

James R. Tate Elementary

Report to the Public
September 13, 2017

Robert Childers, Ed.D.

Principal

New Staff Members and Roles

Mrs. Shannon Davis will now be serving as Tate's school secretary.

Mrs. Courtney Freeman is Tate's new music teacher.

Mrs. Karen Anderson is Tate's new 5th grade teacher.

Mrs. Lisa Rodriguez is Tate's new 4th grade teacher.

Miss Savannah Basham and Mrs. Tiffany Parks are Tate's staff members in our new ABC Preschool classroom.

Mrs. Christy Nelson is Tate's new Project Lead the Way Paraprofessional.

II. Faculty Qualifications

Tate is an accredited member of the North Central Association Commission of Schools/AdvancED. Tate has 26% of the staff holding an advanced degree. To date, Tate also has four staff members who have earned National Board Certification.

All faculty members met the 36 hrs. of professional development requirement from the State last year and were considered highly qualified teachers.

After a Standards and Assurance visit conducted by the ADE in the fall of 2014, Tate was deemed to be in full compliance in all areas.

III. Physical Plant

- Hallway wall sections were touched up
- Carpet & tile cleaned
- Magnetic door system installed by the district (front and back)

IV. Parent Involvement (Act 603 of 2003)

- Parent Resource Center (by adult restrooms)
- Family Nights: December 7th—Science Night
- PTA— Grandparents' Breakfast is Sept. 19 and 21
Tate Tiger Tailgate Night, Sept. 15
- Parental Input on Committees

Please Volunteer and serve on committees

Special Programs:

- Back Pack for Kids
- Kiwanis Kids
- Partners in Education: Centennial Bank
- Tate 4H
- Project Lead the Way
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

DID YOU KNOW?

- Annual earnings Lifetime earnings

●	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Lifetime</u>
● High School Drop-Out	\$21,600	\$1,052,647
● High School Graduate	\$30,800	\$1,418,890
● Associate's Degree	\$37,600	\$1,769,090
● Bachelor's Degree	\$49,900	\$2,498,260

Nutrition and Physical Activity Act

- Elementary students will not have access to vended food and beverage anytime or anywhere on school premises during the school day.
- Students may be given any food/beverage for up to nine (9) school events each year, determined by school officials.
- Nutritional foods may be use for instructional purposes.
- This policy does not restrict what parents may provide for their own child's lunch or snacks.
- To meet state law, we must ask parents to not provide food/beverage items to other children at school for events such as birthday parties. Parents may provide food/beverage items upon request to support one of up to nine (9) allowable events such as Valentine's Day.
- You will receive a form to sign for the school to have on file.

Smart Core

- *Smart Core is required curriculum that is part of a state initiative focused on improving Arkansas public high schools for all students so that they are prepared for life beyond graduation.* The goal is to implement educational strategies that are innovative, effective, rigorous, relevant, and rewarding so that students are prepared to compete and be successful in the ever-changing global marketplace.
- *Smart Core is Arkansas's college- and career-ready curriculum for high school students.*

- College- and career-readiness in Arkansas means that students are prepared for success in entry-level, credit-bearing courses at two-year and four-year colleges and universities, in technical postsecondary training, and in well-paid jobs that support families and have pathways to advancement. To be college- and career ready, students need to be adept problem solvers and critical thinkers who can contribute and apply their knowledge in novel contexts and unforeseen situations. Smart Core is the foundation for college- and career-readiness. All students should supplement with additional rigorous coursework within their career focus.
- **Successful completion of the Smart Core curriculum is one of the eligibility requirements for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship.** Failure to complete the Smart Core curriculum for graduation may result in negative consequences such as conditional admission to college and ineligibility for scholarship programs.

Goals for 2017-2018

A. Curriculum

1. Curriculum aligned with frameworks---Common Core Standards K-5
2. Continued implementation of Math Investigations.
3. Continued implementation of the Comprehensive Literacy Program
4. Implement guidelines of NCLB.
5. Continue to update technology—particularly Chromebooks (3-5).

B. Parent Involvement

1. Continue to improve the Parent Involvement Plan
2. Parent Nights at Tate: Family Literacy/Math Nights
3. Increase PTA membership.
4. To obtain more partners in education and more mentors.
5. To achieve better communication with parents.
 - Remind 101
 - Facebook
 - Twitter

VBSD Gifted & Talented Program

Currently serve 405 identified students

- Enrichment Program serves all students grades K-2
- Identified students in grades 3-5 are served through a pull-out program 2.5 hours per week
- Secondary students are served through differentiation in the classroom, pre-AP, AP and Concurrent Credit courses



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WE NEED YOU !!

- Join PTA
- Volunteer at the school
- Student Policy Handbook and 1st Day packets from the school
 - **PLEASE sign all parent signature pages and return to the school.**
- ANY QUESTIONS ?

