

**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**

Licensure Content Area	Current Version Praxis	New Version Praxis	New Cut Score	State Review Date	Arkansas Launch Date
Computer Science	5651	5652	142	4/26/2018	9/1/2018
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)	6011	6990	151	4/25/2018	9/1/2019
Adult Education	N/A	5511	148	5/16/2016	9/1/2018
Journalism	5223	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**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 relative to Licensure/Educator Preparation since the March newsletter include:

<a href="#">LS-18-087 Science of Reading Professional Development Learning Path</a>
<a href="#">LS-18-090 Science of Reading: Prescribed Pathways</a>
<a href="#">LIC-18-033 Orientation Training for Experienced Out-of-State Administrators and Administrators Returning to the Profession</a>
<a href="#">LIC-18-031 Background Check Training Available</a>
<a href="#">LIC-18-032 New Educator Registry: Novice Teacher Mentoring and Beginning Administrator Induction</a>
<a href="#">LIC-18-034 Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL) Information for 2018-2019</a>
<a href="#">LIC-18-035 UPDATE: Background Check Training Available</a>
<a href="#">LIC-18-036 Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL) Program Late Summer Academy 2018</a>
<a href="#">LIC-18-037 Updated Link to the New Educator Registry: Novice Teacher Mentoring and Beginning Administrator Induction</a>
<a href="#">LIC-18-038 TESS &amp; LEADS End of Year Ratings 2017- 2018</a>

<a href="#">COM-18-104 Final Rule: ADE Rules Governing Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts</a>
<a href="#">LS-18-105 Dyslexia Requirements</a>
<a href="#">LIC-18-040 Critical Academic Licensure Shortage Areas for the 2018-2019 School Year</a>
<a href="#">RT-19-001 ADE Commissioner's Memo: New Features and Updates</a>
<a href="#">LIC-19-001 Licensure Tests for Computer Science, School Leaders, and Adult Education</a>
<a href="#">COM-19-001 ADE Proposed Rules (Amendments) -- For Public Comment Release</a>
<a href="#">LIC-19-002 Discontinuation of School Leadership Series Assessment Fee Reimbursements</a>
<a href="#">LIC 19-004 Assessment Fee Reimbursements for Educators Adding Chronically Critical Academic Shortage Areas</a>
<a href="#">COM-19-003 2018 STEM Festival and Thunder Over the Rock Event</a>

### **Fill You in Fridays**

[Fill You in Friday](#) is a short, weekly video that highlights information about what is happening in K-12 education.

### **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.

### **Competencies**

The ADE Ed Prep Unit is seeking IHE representatives for the following competency development/revision committees:

- Adult Education (revision)
- Alternative Learning (new)
- Curriculum/Program Administrator-Special Education (revision)
- Curriculum/Program Administrator-Gifted and Talented Education (revision)
- Curriculum/Program Administrator-Career and Technical Education (revision)
- Curriculum/Program Administrator-Curriculum Specialist (revision)
- Curriculum/Program Administrator-Adult Education (revision)
- Dance (new)
- Online Teaching (new)

Deans/Directors of Education will be contacted for recommendations.

The Building Administrator P-12 competencies are in draft form and undergoing review. These are expected to be published in early August 2018. Updated requirements for Building Administrator P-12 licensure programs can be found in the recently revised [Program Proposal Guide for New Endorsement Programs](#). Any program leading to Building Administrator P-12 licensure not approved under the new competencies and program requirements by fall 2020 will be removed from the matrix of approved educator preparation programs.

[Competencies for Elementary Teachers, Grades K-6](#) have been finalized and were posted in June. These competencies, along with the Arkansas Teaching Standards and the Teacher Excellence and Support System competencies, align with the [K-6 Elementary Teacher Preparation Standards](#) recently approved by CAEP for SPA accreditation. There have been recent updates to the ELA portion of these competencies to accommodate feedback from ADE Learning Services.

Alternative Educator Preparation Programs leading to Elementary Education K-6 and Special Education K-12 should submit syllabi/module descriptions showing objective alignment to the [Foundations of Reading Competencies-Proficiency Level](#). The connection between objective and competency should occur on the syllabus/module description itself.

Any program leading to Elementary Education K-6 licensure not approved under the new competencies by fall 2019 will be removed from the matrix of approved educator preparation programs.

### **Licensure Rules Revision**

The final [Rules Governing Educator Licensure](#) went into effect on April 30, 2018. The rules are currently being revised to include requirements for implementation of the career continuum. The [revisions](#) are available for public comment until August 15, 2018.

### **Discontinuation of Fee Reimbursements for School Leadership Series Assessment**

The ADE currently reimburses one-half (1/2) of the assessment fee for a candidate who passes a School Leadership Series (SLS) Assessment for an Arkansas Administrator License. This program will no longer be available for anyone testing after August 31, 2019. Information for reimbursements until that date is available on the [reimbursement form](#). The current assessment for Building Level Administrator and Curricular Program Administrator is the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (6011). Effective **September 1, 2019**, this assessment will be replaced with the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (6990) with a cut score of 151. There will be no reimbursements available for this assessment. The current assessment for District Level Administrator is the School Superintendent Assessment (6021). That assessment is also being regenerated and once replaced reimbursements will no longer be available.

