

Smart Jock

An Objective look at today's high
school athlete

Participating Schools

- Fayetteville
- Central Arkansas Christian
- Little Rock Central
- Conway
- Texarkana
- Gentry
- Mountain Home
- Alma
- Forrest City
- Guy Perkins
- Jonesboro
- Pine Bluff
- Stuttgart
- Bauxite
- Brinkley
- Bentonville
- Gravette
- Har-Ber
- Springdale
- Union Christian Academy
- DeQueen
- Greenland
- Lead Hill
- Nashville
- Siloam Springs
- Warren

Total Number Of Students Studied

Non-Athletes

17,709

Athletes

6352

Seniors Studied

Senior Non-Athletes

3954

Senior Athletes

1259

Blowing Up The Stereo-Type

- Average Grade Point
- Participation in AP Curriculum
- Attendance
- Discipline
- Graduation Rate
- Scholarships
- Drop-Out Rate

Athletes Work Hard On The Field And In The Classroom!

Average Grade Point For Non-Athletes

2.5

Average Grade Point for Athletes

2.9

Athletes Seek Challenges!

Participation In Advance Placement Classes By
Non-Athletes

26%

Participation In Advance Placement Classes By
Athletes

35%

Athletes Show Up!

Average Absences for Non-Athletes

11 Days

Average Absences for Athletes

7 Days

Athletes Practice Discipline Daily!

Percentage Of Non-Athletes With Discipline Referrals:

49%

Percentage Of Athletes With Discipline Referrals:

19%

Athletes Finish!

Non-Athlete Graduation Rate:

91%

Athlete Graduation Rate:

99%

Athletes Are Wanted!

Percentage Of Senior Non-Athletes Receiving
College Scholarships

35%

Percentage Of Senior Athletes Receiving
College Scholarships

44%

Athletes Don't Quit!

Non-Athletes Who Dropped Out Of School :

1293

Athletes Who Dropped Out Of School:

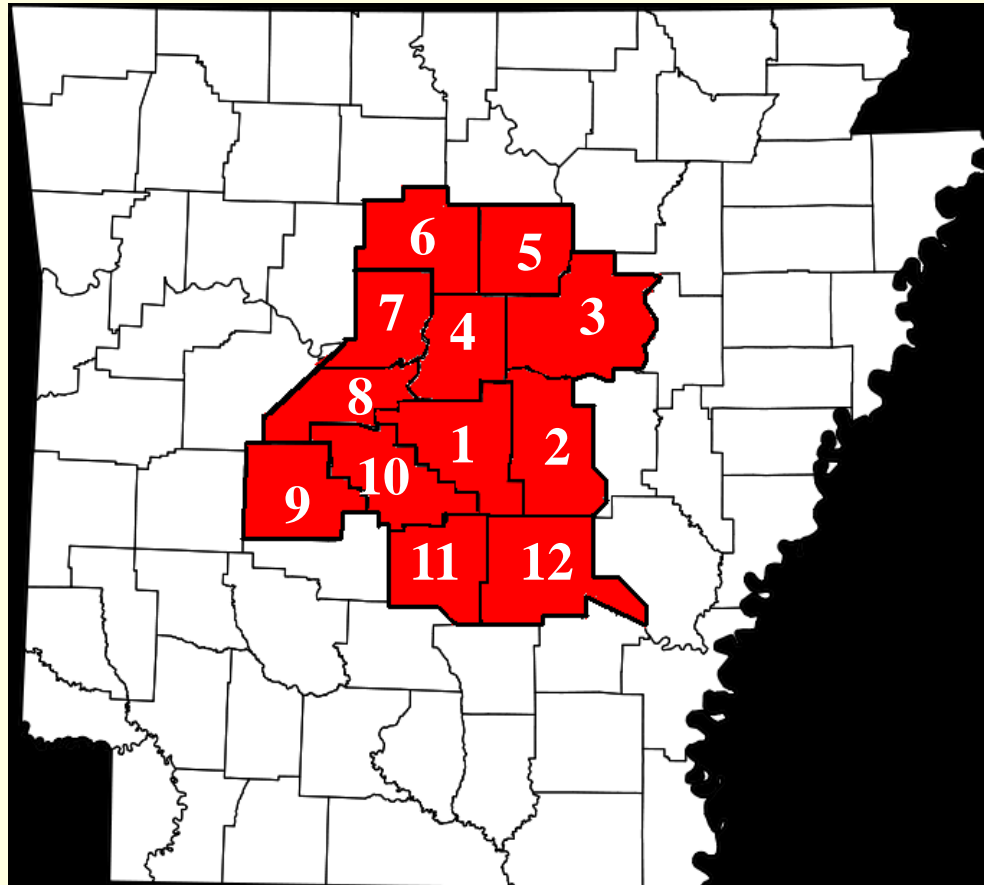
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Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Athletic Expenditures

