



# **Arkansas Department of Education**

**Office of Early  
Childhood**

**JANUARY 6, 2026**

## **OEC Monthly Provider Call**







**Ashelyn  
Abney**

**Welcome!**







**Dr. Chris  
Barnes**

**SRA Updates**





# **School Readiness Assistance (SRA) Reminders**

- SRA Rates and Quality Payments in effect from Nov 1**
- Payments processed weekly (SRA processed on Tuesday for the previous week and Quality payments following immediately thereafter)**
- Unbilled authorizations deobligate after 30 days**
- Family eligibility reviewed every 13 months**
- Waitlist remains active**

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## CLASS

[www.oecclass.org](http://www.oecclass.org)







**Gina  
Gillam**

**Day Camp  
Learning  
Center**







**Ashelyn  
Abney**

**New Meeting  
Platform**







**Ashelyn  
Abney**

**Provider  
Vendor Survey.**







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2026

State Holidays

Legal holidays by authority of Act 304 of 2001 and  
Amended by Act 561 of 2017.

January 1 . . . . .	New Year's Day
January 19. . . . .	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
February 16 . . . . .	George Washington's Birthday and Daisy Gatson Bates Day
May 25 . . . . .	Memorial Day
July 4 . . . . .	Independence Day (Observed on Friday, July 3, 2026)
September 7 . . . . .	Labor Day
November 11 . . . . .	Veterans Day
November 26 . . . . .	Thanksgiving Day
December 24 . . . . .	Christmas Eve
December 25 . . . . .	Christmas Day



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2026 State  
Holidays







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# Questions?

