

# SEARCY COUNTY CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY (CATA)

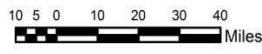
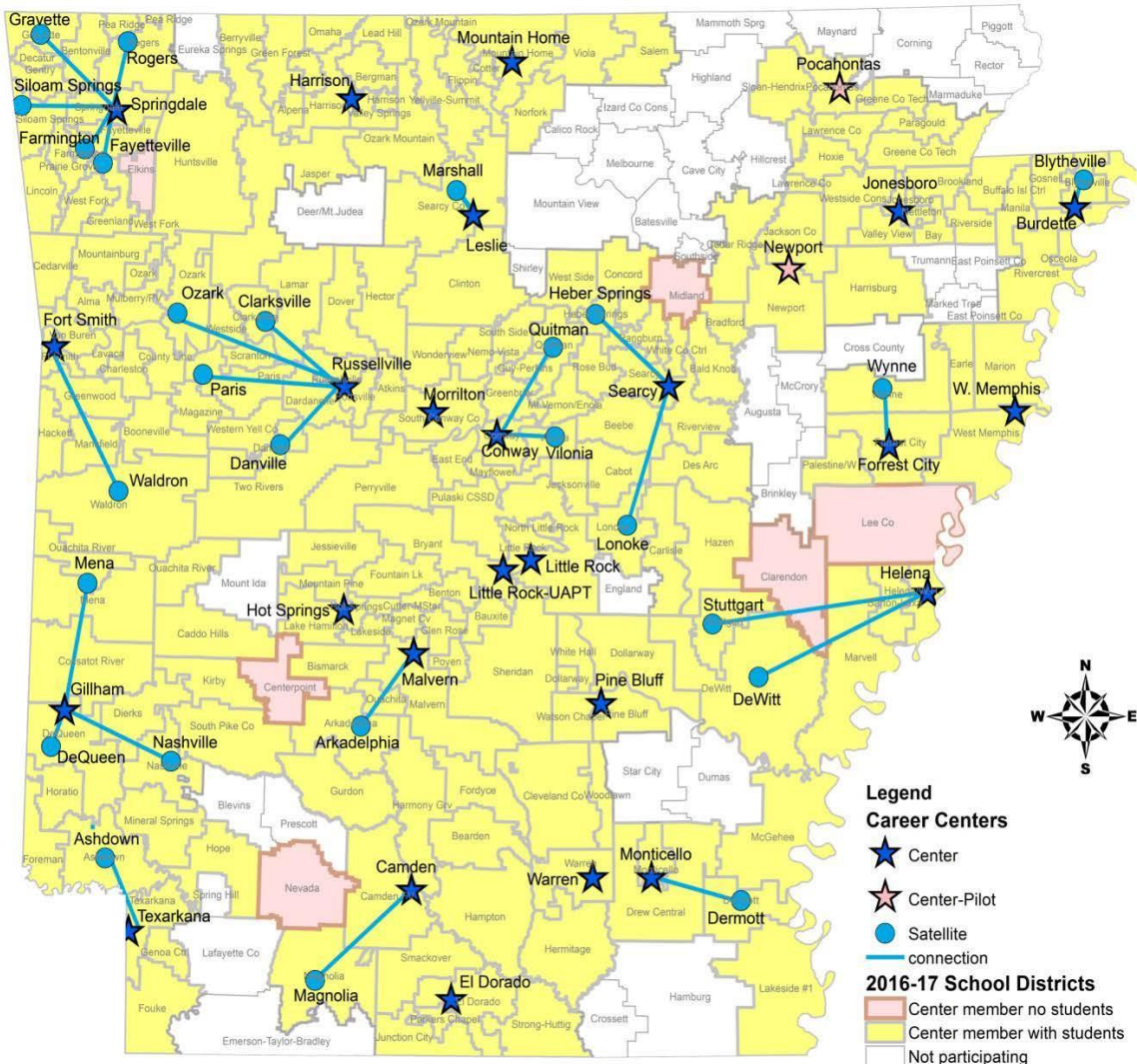
- ▶ Leverages proven program –North Central Career Center



- ▶ Approximately 40% of 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students attend North Central Career Center programs
- ▶ 45% reading proficiency (Grades 3–10)
- ▶ 76% of students require math remediation in college
- ▶ 22.7% homeschool rate (highest in Arkansas)
- ▶ Rural barriers limit opportunity
  - ▶ 21% poverty rate
  - ▶ 73% FRL
  - ▶ Geographic isolation/travel barriers for Searcy County and neighboring schools

