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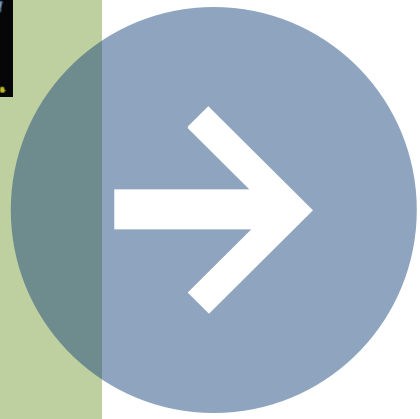
Friendship Aspire Academy
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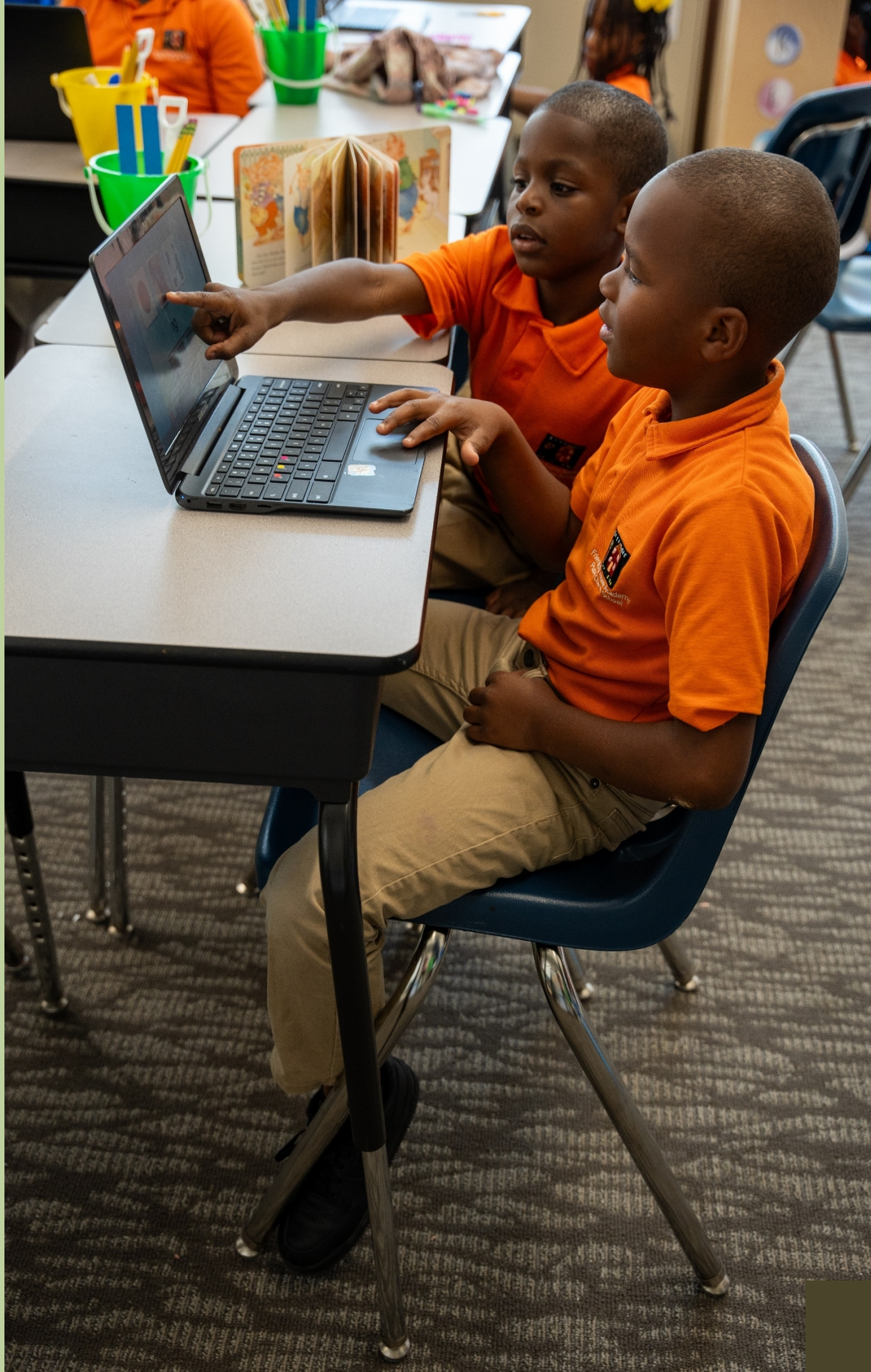
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The purpose of Friendship Aspire Academy
Arkansas focuses on providing a world-class
education, which motivates students to
achieve high academic standards, and enjoy
learning.

