

1 AR App

Federal Programs

2024-2025 Planning Guide



Moving to One District Plan



In the new planning process:

**Superintendents will lead their districts in developing
one strategic district plan.**



This one plan will consolidate 17 separate applications into one!

Timeline



KEY DATES

Date	Key Action
April 1	AR App opens.
April - June 28	School systems complete the AR App.
June 28	AR App is due.
July 1	ADE provides Substantial Approval; AR App grant period; implementation begins.
July 1 – Oct 1	ADE review of applications
Oct 1	Districts submit budgets
Oct - Nov	ADE reviews budgets

Guidance Deep Dive: **Federal Programs**



Application Section



TABS	Focus
Home	Directions for AR App
District	Contact Info., Goals, Assurances, Transfer
Improving Academic Outcomes	Access to Core- Curriculum and Professional Learning Supplemental Supports-MTSS and program supports Transitions or Extended Opportunities- Family and Community- strategies and partnerships
Safe and Healthy Schools	Emphasizes the need for all districts to have schools that are safe and secure.
Quality Educational Workforce	Allows for districts to outline their retention and recruitment plans based on the needs on analysis of district data.
State Programs	ALE, ELL, Gifted and Talented, Health & Wellness, and ESA
Title Funds	Assurances and additional info for Title I, II, III, IV, V

Planning Framework



The AR App is structured around a Planning Framework. The framework has 3 sections, which include questions, indicators, and resources to support planning.

Section	Questions	Response Guidance
Federal Programs	<p>Every school system will answer each question in each section to articulate its commitment to the key priorities.</p> <p>The responses also cover all grant requirements.</p>	<p>This tells districts what ADE is looking for in each response. The guidance helps districts develop a high-quality plan and meet federal and state requirements.</p>

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Tab	Completion Requirement(s)
Title I Part A	LEAs receiving funds under this part. If you do not receive Title I funds, please skip this section.
Title I Part C	LEAs receiving funds under this part. If you do not receive Title I Part C funds funds, please skip this section.
Title I Part D, Subpart 2-Delinquent Facilities	LEAs who have local delinquent facilities and receive funds under this part and subpart. If you do not receive Title I Part D Subpart 2 funds funds, please skip this section.
Title II Part A	LEAs receiving funds under this part. If you do not receive Title II funds, please skip this section. If you are transferring 100% of Title II to another Federal Program, please skip this section.
Title III English Language Learners	LEAs receiving funds under this part. If you do not receive Title III funds, please skip this section.
Title IV Part A	LEAs receiving funds under this part. If you do not receive Title IV funds, please skip this section. If you are transferring 100% of Title IV to another Federal Program, please skip this section.
Title V Part B- Rural Education	LEAs receiving funds under this part. If you do not receive Title V funds, please skip this section.

Items to submit in Indistar



- Equitable Services Consultation Form (May 1st)
- Preliminary Federal Budget Worksheet (June 28)
- Assurances & GEPA Statement (June 28)
- Maintenance of Effort Worksheet (June 28)
- AR App (June 28)
- ALE Consortium MOU (June 28)

Moving Forward





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Key dates

Checklist

Response Guidance

Recorded Section Overviews

Upcoming Support

Office Hours

Program Specific Webinars

District AR App Team Support

Information

Commissioner's Memo

AR App Webpage

Questions

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Appendix 1: The Planning Process



Completing the AR App (1/4)



STEP 1: BUILDING A TEAM. Districts must convene a team with decision-making capacity & cross-functional expertise in order to complete the AR App.

Key Step	Purpose
Build Team	District leadership creates a planning team responsible for completing the AR App. The team should have decision-making authority and expertise in the following areas: academic content, assessment, high school programming, workforce talent, diverse student populations, early childhood, federal grant programs, budgeting, and finance.
Assign Planning Lead	District leadership selects a planning lead to oversee and coordinate the planning process. The planning lead is responsible for setting and facilitating a schedule of regular planning meetings to ensure timely completion of the AR App and will be the primary point of contact for ADE related to the AR App.
Assign AR App Completion Responsibilities	Planning Lead determines the team members responsible for completing each application section.

Completing the AR App (2/4)



STEP 2: DEVELOP A PLAN AND APPLICATION. Districts must meet regularly and gather feedback to complete their application.

Key Step	Purpose
Collect Feedback from School Leaders	District leadership solicits feedback from school leaders on the district plan. This process should allow school leaders to share their unique needs aligned to the indicators in the District Planning Framework.
Hold Planning Team Meetings and Select Strategies	Planning team 1) reviews data to determine areas for improvement; 2) uses the District Planning Framework to select relevant strategies from each domain to address areas of improvement; and 3) collaborates with key personnel to develop initial thinking on school and district plans.
Hold Planning Team Meeting(s) to Complete AR App	Based on the strategy discussion and funding proposal, the planning team develops and answers to all application questions in the AR App Workbook.

Completing the AR App (3/4)



STEP 3: SUBMIT PLAN AND APPLICATION. Districts finalize and enter their application.

Key Step	Purpose
Complete Assurances and Contacts	To ensure ADE contacts the Planning Lead with questions related to AR App, districts must review and, if needed, update the contact information within the submission platform. Districts will also sign-off on assurances for ESSA and IDEA.
Enter Data In Indistar	Planning lead and district leadership select one person to submit the AR App in Indistar. This team member enters answers from the AR App Workbook into [Indistar], and completes steps identified in the AR App Submission Checklist. Additional document uploads are required as part of the AR App submission. The [document] will be uploaded in the [tab].
Verify Information	District leadership approves submissions after a final review to ensure the completeness and accuracy of responses.

Completing the AR App (4/4)



STEP 4: BEGIN PLAN IMPLEMENTATION. Districts put their plan into action.

Key Step	Purpose
Publish plan to the district website	
Communicate Plan to school leaders	
Use the AR App to Develop the District Budget Submission	