## **NEW! Assessment Fee Reimbursements for Educators Adding Chronically Critical Academic Shortage Areas**

As part of the ADE’s Teach Arkansas Campaign, beginning September 1, 2018, the ADE will implement an assessment fee reimbursement for teachers adding a chronically critical shortage area to their current Arkansas license. The teacher must be currently teaching in an Arkansas public or charter school and complete all testing and coursework as applicable to the licensure area. Details are available in [Commissioner Memo LIC-19-004](#). The Fee Reimbursement form is available on the [Licensure Assessment website](#) under related files. The chart below shows the areas and associated assessments.

<b>Available Critical Shortage Endorsement Areas for 2017-2018</b>			
<i>The ADE will reimburse all tests that are required for one of the following license endorsement areas (check all that apply)</i>			
<b>Art (K-12)</b>			<b>Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Art: Content Knowledge (5134)	\$120	<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (5023)	\$120
		<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Education of Young Children(5024)	\$146
<b>Chemistry (7-12)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245)	\$120	<b>Age 3-4 Special Education Endorsement (age 3-4)</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (5023)	\$120
<b>Computer Science (4-12)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Computer Science (5621/5652)	\$120	<b>Special Education (K-12)</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (5354)	\$120
<b>Family and Consumer Science (7-12)</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (5511)	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Family and Consumer Sciences (5122)	\$120	<input type="checkbox"/> Pearson Arkansas Foundations of Reading Test	\$139
<b>Library Media Specialist (K-12)</b>		<b>Special Education: Hearing Specialist (K-12)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Library Media Specialist (5311)	\$120	<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (5354)	\$120
		<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (5272)	\$120
<b>Math (7-12)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161)	\$120	<b>Special Education: Visual Specialist (K-12)</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (5354)	\$120
<b>Physics (7-12)</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (5282)	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Physics: Content Knowledge (5265)	\$120		
		<b>Special Education Resource Elementary Ed (K-6), ELA (7-12), Math (7-12), or Science (7-12)</b>	
<b>Spanish (K-12)</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (5511)	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® Spanish: World Language (5195)	\$120		
<input type="checkbox"/> Praxis® World Languages Pedagogy (5841)	\$146		

### **Teach Arkansas Lecture Series – Part 2**

Part 2 of the Teach Arkansas Lecture Series will be held on August 1, 2018, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The upcoming event, "Leading and Teaching Boys of Color," will feature Mr. Ron Walker, executive director of Boston's Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color. Registration for the event is FREE, includes lunch, and educators will earn three hours of professional development by attending. Seating is limited so register early.

Learn more and register now at <https://bit.ly/2KU649s>.

### **Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Information**

The Professional Communities at Work Project™ is a statewide initiative that started in Arkansas in fall 2017 to implement the provisions of Act 427 of 2017. The first cohort for the PLC project included 11 schools and one district. The second cohort includes eight schools and two districts.

These schools were chosen through a rigorous application and evaluation process. The districts receive resources, training, and support to build a culture of collaboration in their schools to enhance student learning. It is important that all Educator Preparation Programs are aware of the work that is going on in our state and support their partnership schools and districts. Detail information including list of participating schools is available on the [ADE's Professional Learning Communities in Arkansas website](#).

### **Licensure Assessment Supports**

The ADE has compiled a set of licensure assessment supports that include study guides, online resources and test taking strategies. The materials are available in a [drop box folder](#). Training sessions have been held at nine (9) Education Service Cooperatives (ESC) around the state. The next two sessions are scheduled for Wilbur Mills Esc on July 25 and Southeast ESC on July 26. Both sessions will be held from 8:30-11:30 am. The sessions include ESC personnel and teachers candidates seeking supports for licensure assessments. Teachers can register for the sessions through the [ESC Works system](#). The ESCs will continue to use the materials throughout the year to provide focused support for teachers in their area.

### **Thunder Over the Rock**

The Little Rock Air Force Base will once again be hosting an air show. This year's event will be held October 26-28, 2018. In conjunction with the airshow will be a STEM festival. The festival will include STEM activities, STEM exhibits, and hands on activities for all grades. Friday, October 26 will be dedicated to student engagement. Information on how to become an exhibitor is available on the [Thunder Over the Rock website](#).

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The Arkansas Department of Education will host the 2019 Arkansas Education Summit June 18-21, 2019 in Hot Springs. This is one not to miss! Information will be communicated throughout the upcoming months.

### **Social Media**

Be sure to follow all ADE activities on social media at the following locations:

<https://www.facebook.com/arkansased>

Twitter Accounts: @arkansased, #TeachArkansas, #ARStudentFocused, #plc4AR

### **Upcoming Events**

July 31 – August 1, Arkansas Association of [Educational Administrator's \(AAEA\) summer Conference](#), Statehouse Convention Center & Marriot Hotel, Little Rock

August 1, [Teach Arkansas Lecture Series Part 2](#), Conway Room, Marriot Hotel, Little Rock

August 9-10, State Board of Education Meeting, Auditorium, 4 Capitol Mall, Little Rock

August 23, Teacher Night at Arkansas Traveler's Game, Dickey Stephens Park, North Little Rock, Arkansas

September 12-15, [CAEP Conference](#), Wardman Park Marriot, Washington, DC

September 13-14, [Special Education Administrators' Academy](#), Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas

September 14, [Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators \(ArATE\) Annual conference](#), Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas