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LISA Academy

LISA Academy, Little Rock’s public charter school now in its 4th year, has already been recognized in the math, science and technology community. Our rigorous and tuition-free college preparatory curriculum is designed for students from diverse academic and cultural backgrounds. In addition, we offer hands-on science labs, state-of-the-art equipment, and a bright, clean and safe environment. We also offer parents the opportunity to monitor assignments and progress through on-line, personal web-sites for each student.

Our faculty is dedicated to providing the highest quality education in an environment that emphasizes structure, self-discipline and attention to detail in all academic and social interactions. Free tutoring is provided, as needed, for all students. The Advanced Placement students are offered additional fast-track classes and specialized groups to keep their academics at a challenging level. Our curriculum utilizes College Preparatory Mathematics and The Foundational Approaches in Science Teaching, both designated as “Exemplary” programs by the U.S. Department of Education.

Rounding out the academics is a staff that is young, fun and full of energy, organizing events, activities and field trips for the benefit of LISA Academy students. A highlight of our school is the Home Visit program, where our staff members visit the homes of students and their families. The goal of this program is to strengthen relationships between students, parents and teachers, resulting in improved grades and steady attendance.

Also contributing to these improved grades is our free and reduced lunch program, which we are happy to offer to our students.

LISA Academy is a small school with a grand vision, where the faculty is exceptional, the students are eager, and the parents are always welcome!

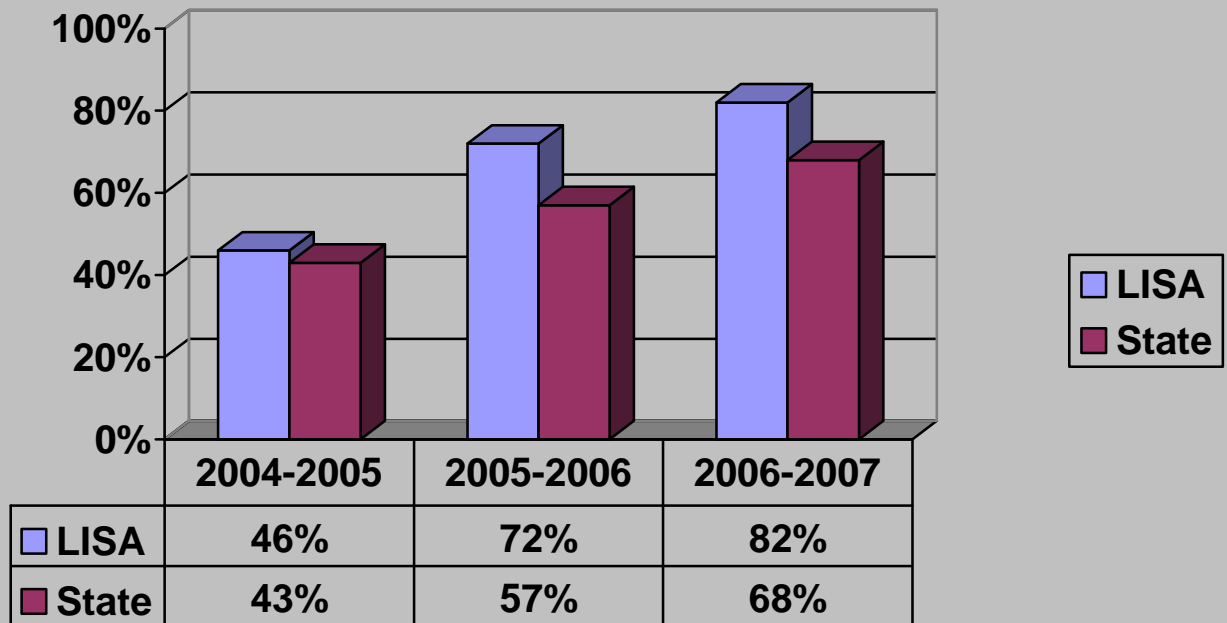
Thank you for allowing us to share LISA Academy's accomplishments with you.

