to follow for pickup and drop-off.

Started doing backups of critical servers through the state in case of hardware failure. This has already paid off more than once.

The district now has a Google Workspace, granting teachers and students better access to Google services using accounts provided by school.

Began piloting a new software called Vivi in the elementary and high school. Gives the teachers more options for sharing information with students and improves classroom engagement. This software is also being used to manage the signage across campus.

Capital Improvements

- Safety Fencing at the High School Building
- AED
- Teacher Desks
- Agri Plasma Cutter and Welder
- Football Turf Tank
- Smart Board Computers
- iPads
- Student Laptops
- Teacher Laptops
- New Cameras
- Student Desks and Tables
- Replaced Ceiling Tiles
- New Copiers
- Bus Right Software

Federal and State Categorical Funding

The Lawrence County School District receives federal monies and state categorical monies to supplement educational programs. The district receives Title I, Title II-A, Title IV-A, Title V (state), Carl Perkins, Enhanced Student Achievement (ESA), English Language Learners (ELL), Professional Development (PD), and Alternative Learning Environment (ALE) funding. All funds (except Carl Perkins) are administered through the LCSD School Improvement Plans.

Title I funds are utilized for Walnut Ridge Elementary (grades K-6). Funds are used to provide additional academic support and learning opportunities for teachers and students. Literacy, math, and science are targeted areas of improvement, with an emphasis on literacy and math. The Parent Center is funded using Title I funds.

Title II-A are transferred to Title I to help with expenses in the Title I budget.

Title IV-A funds are transferred to Title I to help with expenses in the Title I budget.

Carl Perkins funds are specifically used in the Vocational Department. Business, Agriculture, and Fire/ Criminal Justice classes provide supplemental activities with Carl Perkins funds. Funds are also used to provide teachers with professional development opportunities and travel expenses.

Enhanced Student Achievement (ESA) funds are geared at increasing student academic performance in math, literacy, science, and social studies. Positions paid with ESA funds: Dyslexia/Reading Interventionist, School Nurse, Security Resource Officer, MS Guidance Counselor, Virtual School Facilitator in HS, Librarian in ES, Before and After School Tutoring, and Summer School at the high school.

Professional Development funds allow teachers to attend various training courses throughout the year. Teachers are also afforded the opportunity to attend meetings that address best practices in their respective academic field and that pertain to their Professional Growth Plan.

Alternative Learning Environment (ALE) funds assist in the establishment of the Alternative School located on the Walnut Ridge campus. Part of the salary of the ALE Coordinator is paid with ALE funds.

The Lawrence County School District does not have a soda contract.

Equity The Lawrence County School District Equity Coordinator is Jessica Light. You may reach Mrs. Light at 870-886-3482.

Homeless Jennifer Roark is our homeless liaison. You may reach Mrs. Roark at 870-886-6697.