



## Information Regarding Alternate Assessment Plans (AAP)

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Per Rules Governing Educator Licensure, effective July 3, 2020:

5-6.02 In order to be granted a standard license in a first time licensure area (See Appendix A) an applicant must demonstrate competency in their subject matter contend on an identified assessment as approved by the State Board. An identified assessment may be:

5-6.02.1 A passing score on an approved content area assessment; or

5-6.02.2 A score within minus two (-2) standard error of measurement (SEM) based on the national standard or an approved score by the State Board on the content area assessment:  
and

5-6-02.2.1 DESE approved micro-credential(s) or performance-based content assessment;  
and

5-6-02.2.2 At least three years of relevant teaching experience in the content area as demonstrated through successful TESS evaluations and the definition of effective teacher found under 1-2.31.

5-6-02.2.3 An applicant may receive a renewable provisional license based on yearly progress on DESE approved identified assessment. This renewable provisional license is limited for up to three (3) years. Must be employed in a public school or charter school.

Districts hiring an educator under an AAP will ensure additional mentoring, coaching, and yearly progress toward the completion of the DESE approved performance assessment in the content area.

If your school/district wishes to extend an employment offer to a candidate, complete the attached employment verification form and return it to the educator preparation program for provisional licensure recommendation.

If you need additional information regarding the district's responsibility for this candidate during the provisional license period, contact Melissa Jacks, Educator Licensure Program Manager at [Melissa.Jacks@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:Melissa.Jacks@ade.arkansas.gov) or [Karli.Saracini@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:Karli.Saracini@ade.arkansas.gov).

Please complete the following documentation:

**Alternate Assessment Provisional License  
Employment Verification Form**

Teacher Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN (Last 4) xxx – xx –

Licensure Area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Educator Preparation Program completed or enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

The person identified above has sufficient Praxis subject assessment score(s) to be eligible for an Alternative Assessment Plan (AAP) Provisional License. Before this provisional license will be issued, the candidate must have verification of employment in an Arkansas public or charter school in the licensure area(s) indicated above.

The responsibilities of districts employing candidates with the AAP Provisional License include:

- Assign the candidate to teach only eligible area(s) indicated on the provisional license
- Submit documentation such as annual TESS evaluations as requested to DESE to verify continued eligibility
- Ensure additional mentoring, coaching, and yearly progress toward the completion of the DESE approved performance assessment in the content area is provided
- Information is available on the [Alternate Assessment Plan \(AAP\) website](#).

\*Name of Building Mentor/Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Additional support: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Performance Based Assessment to complete: \_\_\_\_\_

*The completed section below indicates the intent to employ the candidate named above.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Building Level Administrator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Employment Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Subject area(s) the applicant will teach

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade level(s) the applicant will teach

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent (or designee) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Educator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date