

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Music Education, grades K-12**  
**Vocal and/or Instrumental, (areas 265 and 262)**  
*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.** Educators must meet the following conditions:

- possess a standard Arkansas educator license,
- seek to add this area of licensure or endorsement, 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 <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/educator-licensure/adding-to-a-license>

**Required assessment for Vocal AND Instrumental:**

- Praxis II: Music, Content Knowledge #5113 Minimum score required: 157

**Required assessment for Vocal ONLY:**

- Praxis II: Music: Vocal and General Knowledge #5116 Minimum score required: 147

**Required assessment for Instrumental ONLY:**

- Praxis II: Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge #5115 Minimum score required: 145

NOTE: Test at a Glance (TAAG) study guide booklets are available on line from <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials> Any educator wishing to take any Praxis assessment is strongly encouraged to obtain these study materials.

**The following background is strongly recommended before attempting the Praxis testing:**  
**Recommended Content Background:**

Please refer to current competencies for the area. <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/educator-preparation-programs-in-arkansas/arkansas-educator-competencies>

**Recommended Experience Background:**

- Experience with analyzing correct performance techniques.
- Applying analytic skills in music.
- Experience using a musical score, identifying errors by measure number and describing errors.
- Practice with the **comprehension and application of concepts, principles, and practices**, rather than the recall of isolated facts.
- Analysis of various aspects of musical excerpts, including style, period, compositional techniques, harmonic progressions, instrumentation, forms, rhythmic and melodic patterns, mode, meter, and texture.

**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 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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