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Subject: Message #81/144: Transitional Literacy and Transitional Math Training

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To: adecurriculum@lists.state.ar.us

From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Leaders and Educators,

Prior to teaching Transitional Literacy Ready or Transitional Math Ready courses, teachers must receive professional development. ADE will offer the required training this summer on July 24 -26, 2018, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The training will begin each day at 8:30 a.m. and breakfast and lunch will be provided. For additional information, please see [http://adecm.arkansas.gov/Attachments/LS-18-084--Commissioner Memo Flyer 2018.pdf](http://adecm.arkansas.gov/Attachments/LS-18-084--Commissioner_Memo_Flyer_2018.pdf) Registration is open until June 15, 2018, at <http://tiny.cc/readyregister>

Literacy Ready

This course utilizes a disciplinary literacy approach that teaches students strategies for reading and understanding complex texts in different subject areas. Students learn to develop and defend ideas from textbooks and write about them in college-level formats for English, history, and biology. The Literacy Ready course includes three units in English, three units in history, and two units in science. For more information about Literacy Ready, please visit <http://www.sreb.org/literacy-ready>

Literacy Ready participants will need to order and read the following books for the literacy modules before attending training: *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr, *Ubik* by Philip K. Dick, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare. All participants will need a laptop or tablet and are required to download and familiarize themselves with the curriculum.

Math Ready

This course is designed for high school seniors who have completed Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, and need a transition course to prepare them to be college-ready, thereby avoiding remediation when entering college. The course emphasizes understanding of mathematics concepts rather than just memorizing procedures. By engaging students in real-world applications, Math Ready develops critical thinking skills that students will use in college and careers. For more information about Math Ready, visit <http://www.sreb.org/math-ready>

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To check that a teacher has completed the Transitional Literacy Ready or Transitional Math Ready training, or for further questions concerning the training program, please contact:

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