Our Purpose



The mission of Friendship Aspire Academy Arkansas is to provide a world-class education that motivates students to achieve high academic standards, enjoy learning and develop as ethical, literate, well-rounded and self-sufficient citizens.

Friendship Aspire seeks to fulfill this mission by providing students a high quality, liberal arts education focused on preparing students with the academic and life skills needed to be successful in college and beyond.

Our Mission



SMART Goals

Goal 1:

The percentage of students scoring proficient or above in English Language Arts/Reading, and Mathematics will increase by 10% from the previous year.

- Training and support
- Co-teaching
- Professional Learning Communities
- Common Formative Assessments
- Data-driven Instruction

Goal 2:

Increase average daily attendance to 95% or higher

- Monitor attendance
- Track trends
- Attendance calls
- Incentives

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African American: 88.8%

Caucasian: 1%

Hispanic Latino: 10.4%

Two or More: 0.8%

Grade Levels: K - 5

Numbers by Grade Level:

Grade K: 22

Grade 1: 39

Grade 2: 38

Grade 3: 34

Grade 4: 56

Grade 5: 28

Current Enrollment: 217

Letter Grade: F

Overall ESSA Index Score: 54.97

Attendance Rate: 90.89%



Comparison Data

GRADE	Fall 2022-23 PROFICIENCY MATH	Fall 2023-24 PROFICIENCY MATH	Winter 2022-23 PROFICIENCY MATH	Winter 2023-24 PROFICIENCY MATH
K	53%	57%	44%	81%
1	46%	55%	35%	53%
2	63%	66%	55%	48%
3	13%	50%	13%	53%
4	34%	14%*	26%	11%*
5	N/A	24%	N/A	24%

*Changes in personnel

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- Co-teaching
- Block schedule (ELA/R and Mathematics)
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Common Formative Assessments
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Goal 3:

Improve college and career preparedness

- Financial aid guidance
- Career & technical support
- Academic support
- College & career learning opportunities



African American: 98%

Caucasian: 1%

Other: 1%

Grade Levels: 6 – 9

Numbers by Grade Level:

Grade 6: 77 Total (12 Pine Bluff Lighthouse)

Grade 7: 51 Total (16 Pine Bluff Lighthouse)

Grade 8: 41 Total (22 Pine Bluff Lighthouse)

Grade 9: 28 Total (14 Pine Bluff Lighthouse)

Current Enrollment: 197

Letter Grade: D

Overall ESSA Index Score: 59

Attendance Rate: 96.56%



SMART Goals and Progress Comparison Data

GRADE	Fall 2022-23 PROFICIENCY READING	Fall 2023-24 PROFICIENCY READING	Winter 2022-23 PROFICIENCY READING	Winter 2023-24 PROFICIENCY READING
5	0%	N/A	0%	N/A
6	N/A	48%	N/A	41%
7	N/A	32%	N/A	38%
8	N/A	55%	N/A	42%
9	N/A	39%	N/A	31%
12	41%	N/A	47%	N/A

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LITTLE ROCK ELEMENTARY

Supporting Data

- **Common Formative Assessments (CFAs)**
- **NWEA Beginning of Year**
- **NWEA Middle of Year**
- **ATLAS Interim Assessments**
- **Dibels**
- **Words Their Way**
- **Attendance**
- **Discipline**

Monitoring



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LITTLE ROCK ELEMENTARY

Goal 1: The percentage of students scoring proficient or above in English Language Arts/ Reading, and Math will increase by 10% from the previous school year.