## WHY THIS MATTERS





Map prepared by the Bureau of Legislative Research, Policy Analysis & Research Section  
 School District Boundaries from the Ark. Geographical Informational Office (GEOSTOR)  
 Data Source: Arkansas Department of Career Education

- ▶ Academic excellence + workforce readiness
- ▶ PK–12 aligned system
- ▶ Students graduate prepared without remediation

## VISION & MISSION

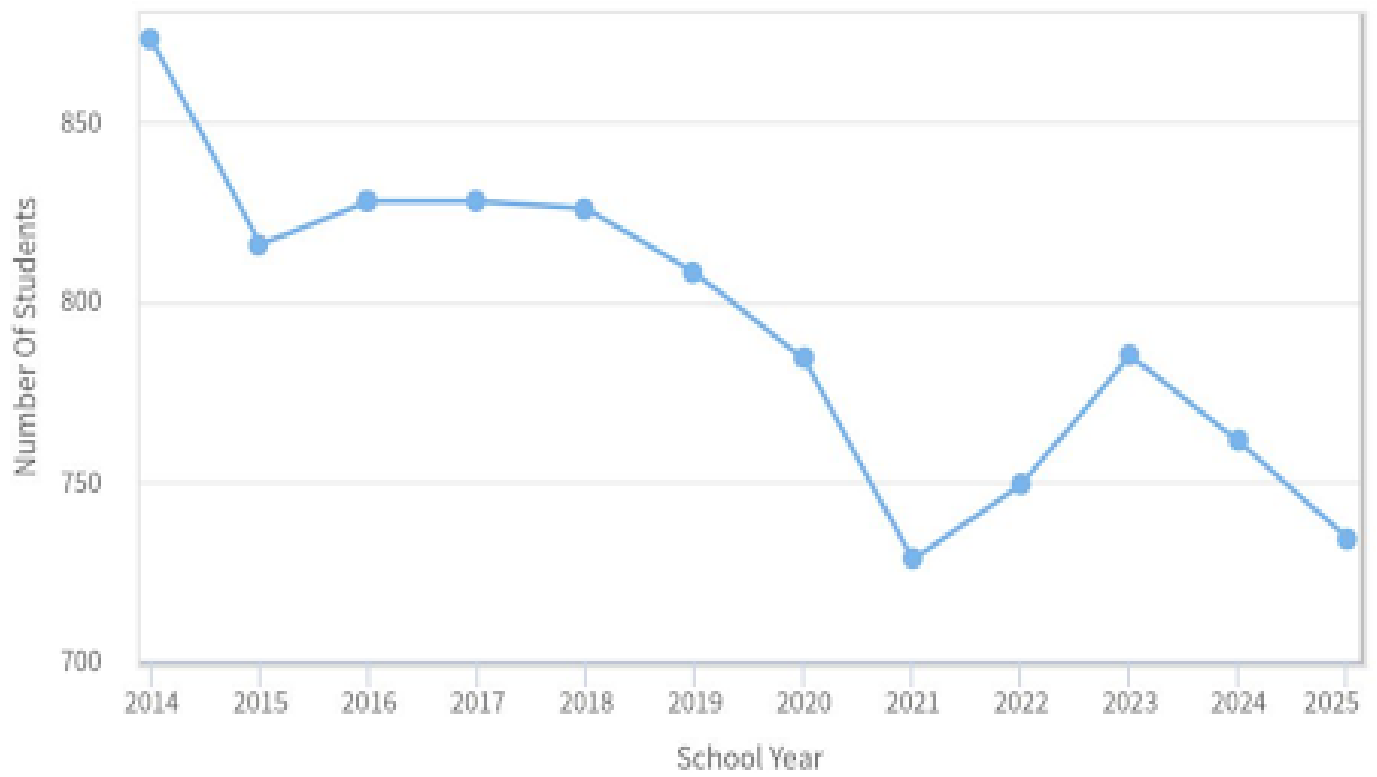


- ▶ Growth gaps in lowest quartile students
- ▶ Limited access to flexible pathways
- ▶ Students leaving district for other options

## THE CORE CHALLENGE



## Total Enrollment



Source: My School Info

# OUR SOLUTION: SCSD CATA

- ▶ Rigor + Flexibility + Workforce Alignment
- ▶ Hybrid, virtual, and onsite pathways
- ▶ Expanded Career & Technical Education



- ▶ Builds on proven high school success
- ▶ Scales existing systems districtwide
- ▶ Keeps students connected to community



