

EMERSON-TAYLOR-BRADLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REPORT TO THE PUBLIC  
October 13, 2016

The Emerson-Taylor-Bradley School District held “Meet the Teachers” meetings on Emerson, Taylor and Bradley campuses. Principals, counselors and teachers gave presentations representing their school programs and classes. Afterwards, parents and guardians were given the opportunity to meet with their child’s teachers.

Current enrollment for the district is 1005 students which is an increase of 35 students over the ending enrollment last year. Much of the enrollment increase is due to school choice. Buildings and grounds have seen general improvements. A six-year plan to address current and future facilities has been developed and approved by the ADE Facilities Division. Improvements are proceeding according to the plan. A new district, central office has been constructed on the Taylor campus. The new Administration Building houses the Superintendent, Bookkeeper, Assistant Bookkeeper and Technology Coordinator. The building also includes spaces for board meetings and small group presentations. A new Elementary classroom building has been completed on the Taylor campus. Increased enrollment at Taylor has necessitated the increased classroom space. This building received approval from the Arkansas School Facilities Division for the Partnership Program and approximately 25% of the cost was paid by the state. Construction of a new classroom facility will soon start on the Bradley campus, which will house Art, Music, Business and Family Consumer Science classes. Also, a major renovation project on the Taylor Gymnasium is scheduled to begin in early 2017. Both projects should be completed in the fall of 2017.

New licensed employees include Gina Sutton, Math at Bradley, Thomas Watson, Math & Social Studies at Emerson, Garrett Southerland, Basketball Coach & Social Studies at Emerson, Courtney McHenry, Elementary at Taylor and Robin Hanson, Art at Taylor. New non-licensed employees include Jessica Glass, Lauren Hanson, Taneka Williamson and Aletta Smith.

Accreditation reports for the 2015-16 school year indicated that Taylor High School, Bradley High School and Bradley Elementary are fully accredited. Taylor Elementary, Emerson Elementary and Emerson High School are accredited cited due to staff completing additional certification areas under an Additional Licensure Plan. No schools in the district have been placed on probation for standards violations.

Taylor High School, Bradley High School and Emerson High School offer all courses required by the ADE on each campus including Advanced Placement courses. Concurrent college credit courses are being offered through agreements with SAU, SAU Tech and Early College High School. Many students take advantage of concurrent credit courses and graduate with college credit hours. Afterschool tutoring is offered on all campuses to any student for remediation, credit recovery and enrichment. Both Taylor and Emerson Elementary Schools offered a three day “KinderCamp” in August for new kindergarten students. All participating kindergarten students received training in activity classes, cafeteria procedures, loading and unloading at the campus and general classroom procedures. A question and answer session was held for parents to discuss student handbook rules and related issues. This camp was very instrumental in preparing new kindergarten students for a successful start in school.

Taylor and Bradley Schools will continue an archery program that was started years ago. The NASP brings the sport of archery to millions of students across the United States. The

program follows the national Physical Education Standards. The Archery Program is very popular and serves a large group of students.

Emerson, Bradley and Taylor Elementary School faculties will continue to participate in job embedded professional development as the staff works in Professional Learning Communities. Grade level or content specific teams were created to work on deficit areas across the district. Teachers started PLCs during the professional development school workshop. Meetings are scheduled district-wide throughout the school year to assess progress and share strategies. The Emerson-Taylor-Bradley School District is a member of the Science/Math Consortium through the South Central Service Cooperative and will receive special training in those areas. In addition, the district will utilize the expertise of area science specialists.

Each school has a parent center that provides instructional materials designed to aid parents with their children's education. Special activity programs such as College Financial Aid Night, Literacy Night, Math Night and Science-Fair Night have been scheduled to assist parents in helping their children in curriculum specific areas. Parents are encouraged to check with their building principals for scheduled events. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for September 20, 2016 and February 2, 2017 from 3:30 to 7:00. Progress reports will be available to parents/guardians at the conferences. Parents are strongly encouraged to schedule and attend the Parent/Teacher Conferences.

The Gifted and Talented program offers extended learning experiences for students. Word Power Bee, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, SAU Writing Festival and Quiz Bowl are just a few of the GT activities. Parents are encouraged to contact their building principal or child's teacher for additional information regarding the GT program.

The Emerson-Taylor-Bradley School District also offers a variety of extra-curricular activities for students. FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, BETA, Quiz Bowl, Science Club, NHS, Student Council, Art Club, Journalism Clubs and athletics are available to students. Current memberships in these clubs and activities indicate great interest among the student body.

The Music and Art departments schedule special performances and exhibitions for each campus. In July, 2017 selected music students will travel to Los Angeles to attend a Hollywood performance and work with a Hollywood production crew. While there the students will experience the performing arts industry. Taylor music instructor, Kayla DeHart, is the sponsor for this trip.

Title I is a federally-funded program designed to provide specialized services for poverty students. The Emerson-Taylor-Bradley School District ACSIP, Arkansas Consolidated School Improvement Plan, has targeted it Title I funds for academic facilitators, afterschool tutoring, professional development, materials for literacy and mathematics, services and supplies for homeless students, expenses for the Federal Coordinator and Title I special instructors. Additional funding is provided to aid academically at-risk students through technology and other tutorial services.

Title II-A funds are used for academic facilitators, curriculum workshops, professional development, participation in the Math/Science Technology Consortium and the retention and training of highly qualified instructors. Carry-over funds from Title IV will be used for materials and supplies for the after school programs at Emerson and Taylor Elementary schools. Current year Title VI funds have been budgeted for upgrading the technology on all campuses. The Emerson-Taylor-Bradley School District has budgeted over \$200,000 for technological upgrades for the current school year.

Special needs students are served through the district's Special Education program which is funded by local and federal funds. Special Education services are available to all identified students who are approved for the program. Fully licensed staff are utilized to provide special services. Occupational, Physical and Speech therapies are provided to qualified students.

The Emerson-Taylor-Bradley School District partnered with K-12 Culinary Connection to bring a new menu of food items to the Child Nutrition Program. Justin Mills, a trained culinary chef, is the designer of the program and provides oversight to the meal patterns, menus and food preparation.

Schools in the Emerson-Taylor-Bradley District continue to show growth and improvement in the state's standardized testing programs. Most schools in the Emerson-Taylor-Bradley School District score well above state averages and have exceeded the ESEA requirements. In the 2015-2016 school year, Taylor Elementary ranked in the top 10% of Arkansas schools and received special award funding through the state's academic reward program. Additionally, the OEP, Office of Educational Policy, recognized Emerson, Taylor and Bradley schools in their listings of "high achieving or high performance" categories.

The Emerson-Taylor-Bradley School District was recently audited by the Division of Legislative Audit and found to be in compliance with no findings.

More information may be obtained on the district's website, [www.emersontaylorbradley.org](http://www.emersontaylorbradley.org).