	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	MONITORING
Goal 1	Provide training and support to all staff for the implementation of professional learning communities	July 2023-May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agendas PD Hour Records Evidence of Implementation Classroom Walkthroughs Novice Teacher Mentoring Program
	Teacher teams will meet weekly for data discussions of student achievement and teacher practices.	August 2023 to May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agendas Team Meeting Notes Student Data
	Hiring content specialist to support novice and experienced content teams	July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Data Lesson Plans Quarterly Academic Summaries
	Select and implement evidenced based curriculum and provide professional development trainings throughout the SY.	July 2023-May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches Notes Pacing Guides Novice Teacher Mentoring Program Annotations

Goal 2: Improve average daily attendance to 95% or higher

Goal 2	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	MONITORING
Goal 2	Implement comprehensive attendance tracking system to monitor attendance and identify trends	August 2023 -May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Attendance Rate Chronic Absentee List
	Implement daily teacher attendance calls to absent/tardy students	August 2023 -May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tardy/Absentee logs Call Logs
	Implement school-wide incentive program to support attendance goals	August 2023 -May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAA Incentives List



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Public Charter School

**SOUTHEAST
CAMPUS**

Supporting Data

- **Common Formative Assessments (CFAs)**
- **NWEA Beginning of Year**
- **NWEA Middle of Year**
- **ATLAS Interim Assessments**
- **End of Course Assessments**
- **Attendance**
- **Discipline**

Monitoring



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Public Charter School

**SOUTHEAST
CAMPUS**

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Goal 3: Improve college and career preparedness			
Goal 3	Improve college and career preparedness by providing all high school students with financial aid guidance, career and technical support, academic support and opportunities to learn about colleges and careers.	September 2023-May 2024 (ongoing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign in sheets Agendas from trainings College and Career artifacts Active participation on Xello ACT workshops Guest speakers Career exploration assessments



Friendship Aspire Academy Arkansas

Innovations



Little Rock Elementary

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Lab

Co-teaching Model

Power Hour

Depth of Knowledge (2 & 3)

Aftercare (Academic and Personal Interest)



Southeast Campus

Science, Technology, Entrepreneurship, Agriculture, and Mathematics (STEAM)