ARKANSAS STATE BENCHMARK EXAMS												
	MATH						LITERACY					
	2004-2005		2005-2006		2006-2007		2004-2005		2005-2006		2006-2007	
	LISA	STATE	LISA	STATE	LISA	STATE	LISA	STATE	LISA	STATE	LISA	STATE
6 th Grade	46%	43%	72%	57%	82%	68%	64%	57%	68%	59%	81%	60%
7 th Grade	60%	43%	71%	50%	81%	58%	73%	50%	69%	53%	81%	57%
8 th Grade	40%	33%	70%	44%	75%	48%	66%	57%	82%	66%	93%	63%

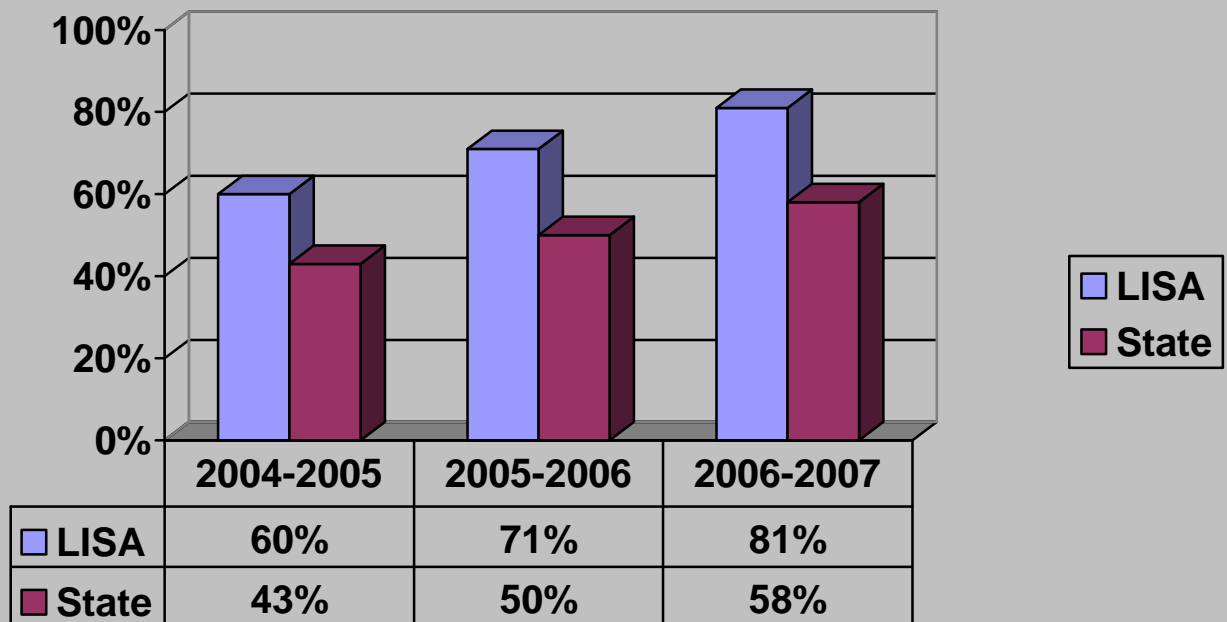
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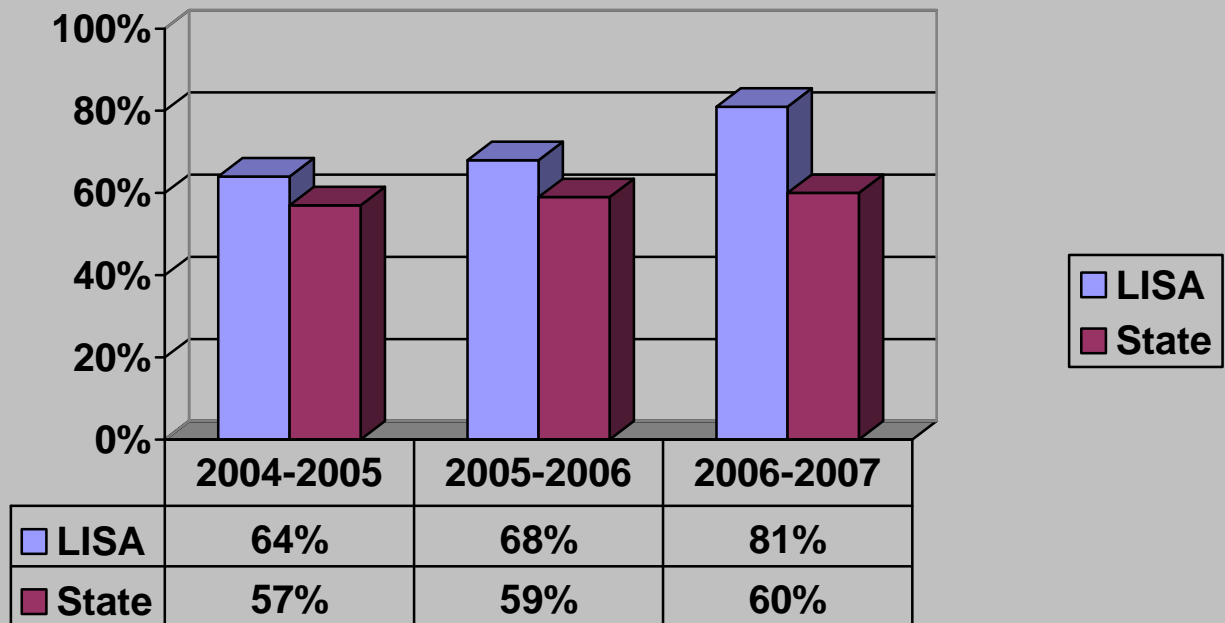
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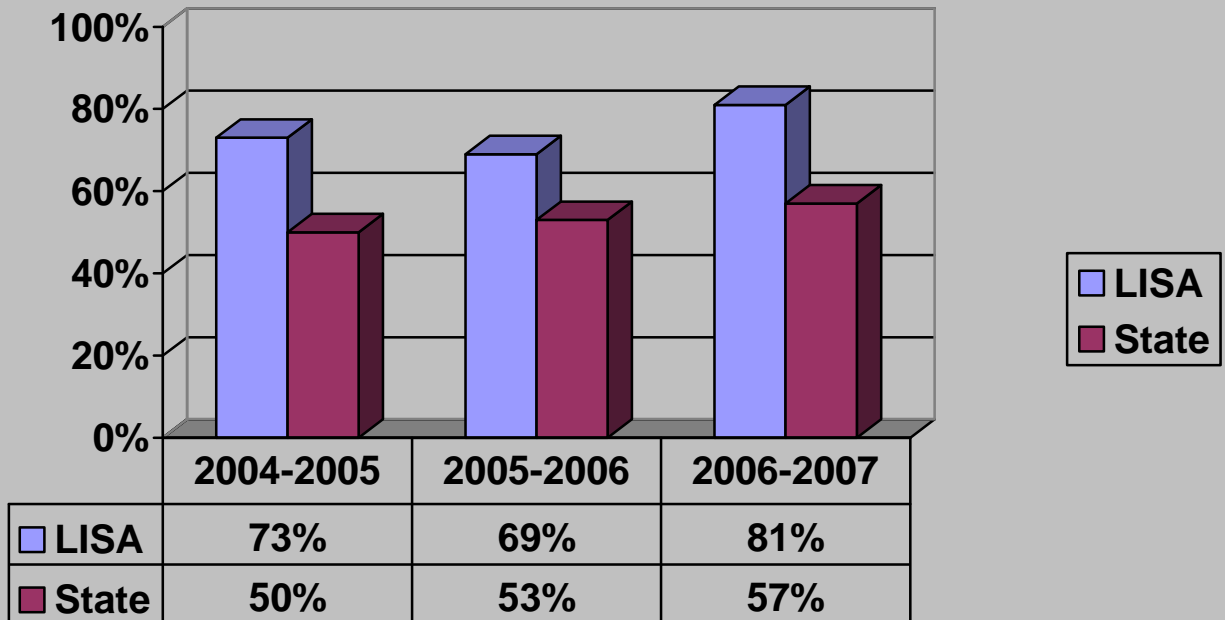
ARKANSAS STATE 8th GRADE MATH BENCHMARK EXAM RESULT



