

Licensure Assessment Changes

Changes have been made to the [ADE’s Licensure Assessments webpage](#) to incorporate the recent changes to licensure assessments. Be sure to update your shortcuts with the new URL.

Praxis –Test Changes

Subject	Current Version	New Version	New Cut Score	State Review Date	Arkansas Launch Date
Computer Science	5651	TBD	TBD	Spring 18	9/1/2018
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)	6011	TBD	TBD	Spring 18	9/1/2019

The [Praxis website](#) is the most up to date source for IHEs and candidates to ensure the correct tests are being used.

Educator Effectiveness Webpages

The [division webpages](#) have been redesigned and updated. Be sure to update your shortcuts.

Commissioner’s Memos

The ADE issues regulatory guidance and informational notifications to school districts in the form of a Commissioner's Memo. These memos are posted [online](#) as soon as they are approved for release. [Subscribe](#) to receive notifications on the latest published Commissioner's Memos.

Commissioner’s Memos issued related to Licensure/Educator Preparation since the September newsletter include:

LS-18-028 - The ACT® Fee Waiver Information
RT-18-009 - My School Info – Reports Tab Launch and October 2017 Enhancements
LS-18-038 - Special Education Behavior Training Modules
LS-18-036 - Faculty Positions Available at 2018 Arkansas Governor's School
LS-18-039 - Spring 2018 State Administration of the ACT® at Grade 11
COM-18-040 - Arkansas K-8 Computer Science Lead Teacher Training and Stipend Program
COM-18-039 - ADE New Rules, Amended Rules, and Rules Repeals
LIC-18-018 - National Board Certified Teachers 2017/2018 Profile Information and Correction to Commissioner’s Memo LIC-18-011
LIC-18-019 – Background Check Procedure Changes
COM-18-049 - Proposed ADE Rules Governing Educator Licensure -- Second Public Comment Release
COM-18-047 - ADE Proposed Rules -- Public Comment Release

Key Points

Key Points is a monthly video produced by the Arkansas Department of Education to inform the public of key points in the progress of K-12 education. Visit the [Key Points Website](#) for current and

past videos. Be sure to share with your educator candidates, as these videos are a great way to keep up with education news in Arkansas.

Fill You in Friday will replace the monthly *Key Points* video beginning January 5th. It will be a short, weekly video that will highlight information about student-focused learning in Arkansas. Check back on the ADE website for the link.

State Board of Education Information

Information regarding the State Board of Education can be found at <http://bit.ly/2hU9qvs>. Agendas for upcoming meetings and documentation from previous meetings can provide valuable information for all involved in educator preparation. Live streaming is also available on meeting days.

Educator Preparation Program Approval

The Office of Educator Preparation is accepting proposals from IHEs for new programs or any revised programs of study. For public IHEs, new degree or endorsement program proposals must first be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (lillian.williams@adhe.edu). An [inventory of AHECB approved degree programs](#) at all public IHEs is available on the ADHE website.

If a revision involves a change to the name or hours required for a public IHE degree or endorsement, all documents must first be submitted to ADHE. Otherwise, proposals to revise programs from both public and independent IHEs are to be sent directly to Sharlee.Crowson@arkansas.gov at the ADE.

All protocols and program proposal guides have been revised to meet the changes from the 2017 Legislative Session and be consistent with the upcoming rule changes. The Protocols were presented and approved at the State Board of Education on October 13. The revised protocols and program proposal guides can be found on the [Resources for Educator Preparation Program Approval](#) webpage.

Program proposals for Alternative Preparation Providers (formerly Accelerated Teaching Programs) should follow the [Protocol for Alternative Educator Preparation Providers](#).

Rules and Regulations

Several rules are in the promulgation process. This process is described in detail on the [ADE's Legal page](#). Be sure to click on the "Pending" link for links to pending rules and deadlines for comment.

Licensure Assessment Changes Review

Below is a repeat of content from the September newsletter. These are now currently in effect. [Act 416 of 2017](#) changes requirements for Elementary Education and Special Education K-12 and applies to the following:

- Teachers placed on an Additional Licensure Plans (ALP) for Elementary Education K-6 or Special Education K-12 beginning fall 2017-2018 school year;
- Teachers applying for reciprocity after September 1, 2017, for Elementary Education K-6 or Special Education K-12 with less than three years teaching experience; and
- Teachers who enroll in an Elementary Education K-6 or Special Education K-12 Program that begins in the fall of 2017, and thereafter. (Candidates who started their coursework prior to the fall of 2017 do not have to take the stand-alone reading test.)