Project-based Learning

Co-teaching Model & Block Schedule

Advisory

Teacher Learning Center

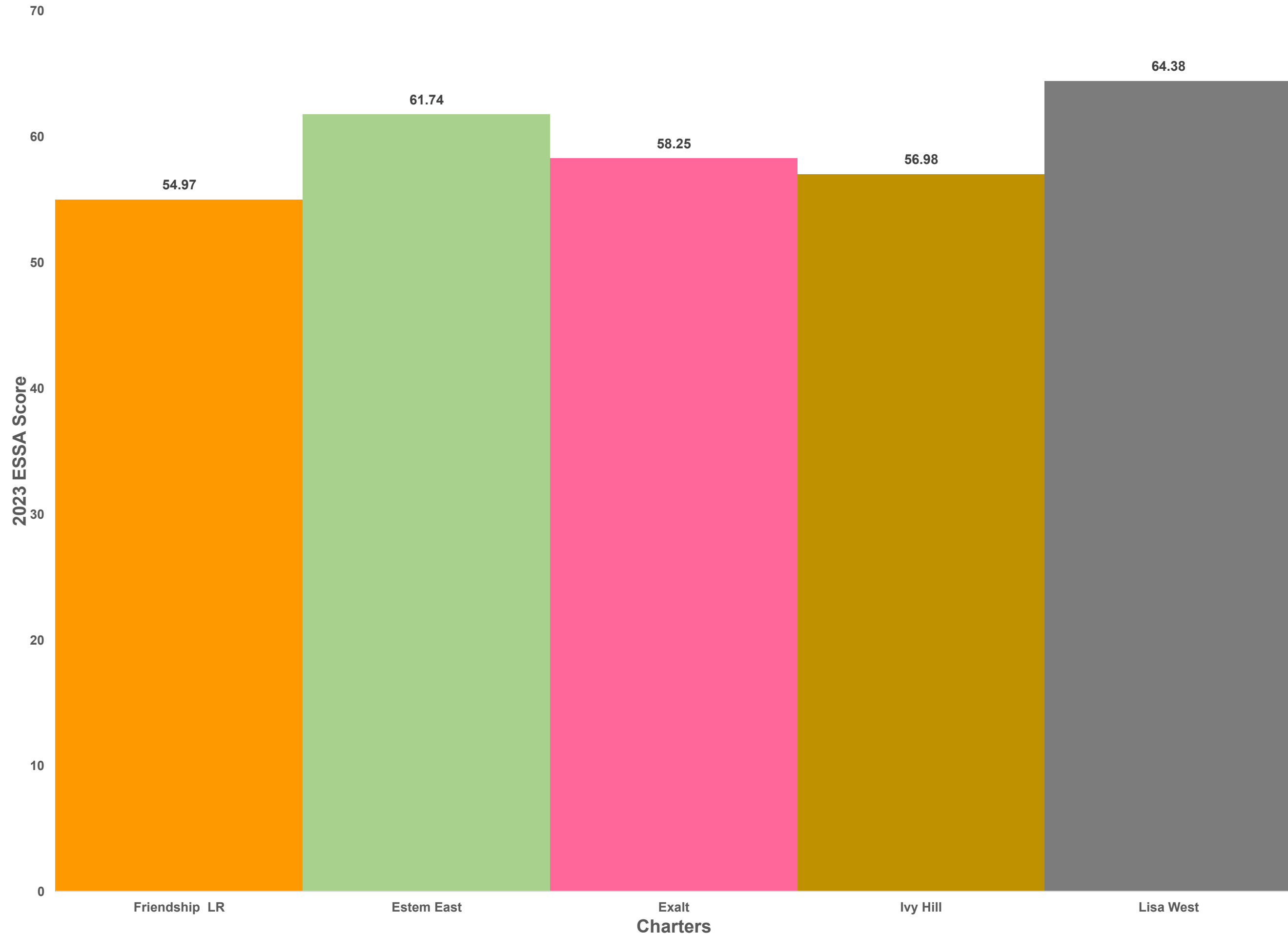
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Comparison to LR Charter Elementary Schools



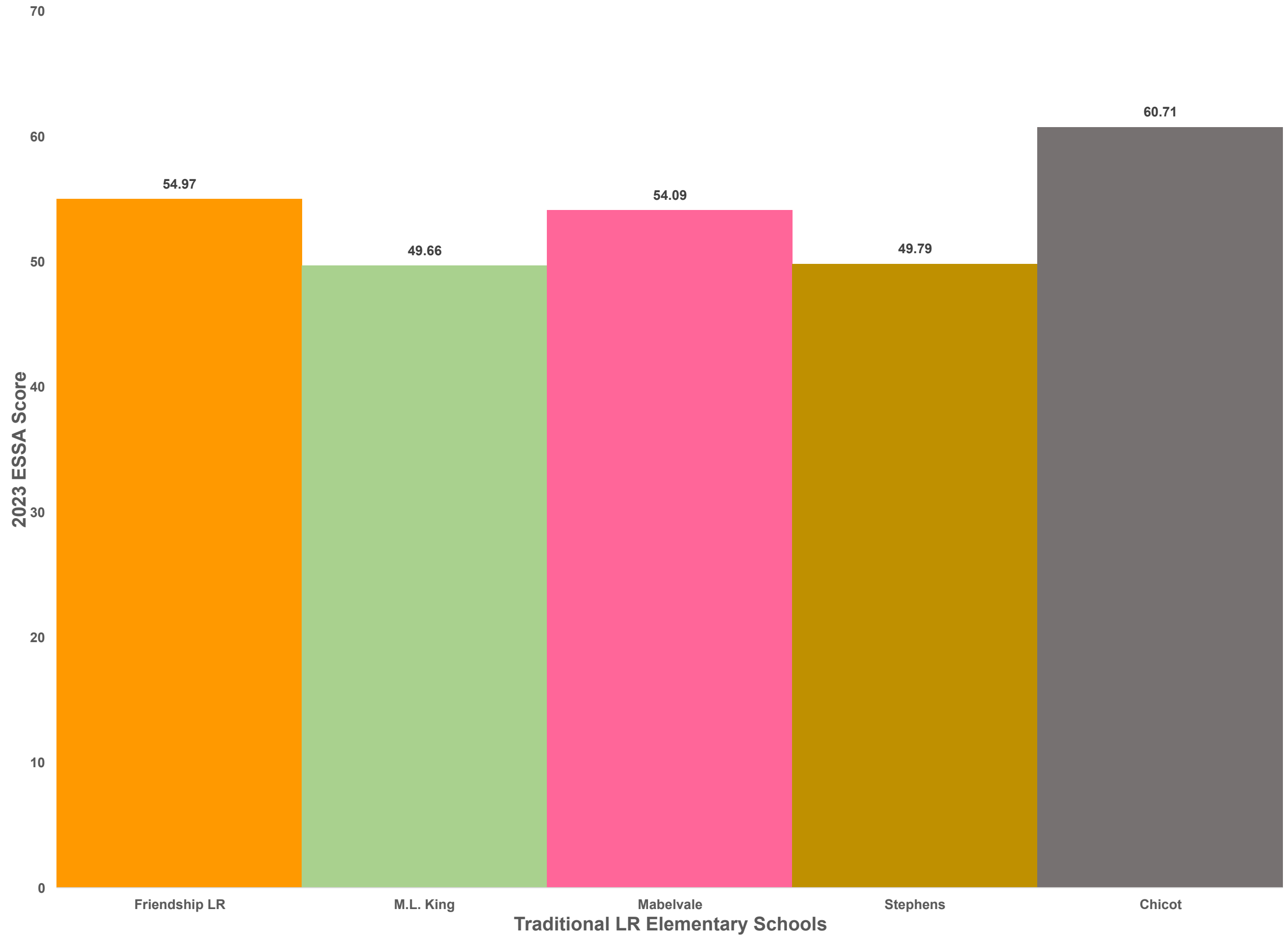
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Comparison to Traditional LR Elementary Schools



