



# Arkansas Department of Education

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**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** — The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will host a question and answer panel for interested parties at consolidated or annexed school districts and communities seeking to detach. Representatives from various divisions within DESE will be available to answer questions regarding the process established under Act 919 and what newly formed districts need to be aware of.

Act 919 of 2025 allows a consolidated or annexed school district to petition to detach from a resulting or receiving district and form an isolated school district. This law applies to eight school districts in the state of Arkansas.

**WHAT:** Act 919 Question and Answer Panel

**WHEN:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. February 25, 2026

**WHERE:** Auditorium, Arkansas Department of Education, 4 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201

To read the full law, visit <https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Home/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2025R%2FPublic%2FACT919.pdf>.

To submit questions to be addressed, please email questions ahead of the event to [ade.communications@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:ade.communications@ade.arkansas.gov).

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