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NEW SCHOOL REPORT CARD NOW ONLINE

LITTLE ROCK — Updated online school performance data is now available for educators, parents, and the general public to review, the Arkansas Department of Education announced today.

The 2011 Arkansas School Performance Report is a joint project of the Department and the National Office for Research on Measurement and Evaluation Systems (NORMES) at the University of Arkansas. It contains data for the 2010-2011 school year.

"We're pleased to offer this service," Education Commissioner Dr. Tom Kimbrell said. "Schools must be accountable to the public and NORMES has done an outstanding job putting this data together in an easily understood format."

The report card has been revamped this year with numerous user-friendly features to allow easier searches of individual school data and facilitate comparisons and contrasts among schools. Among other things, the report card includes information on school and district enrollment, graduation rates, free and reduced-priced lunch percentages, benchmark proficiency percentages, and Adequate Yearly Progress status.

The report card can be accessed at <http://normessasweb.uark.edu/schoolperformance/>

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