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Schools Partner with the PEER Network to Support Teachers & Leaders

LITTLE ROCK - More than 60 schools across Arkansas are taking additional steps to provide support to teachers and school leaders at a time when teacher shortages persist. The PEER network is a partnership between the Arkansas Public School Resource Center (APSRC) and the Crowley's Ridge Educational Service Cooperative (CRESC) designed to help partner schools recruit, develop, and retain diverse and highly qualified staff using distributed leadership. The following schools have engaged with the PEER network:

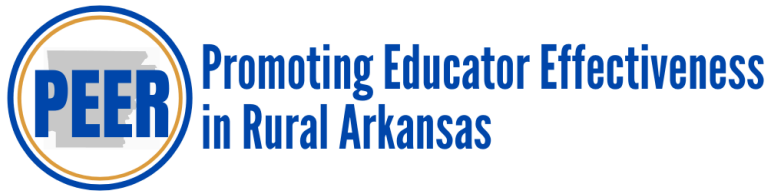
- Arkansas Lighthouse Academies
 - Capital City Lighthouse Elementary Academy
 - Jacksonville Lighthouse Elementary Academy
 - Jacksonville Lighthouse Flightline Academy
 - Jacksonville Lighthouse High School Academy
 - Pine Bluff Lighthouse Elementary Academy
 - Pine Bluff Lighthouse Middle School Academy
- Augusta School District
 - Augusta Elementary School
 - Augusta High School
- Bald Knob School District
 - H.L. Lubker Elementary School
 - Bald Knob Middle School
 - Bald Knob High School
- Bay School District
 - Bay Elementary School
 - Bay High School
- Des Arc School District
 - Des Arc Elementary School
 - Des Arc High School
- eStem Public Charter Schools
 - eStem Elementary School
 - eStem Junior High School
 - eStem High School
 - eStem East Village Elementary School
 - eStem East Village Junior High School
- Future School of Fort Smith
- Hazen School District
 - Hazen Elementary School
 - Hazen High School
- Hoxie School District
 - Hoxie Elementary School
 - Hoxie High School
- Jacksonville North Pulaski School District
 - Murrell Taylor Elementary School



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- Lawrence County School District
 - Walnut Ridge Elementary School
 - Walnut Ridge High School
- Manila School District
 - Manila Elementary School
 - Manila High School
- Marion School District
 - Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet School
 - Marion Math, Science & Technology Magnet School
 - Marion Visual & Performing Arts Magnet School
 - Marion Junior High School
 - Marion High School
- Maynard School District
 - Maynard Elementary School
 - Maynard High School
- Nettleton School District
 - Fox Meadow Elementary School
 - University Heights Elementary School
 - Fox Meadow School of Creative Media
 - Nettleton STEAM School
 - University Heights School of Medical Arts
 - Nettleton Junior High School
 - Nettleton High School
- Responsive Education Solutions
 - Premier High School Little Rock
 - Premier High School North Little Rock
- Rivercrest School District
 - Rivercrest Elementary School
 - Rivercrest Junior High School
 - Academies at Rivercrest High School
- Riverside School District
 - Riverside East Elementary School
 - Riverside West Elementary School
 - Riverside High School
- Riverview School District
 - Judsonia Elementary School
 - Kensett Elementary School
 - Riverview Junior High School
 - Riverview High School
- ScholarMade Achievement Place of Arkansas
 - Ivy Hill Academy
 - Nichols Intermediate Academy
 - Prodigy Preparatory Academy
- Wynne School District
 - Wynne Primary School
 - Wynne Intermediate School
 - Wynne Junior High School
 - Wynne High School

The PEER network is funded by the federal Teacher and School Leader (TSL) grant, which was awarded to APSRC in the fall of 2021. Through the PEER network, partner schools receive training, coaching, and job-embedded support. Partner schools also receive personalized performance management to ensure schools, school leaders, and teacher leaders meet or exceed their goals.



“This support comes at a critical time,” said Superintendent Jason Evers of the Manila School District. “Our school leaders and teachers work tirelessly to ensure our students have a safe school environment in which they can learn and grow. Support through the PEER network expands the leadership in our schools to meet the needs of our students and teachers while rewarding their dedication and progress.”

The PEER network employs a Performance Based Compensation System (PBCS) that provides incentives to schools when they meet their goals. The incentive structure is based on a holistic view of schools that includes student achievement and growth, the development of teacher leaders, the support of school leaders, and the utilization of recruitment and retention strategies to establish and maintain a diverse and highly qualified staff. The mission of the PEER network is to meet the unique needs of rural Arkansas schools and build capacity by empowering teacher leaders in a learning community.

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