

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Journalism Licensure Approval**  
**Grades 7-12 (Approval 4040)**  
*Additional Licensure Plan*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.#: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School districts seeking to employ educators to teach out of field (not in the field in which the educator is currently licensed) will use the Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) to meet that need. School districts may use the ALP process to address unusual emergency situations when licensed educators are asked to teach in areas/levels for which they are not licensed. School districts may not exceed the six semester limit without possible penalty.

**Eligibility Guidelines:**

- possess a standard Arkansas educator license, in Secondary English (7-12), Secondary Speech (7-12), or Drama/Speech (K-12)
- seek to add this area of licensure, endorsement, or approval and
- be assigned to teach in this area rather than the one for which they are currently licensed.

**For information on adding additional licensure areas by testing out or through a program of study and testing, please refer to the Department of Education website at [www.arkansased.org](http://www.arkansased.org) and click on Educator Licensure, then Add Licensure Area to License.**

- No Test is required**

**The following content is required to be reflected in the six hours of Journalism coursework needed to meet the requirements to add this approval code:**

- Survey of mass media and society,
- Techniques of writing for the mass media,
- Application of news writing and editing,
- Photo journalism for news and magazine publications.

**Employing School District Guidelines:**

- The employing school district will document the need to assign an educator out of field.
- The employing school district superintendent shall submit a waiver request and completed ALP form to the ADE Office of Educator Licensure *within 30 days of the out-of-field teaching assignment*, thus documenting the above statement.
- The employing school district understands that an educator working under this ALP shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing Educator Licensure) each school year that the educator is employed in the out-of-area assignment.
- The employing school district understands that the educator will have no more than six consecutive semesters from the first date he/she was employed in the out-of-area assignment by any district to meet full licensure requirements for the additional licensure or endorsement being sought. A waiver request must be submitted each school year the educator is employed out of area.

**School District Assurances:**

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Educator ALP Guidelines:**

Educators shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing Educator Licensure) each school year that the educator is employed in the out-of-area assignment. If the educator EITHER leaves the ALP position OR doesn't complete the requirements within six consecutive semesters, he/she will NOT be eligible for employment again under an ALP for this area of licensure.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.# \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO**

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