Webpage - Ready for Learning

http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/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.
Summer Re-entry guidance
RT-20-013
Blended Learning Needs Assessment
Due: June 15, 2020

COM-20-126
Arkansas Playbook Webinar
recording will be posted on the Playbook webpage (P on the A-Z Topics)
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

- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-117 (*Noninstructional duties - only for the purpose of implementing ADH requirements and guidelines regarding health and safety*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-204(b) (*Teacher contracts - only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-205(b)(2) (*Teacher contracts - only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-2304(b) (*Classified employee policies – only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model*)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-2305(c)(2) (*Classified employee policies – only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model*)
Flexibility and Waivers

The following waivers apply only on days, or portions of days, when technology-based approaches are the primary instructional delivery, for specific groups of students that are receiving their instruction primarily through technology-based approaches, or for staff providing instruction primarily through technology-based approaches, or if necessary to implement ADH requirements or guidelines:

- Ark. Code Ann. 6-16-102(a)(1) through (a)(5)(E)(i)(b), and (c) (School Day)
- Standard for Accreditation 1-A.4.2 and 1-A.4.3 (School Day)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-111(a) (Duty-free lunch)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-114 (Planning time)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-211 (Employee leave)
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-812(a)(2) (Class size)
  - DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load, Sec. 3.00 and 4.01 through 4.03
  - DESE Rules Governing Student Special Needs Funding, Sec. 4.03.2 through 4.03.2.2.1
  - DESE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards and Body Mass Index for Age Assessment Protocols in Arkansas Public Schools, Sec. 7.10.1 and 7.10.2
  - Standard for Accreditation 1-A.5
Process

• District submits Assurance and Application to DESE, emailed to ade.RfL@arkansas.gov on or before June 26, 2020.
• State Board of Education reviews all submitted applications for approval of waivers.
• On or before September 1, 2020, the District posts the District Support Plan to the district’s website and notifies DESE by email at ade.RfL@arkansas.gov.
• DESE team reviews the District Support Plan for implementation of assurances.
• Districts not meeting requirements are referred to the State Board of Education for review.
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.
District Support Plan

**Ready for Learning**
- blended learning (K-12) and diagnostic assessments (K-8);
- address unfinished learning;
- Learning Management System;
- teacher training for how to use the LMS;
- teacher training for blended learning (delivery of instruction);
- support for parents and students; and
- communication plan

**A.C.A 6-15-2914 Literacy Plan**
- literacy curriculum
- literacy professional development
- goals for improving reading achievement
- prioritization of funds
- support to identified schools and subgroups

**Receiving 1003 funds**
- explain how 1003 funds will be utilized to support all students and/or subgroups of students
District Support Plan

Ready for Learning
- posted on District website, State Required Information
- notify DESE at ade.RfL@arkansas.gov

A.C.A 6-15-2914 Literacy Plan
- District Support Plan, Template 2 in Indistar

Receiving 1003 funds
- Application for 1003 funds in Indistar

One District Support Plan
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1. PLAN
   Design and revise a data-informed plan for improving learning and resources allocation

2. DO
   Implement the plan

3. CHECK
   Assess, reflect, and act for improvement
What does it mean to **opt in** to Ready for Learning?

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Why Arkansas Ready for Learning?

Because we believe that all students can learn anytime, anywhere, if given the right supports.
Questions?

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