

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Reading Specialist Licensure Endorsement**  
**Grades K-12 (area 287)**  
*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.

**THIS AREA CANNOT BE ADDED BY TESTING ONLY.**

**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:**

- Praxis II: Reading Specialist, test #5302 Minimum score required: 160**

NOTE: Test at a Glance (TAAG) study guide booklets are available on line from [www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html](http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html). **Any educator registering 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:**

- Linguistic and cognitive bases of the reading process,
- Reading comprehension,
- Word identification,
- Vocabulary development,
- Reading methodologies,
- Diagnosis and reading program development.

**Recommended Experience Background:**

- Developed specialized responsibilities related to the teaching of reading.
- Demonstrated understanding of language as a communication system, including the relationships between or among listening, speaking, reading, writing and thinking.
- Experience with vocabulary development and comprehension skills, including strategies for teaching vocabulary and word origins.
- Study and practice with prescription, organization, and implementation of instruction on the basis of individual and/or group diagnosis.
- Study and practice with identifying and implementing needed improvements in school reading programs, including conducting assessments, program planning, and evaluating in-service programs in reading/language instruction.

**Employing School District Guidelines:**

- The employing district will document the need to assign an educator out of field.
- The employing district superintendent shall submit a waiver request and completed ALP form with 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 the Educator Licensure) each school year that the educator is employed in the out-of-area assignment.
- The employing district understands that the educator will have no more than 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 six consecutive semesters, he/she will NOT be eligible for employment again under an ALP for this area of licensure.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.# \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**

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