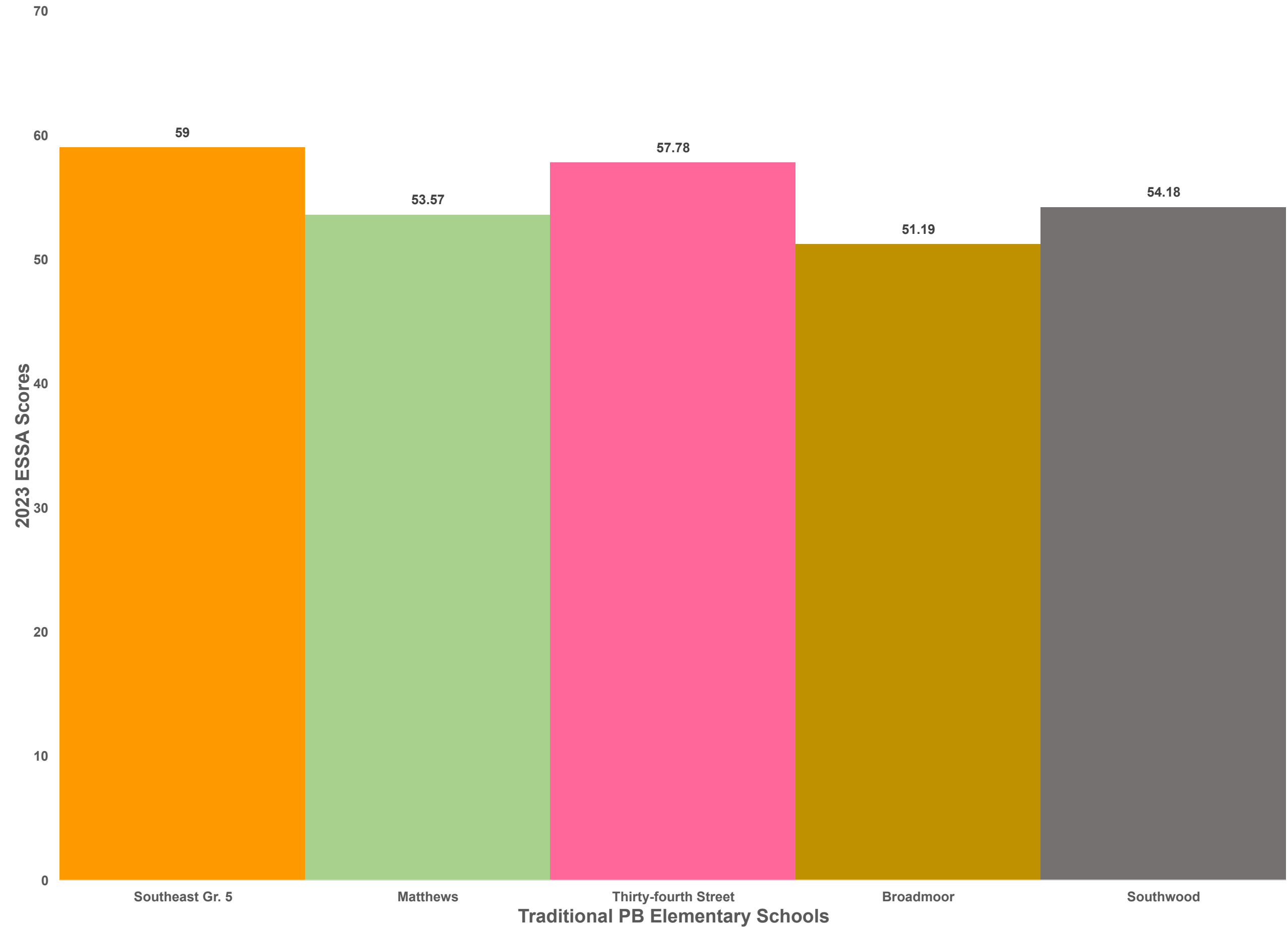
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SOUTHEAST Grade 5