ARKANSAS STATE 6th GRADE LITERACY BENCHMARK EXAM RESULT



ARKANSAS STATE 7th GRADE LITERACY BENCHMARK EXAM RESULT



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SCHOOL AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

LISA Academy named a NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Washington, D.C., May 16, 2007 – The Center for Education Reform (CER), the nation's premiere education reform group, recognized LISA Academy as a National Charter School of the Year, an honor given to 53 charter schools from across the U.S. at a special awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

SCHOOL-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR

Required event for all LISA students – excellent preparation for learning the scientific method and presentation skills

CENTRAL ARKANSAS REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

2004-2005

- Total of 35 Awards: 16 Regional Awards, 10 Junior Academy of Science Awards, 9 Special Awards

2005-2006

- Total of 74 Awards (more than any other school in the region)
- 30 Regional Awards, 23 Junior Academy of Science Awards, 17 Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge Semi-Finalists, 4 Special Navy Awards

2006-2007

Middle School:

- Total of 78 Awards
- 3 Overall Winners; 29 Category; 15 Discovery Channel Young Scientist Award; 2 U.S. Navy Awards; 2 AR Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Awards; 27 Junior Academy of Science Category Winners

Senior Division (we had only 9th & 10th grades available this year):

- Total of 12 Awards
- 5 Category Awards; 1 U.S. Navy Award; 6 Junior Academy of Science Category Winners

The Intel ISEF Nominations: 2 students nominated

State Science Fair Nominations: 4 students nominated

MATHCOUNTS--LISA ACADEMY WINS 2005-2006 STATE MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION

2004-2005

- 3rd Place Team in Chapter MathCounts Competition; 7th Place Individual in State MathCounts Competition

2005-2006

- LISA Academy wins First Place in Chapter MathCounts Competition 2006
- LISA Academy wins State MathCounts Competition 2006
- LISA Academy joins other top Arkansas students to bring home an award for placing *12th in the NATION* in 2006 MathCounts National Competition
- LISA Academy's math teacher was the Arkansas coach for the MathCounts team that garnered 12th place in Nation for the 2006 National Competition

2006-2007

- LISA Academy wins First Place in State MathCounts Competition 2007
- LISA Academy student took 5th place in the National MathCounts Competition in Fort Worth, competing against 227 other middle school students in this prestigious competition.
- The Arkansas State MathCounts Team was represented by a team comprised solely of LISA Academy students, and Arkansas State took 23rd place in the National Competition among the 57 states and territories.
- LISA Academy's MathCounts Team interviewed on Channel 7 News at Daybreak

AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC 8 AND AMC 10/12)

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2005 LISA Academy Math Team participated in the 2005 AMC 8. A total of over 170,000 students from approximately 2200 schools participated in 2005 AMC 8.

- Three students received Distinguished Honor Roll Certificate (**students who score in the top 1% in the nation**)
- Six students received Honor Roll Certificate (**students who score in the top 5% in the nation**)
- LISA Academy qualifies for AMC 8 Honor Roll
- LISA Academy student receives 1st Place in AMC 10A and AMC 10B Competitions

AMERICAN INVITATIONAL MATHEMATICS EXAMINATION (AIME)

- Two LISA Academy students qualified for AIME

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD (USAMO)

LISA Academy student qualified to take USAMO, selected from about 500 of the top scores from the prior AIME and AMC-12A, AMC-12B, AMC-10A AND AMC-10B contests in the United States

ARKANSAS COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

- ACTM Regional Math Contest 1st Place – Algebra I & ACTM State Math Contest 1st Place – Algebra I

2006-2007 DUKE UNIVERSITY TALENT SEARCH

- Four of LISA Academy's 7th grade students received scores that resulted in an invitation to the Grand Recognition Ceremony at Duke University
- Fourteen students qualified for State Recognition

QUIZ BOWL TEAM

- LISA Academy's Jr. High placed 1st Place in State for 2007
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- LISA Academy Sr. High Quiz Bowl Team wins 1st Place in the Regional Quiz Bowl Competition 2007