Selected Arkansas Public School District for the Year Ended June 30, 2007

1. Pulaski County
Little Rock
North Little Rock
Pulaski County Special School District
2. Lonoke County
Cabot
Carlisle
England
Lonoke
3. White County
Bald Knob
Beebe
Bradford
Pangburn
Riverview
Rose Bud
Searcy
White County
4. Faulkner County
Conway
Greenbrier
Guy-Perkins
Mayflower
Mt. Vernon-Enola
Vilonia
5. Cleburne County
Concord
Heber Springs
Quitman
West Side



6. Van Buren County
Clinton
Shirley
South Side
7. Conway County
Nemo Vista
South Conway County
Wonderview
8. Perry County
East End
Perryville
9. Garland County
Cutter – Morning Star
Fountain Lake
Hot Springs
Jessieville
Lake Hamilton
Lakeside
Mountain Pine
10. Saline County
Bauxite
Benton
Bryant
Harmony Grove
11. Grant County
Poyen
Sheridan
12. Jefferson County
Dollarway
Pine Bluff
Watson Chapel
White Hall

Athletic Expenditures Excluding Construction

For the Year Ended

June 30, 2007

50 School Districts

2.58%

Air Force Academy

Class Of 2012

- Overall, the Academy received 9,000 applications for admission into the class, with 1,600 being offered appointments. As of June 23, 1,373 had accepted appointments, including 1,078 men and 295 women. Other credentials of the Class of 2012 include:
 - 17 percent were either high school class presidents or vice-presidents
 - 62 percent were in an academic honor society
 - **95 percent were athletic letter award winners**
 - 30 percent were in band or orchestra
 - 28 percent were Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts

Dumb Jock? Think again!

In Summary:

The numbers tell us that student athletes are higher achievers in the classroom than non-athletes, they say that athletes are more likely to take challenging courses, and less likely to be absent or in trouble. They further tell us that our athletes are committed to finishing what they start, and that others (colleges) recognize and value these characteristics.

A study of the academic performance of high school student-athletes in Arkansas has revealed significant differences between athletes and non-athletes.

The study was done by Dick Johnson, assistant superintendent of the Fayetteville school system, in collaboration with the Arkansas High School Activities Association and its member schools who participated in this study.

Seven different criteria were used to compare athletes and non-athletes, including grade point, participation in AP curriculum, attendance, discipline, graduation rate, scholarships and the drop-out rate.

Based on reports over a year period covering some 24,000 students across Arkansas, students who participated in interscholastic athletics in the Arkansas high schools surveyed significantly outperformed their non-athlete counterparts.

“The research reported here shows that participation in athletics serves as a positive motivational factor for students.” says Johnson, and there is a direct relationship between participation in athletics and academic success.

“This is another great step forward”, said Lance Taylor, executive director of the Arkansas High School Activities Association. “We thought, based on studies done by other states and the National Federation of High School Associations, that athletes tended to perform better than non-athletes on various sorts of academic criteria. This first study in Arkansas shows our student-athletes significantly outperformed non-athletes. We thank Dick Johnson and all the participating schools in this study for providing these facts.