Comparison to Traditional PB Elementary Schools



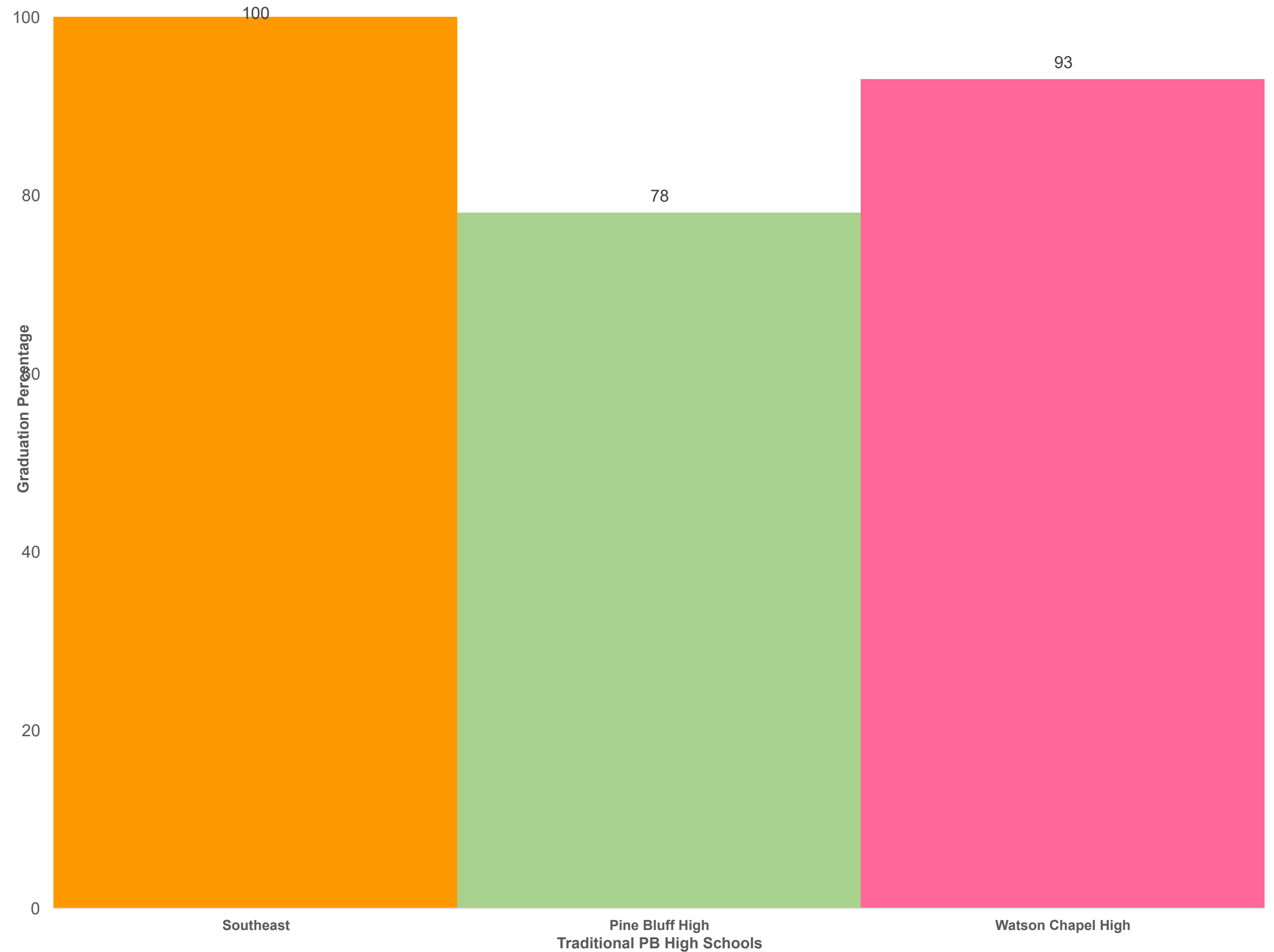
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SOUTHEAST
Grade 12