WHAT MAKES THIS WORK

- ▶ Science of Reading (K–6)
- ▶ MTSS with weekly monitoring
- ▶ Applied learning (conservation model)
- ▶ Career pathways beginning in elementary



## ACADEMIC MODEL



- ▶ Reading: 45% → 56%
- ▶ K–3 literacy: 51% → 65%
- ▶ 60% lowest quartile growth
- ▶ 80% Merit/Distinction graduates

## MEASURABLE OUTCOMES



- ▶ Full ATLAS accountability
- ▶ Weekly PLC data reviews
- ▶ Annual performance targets
- ▶ Board oversight

# ACCOUNTABILITY



- ▶ Flexible scheduling
- ▶ Work-based learning & internships
- ▶ Industry-certified instructors
- ▶ Credential-based pathways

INNOVATION THROUGH  
FLEXIBILITY





- ▶ Flexible schedules
- ▶ Hands-on workforce training
- ▶ Extracurricular participation
- ▶ College credit opportunities



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- ▶ 78% support charter
- ▶ 82% likely to enroll
- ▶ Strong employer & stakeholder backing

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT



- ▶ Supports healthcare, trades, agriculture
- ▶ Builds regional workforce pipeline
- ▶ Strengthens rural economy



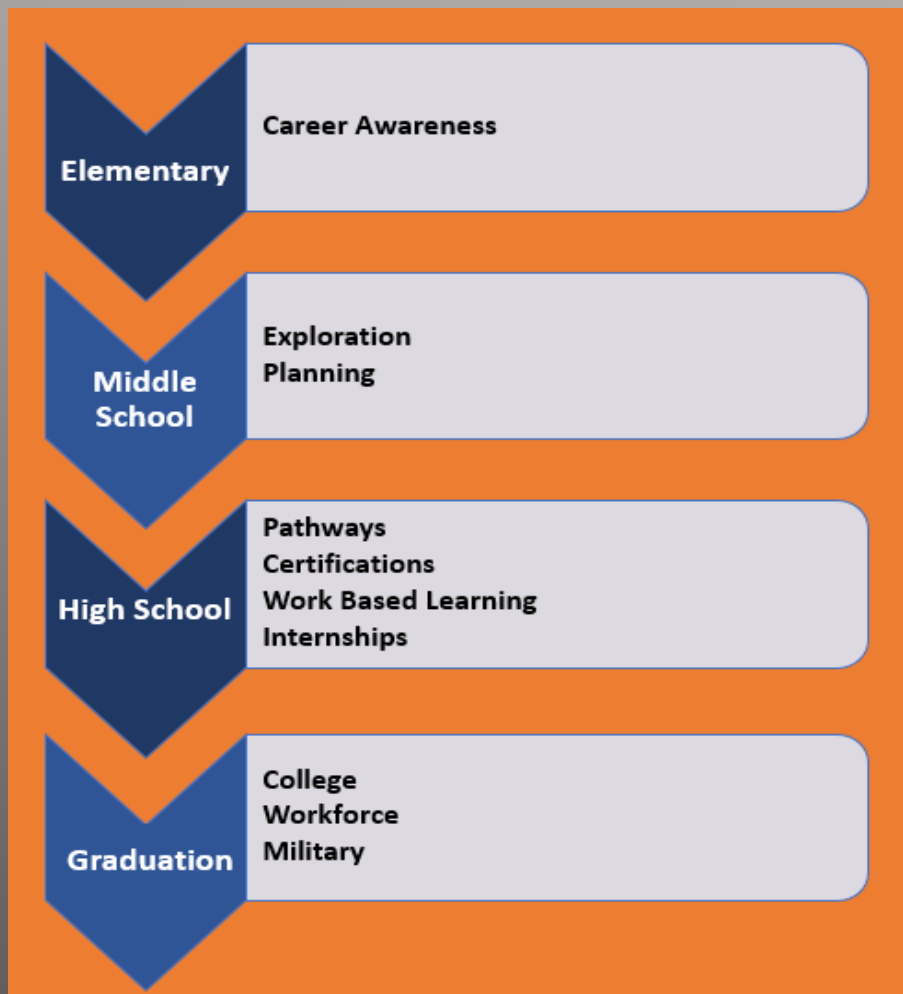
WORKFORCE IMPACT

- ▶ Improves student outcomes
- ▶ Expands opportunity
- ▶ Stabilizes enrollment
- ▶ Strengthens community



## WHY APPROVAL MATTERS

# STUDENT PATHWAY IN K-12



- ▶ Scaling what already works
- ▶ Ready for implementation
- ▶ Respectfully request approval



CLOSING