According to the Act, the above candidates must pass: 1. Subject matter content assessment; 2. Pedagogy assessment; and 3. Stand-alone assessment that examines the acquisition of knowledge of essential components of beginning reading instruction based on the science of reading.

The following chart summarizes the requirements for Elementary Education K-6

Elementary Education K-6	1 - Subject Matter Content	2 - Pedagogy	3 - Stand-Alone Reading
	ETS - Praxis Elementary Education (5001) Multi-Subjects	ETS - Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6	Pearson Foundations of Reading
First-Time License	YES	YES	YES
Endorsement	YES		YES

The following chart summarizes the requirements for Special Education K-12

Special Education K-12	1 - Subject Matter Content	2 – Pedagogy (and Special Ed content)	3 - Stand-Alone Reading
	ETS - Praxis Fundamental Subjects (5511)	SpEd: Core Knowledge and Applications (5354)	Pearson Foundations of Reading
First-Time License	YES	YES	YES
Endorsement	YES	YES	YES

Elementary Education K-6/Special Education K-12 Competencies

The educator competencies for elementary K-6 and special education K-12 are now available on the ADE [Arkansas Educator Competencies](#) webpage.

The majority of both competency sets have undergone significant revisions, so a new [alignment matrix](#) will need to be submitted for all IHEs with approved programs in order to maintain ADE approval. Please review the [Program Proposal Guide for Program Revisions](#) for guidelines on

additional information that might need to be submitted, depending on the amount of revisions to the program.

The program revision timeline that was presented during the competency revision meetings is found below. ADE will begin accepting K-6 and SpEd K-12 program revisions as early as the spring 2018 semester. The last date for revisions to be accepted is spring 2019 for a fall 2019 start date. After that, all programs that have not undergone the revision process and been approved by the ADE will be removed from the [ADE Matrix of Approved Programs](#).

Program Revision Timeline
2017-18 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• K-6 and K-12 SpEd revised competencies available December 2017• Revisions accepted spring 2018
2018-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early revisers start new programs• Last date for revisions accepted spring 2019
2019-2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fall 2019 last date for new programs to begin

TESS Competencies

In accordance with Acts 295 and 930 of 2017, the [ADE Rules Governing Educator Support and Development](#) were developed and approved by the State Board on Oct 12, 2017. These rules were effective December 1, 2017.

Therefore, the Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS) competencies have been updated to reflect the changes referenced above.

The revised [TESS competencies](#) and the corresponding alignment [matrix](#) can be found on the [ADE Resources for Educator Preparation Program Approval](#) webpage. ADE will not require ed prep programs to submit new alignment matrices immediately. However, if a new program proposal is submitted, please align to the new TESS competencies. A TESS training is anticipated during the spring semester that should clarify the changes to the competencies.

Alternative Prep Programs and Ethics Training

There is an upcoming change that will affect provisional licensing for alternative preparation candidates in the 2018-2019 school year. The change is a result of [Act 294 of 2017](#) and is being incorporated into the *Educator Licensure Rules*. It requires alternative educator preparation

program candidates to provide documentation of successful completion of professional educator ethics training when applying for a Provisional License.

General guidelines approved at the Professional Licensure Standards Board Meeting (PLSB) on December 1, 2017, include the following two-part professional ethics training.

Part I – Options for General Ethics Training

- [ProEthica®](#) was approved by the PLSB as an option to meet the Part I requirement
- A current module/course can be submitted for approval
- A new module/course can be created and submitted for approval

Part II – Options for Arkansas Specific Ethics Training

- Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators Module (currently being developed by the ADE) and coverage of the [ADE Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators](#)
- A facilitated discussion on the Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators presented by a representative of the PLSB

Once the rules are final, detailed guidelines on educator ethics training and how to submit will be provided.

Please contact Sharlee Crowson (501-683-1524) or Joan Luneau (501-683-6618) if you have any questions.

2018 Impacting Tomorrow Summit

ADE's Division of Educator Effectiveness is hosting the 2018 Impacting Tomorrow Summit on Friday, February 2, 2018, from 9am – 2pm at the University of Central Arkansas.

This day is designed to showcase education as a career to some of the best and brightest high school students from around the state. Registration and attendance is FREE for everyone. Students and teachers will have the opportunity to attend the following breakout sessions:

- Transitioning to college: Q & A with college admissions to discuss applications, resumes, interviewing, etc.
- Teach talks: Similar to TED Talks. Discuss important topics concerning education
- To be a teacher: Panel discussion with current education majors in college
- Technology in Education: Showcase technology being used in the classroom today
- College table visits: Opportunity to visit with each of the Educator Preparation Programs in Arkansas colleges/universities

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