Graduation Rate Comparison to Traditional PB High Schools





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SOUTHEAST CAMPUS

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• **New Hope Prosthetics & Orthotics**

FINALIST:
Snell Prosthetics & Orthotics

BEST PEDIATRIC DENTIST
• **Small Bites Pediatric Dentistry - Pine Bluff**

FINALISTS:
Terry L. Boone, D.D.S., M.S.
Donna D. Massey, D.D.S.

BEST PEDIATRICIAN
• **Timothy C. Reece, M.D.**

FINALISTS:
Joann Mays, M.D.
Joyce V. Fletcher, M.D.

BEST PHYSICAL THERAPY
• **Jefferson Regional Medical Center**

FINALISTS:
Southeast Arkansas Physical Therapy
Regin J. Reginio, PT

BEST URGENT-CARE CLINIC
• **MedExpress Urgent Care**

FINALISTS:
Jefferson Regional Urgent Care Center
ARcare White Hall Family Practice



PLACES & COMMUNITY

BEST COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
• **Southeast Arkansas College**

FINALIST:
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

BEST DAY CARE/PRESCHOOL
• **Terry's Tots & Toddlers**

FINALISTS:
MeMe's Learning Academy
The Audubon School

BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
• **Friendship Aspire Academy Public Charter School - Pine Bluff campus**

FINALISTS:
Moody Elementary School
34th Avenue Elementary School

BEST HIGH SCHOOL
• **White Hall High School**

FINALISTS:
Pine Bluff High School
Watson Chapel High School

BEST MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH
• **Friendship Aspire Academy Southeast Arkansas Prep**

FINALISTS:
White Hall Middle School
Maranatha Baptist Academy

BEST NONPROFIT
• **CASA Women's Shelter**

FINALISTS:
United Way of Southeast Arkansas
Jefferson Comprehensive Care System

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Top 3 Readers' Choice!

THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR PATIENTS FOR VOTING US #1

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School Improvement Plans

- ✓ Teach the AR Academic Standards
- ✓ Administer Common Formative Assessments
- ✓ Use Data to Drive Instruction
- ✓ Provide Intervention and Acceleration
- ✓ Structured Professional Learning Communities
- ✓ Provide Professional Development
- ✓ Data Team
- ✓ Utilize Proven Instructional Strategies
- ✓ Provide Flexible Grouping
- ✓ Employ Coaching and Mentoring
- ✓ Improving Inclusive Practices
- ✓ Provide Extended Learning Opportunities
- ✓ Involve Parents/Guardians/Community
- ✓ Utilize Partners and Resources



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**Everyone Grows
With Friendship.**

