Centerpiece of **Community**

- City population: 2,200
- Largest Employer: Star City School District
- Poverty rate: 68%
- Internet Access: *46%
- High School Enrollment: 429 (declining)
- Rate of adults with Associate's degree or higher: 13.45% (2\textsuperscript{nd} lowest)
- Rate of adults with Bachelor’s degree or higher: 9.2% (State 19.8%)
- Retail sales per capita: $4,202 (State $11,602)
Good Things Happening

• 17 AP courses offered 258 students (350 AP exams taken in 2018)
• PLTW Pathways (Biomedical, Engineering, Computer Science)
• Award winning CTE programs in FFA, FBLA, and FCCLA
• National Qualifier in Beta Club
• World Qualifier in Vex Robotics
• 3 Arkansas Teachers of the Year in respected areas
• Only PLTW Distinguished STEM District in AR (PK-12) 2017, 2018, 2019
From Good To Great

Star City High School

Traditional School
- Traditional Classes
  - Biomedical
  - CNA
- Virtual Arkansas Classes
  - Computer Science
  - NCRC
- Blended Classes
  - Engineering
  - Concurrent Credit
  - Family & Cons. Science
  - Orientation to Teaching
- Student Choice Academy
  - Agriculture Science
  - Welding
  - Business
  - JAG

Full Virtual
Innovation 1: Additional Career Pathways available to students

- Biomedical Engineering
- Computer Science
- Family & Consumer Science
- Business
- Agriculture Science

- CNA Program (Biomedical)
- JAG
- Orientation to Teaching (FACS)
- Laravel Proficiency
- Welding Certification Program
- *National Career Readiness Certificate
Innovation 2: Provide students with an ACT National Career Readiness Certificate

• Partnership with Workforce Alliance of Southeast Arkansas
• 8 counties, businesses, colleges, elected officials
• Nationally recognized certificate
  • Industry-standard credential & technical studies
  • “Stackable” Credential
• All Juniors take College and Career Readiness Course
  • Career exploration/skill requirements
• Take ACT WorkKeys Assessment to earn certificate
• First “Gold County” in SEARK
• Recognized as a ACT “Work Ready Community”
Innovation 3: Create a Student Centered Learning Opportunity

• Virtual/Blended Learning
• Flexible Scheduling
• Mentoring
• Choice
  • Time
  • Place
  • Pace
• We have to meet needs of ALL students
Innovation 4: Implement Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)

- Seniors who have completed a career pathway
- Seat time release for enrollment in:
  - Postsecondary training or technical classes
  - Job shadowing
  - Completing an internship
  - Obtaining paid employment
Needs for Student & School Success

• Internet is required for AMI days and allows seamless transition to blended learning from home
• All students need internet to access work as the Ready for Learning initiative progresses (46% reliable internet- forced to use paper for AMI)
• Students can’t watch help videos at home pertaining to their school work when no teacher is available
• Teachers can’t hold RTI (small group sessions for students that need assistance)
• Students and staff have to spend large amounts of time downloading work
• COVID 19 made our rural broadband issues an EQUITY issue
Goals: Arkansas Ready For Learning

• Ready for Learning Committee drives our work
• Provide students who don't have access to internet with a hotspot or wifi area so they can use their chromebooks and have access to online work
• Set up Access Lan Demo with the hotpots to control content on the hotspots
• Setup Buses in areas of district to offer wifi to rural area (417 miles)
• Virtual/Blended Learning and a Curriculum that is aligned K-12
• Teachers can have synchronous zoom sessions and teach lessons on AMI/Virtual days via asynchronous learning
• Solve our District Internet Accessibility issues in any manner possible

#WhateverItTakes
Current Reality (Farmington)

Do you plan on having your child participate in on-site or off-site learning?

948 responses

- 74.7% Farmington School District On-Site Learning
- 13.1% Farmington School District Off-Site Learning
- 1% Both
- 0.4% Undecided
- 0.3% Unsure
- 0.1% Depending on safety requirements we will...
- 0.1% Very concerned at the spike of cases i...
- 0.1% 1/13
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