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Annual Title I Meeting
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V. Title I Program

***Tate's computer lab, led by Mrs. Champion, currently has 26 laptop computers. The programs in the lab include a keyboarding program, internet, and ST Math.**

***The students and teachers also have access to the computers in the classrooms.**

***In addition, 18 iPads are located in the lab for student use.**

***The media center also has 6 computers and 30 Chromebooks for student use.**

***In 2016-2017, Tate purchased 6 Chromebook carts for classroom use. By the end of 2017-2018, we would like to be one to one in grades 3-5, with other technology available in K-2 (Apple Tv and iPads).**

Title I Annual Meeting

- **In addition to this, 4 portable iPad carts/labs are available throughout the building. These are used in the classroom by students on a daily basis. They can be used to administer ACT Aspire assessments as well.**
- **Each student Kindergarten through fifth grade attends lab for 40 minutes a week. All classes will have two visits to the computer lab.**

Reading Recovery

Tate has a Reading Recovery program. Mrs. Amanda Snow is Tate's Reading Recovery teacher. This is a very effective program that allows us to identify and intervene with K-1 students who are having problems in reading.

Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI)

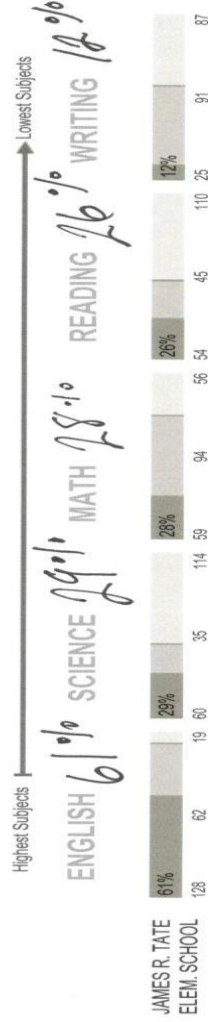
Other struggling readers are served in before and/or after school LLI groups. This intensive reading program is another way teaching staff can intervene to assist low progress readers.

Programs

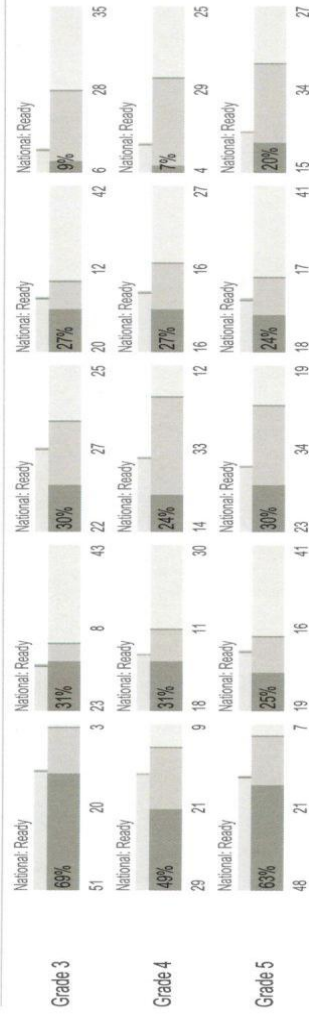
Curriculum: State Frameworks aligned, Comprehensive Literacy, Reading Recovery, Lucy Calkins Readers'/Writers' Workshop, SPED Inclusion, ESL, Migrant Education, PE, Music, Art, computers in every classroom, Quiz Bowl, & Math Investigations, Social Studies, ST Math, and PLTW Science Units, FoodCorps, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Title I will continue to purchase books to implement and enhance the Comprehensive Literacy Program.

Standards Based Math – Full implementation – Hands-on, student problem solving, Fluency Block



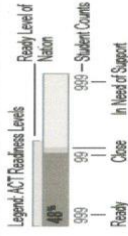
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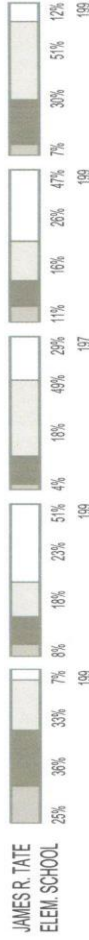
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ACT Aspire Writing Assessments are designed to provide a strong indicator of whether students have the writing skills they will need to succeed as they begin work at their next grade level. Student responses are evaluated according to analytic rubrics that assess the generation, development, organization, and communication of ideas in standard written English.

Results for groups with 4 or fewer students are not shown.



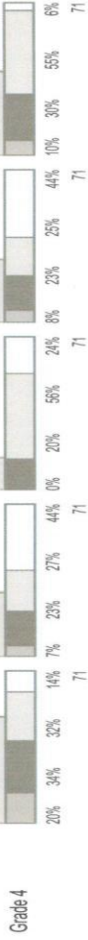
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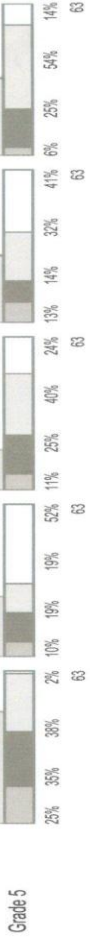
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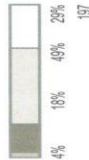
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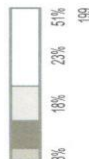
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