



High School Profile/2009-2010

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Parkers Chapel School District's Vision Statement: *Parkers Chapel School District, in cooperation with the family and the community, is committed to providing an environment in which all students are offered quality educational opportunities which encourage them to reach their full potential, to respect individual differences, and to prepare them for life-long learning in a diverse and changing society.*

Parkers Chapel School District's Mission Statement: *Parkers Chapel High School will strive to provide a school atmosphere that is conducive to developing each student to his or her fullest potential. By basing the educational program on the needs and individual differences of the student, opportunities will be provided for each student to develop his or her maximum physical, emotional, mental, and social capabilities.*

School and Community: Named after a local pastor, Mr. Parker, the Parkers Chapel School District was formed as a one-room schoolhouse in 1901 where 50 students attended classes through the eighth grade. By 1926, Parkers Chapel had grown and was offering classes through the twelfth grade. Its first graduating class was the class of 1926. By the late 1940's, several smaller schools consolidated with Parkers Chapel and what began as a one-room schoolhouse with 50 students, is now a prosperous school district serving more than 750 students in grades pre K-12.

Located in Union County, Parkers Chapel is a rural community approximately 5 miles southwest of El Dorado, Arkansas. The total land area is approximately 47 square miles with an estimated population of 6,677.

In 2005, Parkers Chapel was awarded the "Golden Apple Award". This award is presented to the top 10 schools in the state of Arkansas and is based on the state Benchmark test scores. That year, Parkers Chapel was ranked #5 in Arkansas. In 2006, Parkers Chapel ranked #12 and in 2007, Parkers Chapel ranked #7. Also in 2007, Parkers Chapel was honored as 1 of the top 8 "Best Practices" schools in the state.

Enrollment (2009/2010) as of Oct. 6:

7 th Grade:	61
8 th Grade:	50
9 th Grade:	54
10 th Grade:	61
11 th Grade:	57
12 th Grade:	58
Total students:	341
Minority students:	12.3%

Faculty:

27 Full-time faculty members
5 Part-time faculty members
28% hold Master's degrees

Student/Teacher Ratio: 12:1
Average Class Size: 16

Schedule: 7:50 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. This includes a 30 minute activity period and seven (7) 50 minute classes. The academic year is two traditional semesters.

Accreditation: North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Arkansas Department of Education

State ACTAAP Testing (Benchmark/EOC): The Benchmark Examinations, one of the criterion-referenced components of the ACTAAP, assesses student performance in grades 3-8. The focus of testing at these grades is to identify those students who may be in need of remediation in the mathematics and English language arts curricula. The End-of-Course (EOC) Examinations assess student performance in Geometry, Algebra I and Literacy.

Benchmark/EOC percentages of students who were proficient or advanced for the 2008 exams:

7 th Gr. Math/Literacy/Science	8 th Gr. Math/Literacy	Algebra	Geometry	11 th Gr. Literacy	Biology
94%/78%/55%	81%/79%	96%	86%	74%	53%

Advanced Placement (AP) Program: Parkers Chapel offers Pre-AP beginning with the freshman year and AP courses beginning with the junior year. AP exams are administered in May of each school year. The Arkansas Department of Education pays the exam fee for each student participating in the AP program.

AP Courses Currently Offered: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, English Language, English Literature, and World History.

AP Examinations: In 2009, 42 students took 58 tests; 24.6% of the students scored a 3 or higher. The percentages of students scoring a 3, 4, or 5 in specific subject areas are as follows:

Art History:	50%	English Language/Comp:	33.3%
Biology:	0%	English Literature/Comp:	16.7%
Calculus AB:	0%	World History:	37.5%

AP Scholar Awards: AP Scholar Awards are granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. In September of 2007, three Parkers Chapel Students were designated as AP Scholars and in 2008, one student was designated an AP Scholar.

ACT Averages:

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Mathematics	20.1	20.7	20.3	21.0	21.2
English	21.4	20.5	21.5	21.9	20.8
Composite	21.1	20.2	20.7	21.1	20.9

Graduation Requirements (200/2010):

English	4 units
Mathematics	4 units
Science	3 units
History	3 units
Fine Arts	½ unit
Oral Communication	½ unit
Health	½ unit
P.E.	½ unit
Electives	7 units
Total	23 units

Grading Scale:

90-100	= A	= 4 quality points; 5 pts
80-89	= B	= 3 quality points; 4 pts
70-79	= C	= 2 quality points; 3 pts
60-69	= D	= 1 quality points; 2 pts
0-59	= F	= 0 quality points; 0 pts

AP courses are weighted for grade-point averages (GPA) and class rank.

Graduation Profile:

Parkers Chapel graduated 52 students in 2009; 117 academic, athletic, and special achievement scholarships valued at \$1,323,616 were offered to the students from the Class of 2009.

84% of our 2009 graduating class went on to attend some form of higher education (60% enrolled at a four year university and 40% enrolled at a community college); 12% entered the workforce after completion of a dual-credit vocational program; and 4% entered the military.