ARKANSAS
READY FOR LEARNING
What is Arkansas Ready for Learning?

1. A **system** of *Blended Learning* that allows the student to continue learning grade level or content standards through an educational plan that leverages both technology-based and face-to-face instructional approaches.

2. **Flexibility** to implement onsite or remote teaching and learning and to pivot as necessary.

3. **Support** for districts, teachers, parents and students to innovate and adapt to new learning opportunities.
Why Arkansas Ready for Learning?

Because we believe that all students can learn anytime, anywhere, if given the right supports.
Planning for Re Engagement

- Outlines the six systems that school leadership teams should consider when preparing the school to be *Ready for Learning* in 2020-2021
- Links to resources and guidance
- **FAQ** linked to website
- District Resource linked to website for sharing of locally developed information
Blended Learning

• Learning Management System
• Digital Content aligned to grade-level standards
• Access to Devices
• Connectivity to support synchronous or asynchronous learning
State Supported Options: Districts may choose to use the state-provided digital content options and Learning Management Systems through approved digital providers. Districts must provide technology access and connectivity options

- K-12 digital content and LMS option paid with state CARES Act funds
- CTE options for digital content and LMS paid with state CARES Act funds

Diagnostic Assessment: Use of a diagnostic assessment to provide instructional support for educators.

- State Supported Options: Districts may choose to expand their K-2 assessment choice to include grades 3-8 to provide adaptive and diagnostic assessments for instructional purposes only.
Flexibility and Waivers

• DESE has designed a streamlined waiver process for districts that opt in to the Ready for Learning model
  • Assurance for districts when planning
  • Uniformity in waivers needed to address needs next year
  • All waivers formalized by end of June with follow-up plans for implementation on or before Sept.1 in the District Support Plan
• Process for streamlined waiver request will be discussed with the State Board of Education on Thursday, June 11, with a webinar for districts on Friday, June 12. The agenda item is here
• ASBA has drafted a model board resolution for local district consideration.
Opting in with District Assurance and Support Plan

• Districts will:
  • Ensure the continuity of teaching and learning by providing a guaranteed and viable curriculum that includes blended learning (K-12) and diagnostic assessments (K-8);
  • Identify how to address unfinished learning from the prior year by using the Arkansas Playbook: Addressing Unfinished Learning or district developed resources;
  • Utilize a Learning Management System;
  • Schedule teacher training for how to use the LMS;
  • Schedule teacher training for blended learning (delivery of instruction);
  • Provide support for parents and students; and
  • Provide communication plan for interacting with parents, students, and the community
Webpage - Ready for Learning

http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/arkansas-ready-for-learning
Statewide Support- Next Steps for Support and Sustainability

District Needs Assessment Survey:
- Learning Management Systems (current, planned)
- Content (synchronous and asynchronous - online/offline)
- Student/teacher devices
- Connectivity (school, home, teacher, student)
- Professional Development and connections to digital opportunities
The next webinar is planned for Friday, June 12, 2020 at 10:00 am to discuss the assurances/application for Ready for Learning. Watch for a Commissioner’s Memo announcing the webinar link.
Questions?

Please send your questions to ade.RfL@arkansas.gov