COMPUTER ACHIEVEMENTS:

- LISA Academy is the only Middle/High School in Arkansas to qualify as a Microsoft Office Specialist Authorized Testing Center
- LISA Academy is the only Middle/High School in Arkansas to qualify as an Internet and Computing Core Certification Authorized Testing Center

YOUNG ARKANSAS ARTIST'S EXHIBITION INVITATION (2004-2005 AND 2005-2006)

2006 AFLTA FOREIGN LANGUAGE FESTIVAL

The Arkansas Foreign Language Association organized this festival and LISA Academy, with more than 50 schools around Pulaski County, participated in this event. This was our first year participating in four different Spanish Language categories:

- 1st & 2nd Place: Poetry Recitation, I Level
- 1st Place: Vocabulary Bee, Heritage Level
- 3rd Place: Extemporaneous Speaking, Heritage Level
- 1st & 3rd Place: Extemporaneous Speaking, I Level
- 3rd Place: Extemporaneous Reading, I Level
- 2nd Place: STATE in Poetry Recitation, I Level

2007 AFLTA FOREIGN LANGUAGE FESTIVAL

State Level Results:

- Two 1st Places: Contemporaneous Reading
- Two 2nd Places: Poetry Recitation
- Two 2nd Places: Vocabulary Bee
- One 3rd Place: Poetry Recitation

Distinguished Level Results:

- Eight for Poetry Recitation
- One for Poetry Recitation and Art

GEOGRAPHY BEE – LISA Academy student qualified to represent school at the state level

DUKE UNIVERSITY TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Congratulations to LISA Academy student awarded one of 21 2006 Merit Scholarships to the Duke University Talent Identification Program's Summer Studies Program.

Family, Friends, Volunteers, Staff & Special Events

**LISA Academy students, families, volunteers and staff are truly special to our school,
and play an integral part in maintaining the spirit of community.**

- “Cookin’ up Culture” – LISA Academy’s annual *International Food Festival!*
- Granite Mountain Quarry field trip
- S.T.E.P. (tutoring/encourager program)
- 6-Flags Over Texas reward trip for Regional Science Fair participants
- Science Fair Awards Banquet
- Movie Nights for each grade
- School Dances
- Library Book Drive (over 6,000 books raised!)
- Soccer Club
- Plant & Flower Sale
- Volunteer Appreciation Night
- Homeroom Basket Auction
- Talent Shows
- Coffee Shop tutoring, Home Study groups & Library Focus groups
- Picnics, soccer & awesome BBQ at Pinnacle Mountain State Park
- Adventure Club outings to Petit Jean State Park, Old Mill, Funky Java Coffee Shop, and Memphis
- Teacher Appreciation Gourmet Luncheon
- Volunteer-made appetizers for Staff Meetings (voted “most delicious” staff meeting!)
- Anti-Drug Seminar
- Parent Internet Training Class (free!)
- Internet Presentation by NLRPD Special Investigations Unit
- After school clubs

2006 WEST PULASKI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

LISA Academy's Junior High and 6th Grade Boys Basketball Teams won their championship matches in 2006 West Pulaski Basketball Tournament.

EXCITING FIELD TRIPS

LISA Academy believes that a well-rounded child is a happy child, and seeks to develop students' knowledge of their communities and the world around them by offering an exciting array of field trips.

- National Civil Rights Museum (Memphis)
- NASA (Texas)
- Moody Gardens (Texas)
- Funky Java Café Poetry Slam (Arkansas)
- Maritime Museum (Little Rock)
- Good Shepherd Nursing Home (Little Rock)
- MacArthur Park Museum (Little Rock)
- Petit Jean Historical Landmarks (Arkansas)
- Children's Theater (Little Rock)
- CALS Research Library (Capstone project for English)
- Good Earth Garden Center (Little Rock)
- OmniPlex Science Museum (Oklahoma)
- Cowboy Hall of Fame Museum (Oklahoma)
- Oklahoma City Memorial (Murrah Building, Oklahoma)
- International Field Trip to 3 countries
- Clinton Presidential Library (Little Rock)
- University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Tour for High School Students