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**ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL RESOURCE CENTER  
ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC GROWTH AWARD WINNERS**

Little Rock, AR–**Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School** was recognized by the **Arkansas Public School Resource Center** receiving the annual School Academic Growth Award. This award is based on achievement data generated by the Measures of Academic Progress from the North West Evaluation Association. The award is given annually to two outstanding Schools that provide evidence that over 60% of their students show growth in academic achievement. Jacksonville Lighthouse receives the \$2,500 award sponsored through a generous grant by the Walton Family Foundation.

Scott Smith, Executive Director of APSRC stated during the recognition ceremony “Jacksonville Lighthouse impressed the panel with outstanding growth data for students at all levels, K-8, with over 70% of students meeting or exceeding individual growth targets in 2010-11. Jacksonville Lighthouse is an example of best practices in using student data as part of a continuous teacher coaching and lesson plan development using MAP data at all levels.” The announcement was made at the APSRC Fall Conference at the annual Growth Awards Luncheon held at the Robinson Center in Little Rock.

The Arkansas Public School Resource Center was created to provide educational support services and technical assistance to charter schools and rural school districts in the areas of law, finance, technology, and teaching and learning. In addition, APSRC provides professional development training designed to share accurate, current information about the best practices and policy information.

To find out more about the APSRC Growth Awards, please visit our website at [www.apsrc.net](http://www.apsrc.net).

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