



Teacher Center Coordinator's Report

June 5, 2025

NWAESC Teacher Center Google Site: [CLICK HERE](#)

{archived site for various groups/info concerning curriculum/PD/other info}



Share: 2024-2025 NWAESC User Satisfaction Survey [HERE](#)
(closes June 30, 2025)

1. Training Opportunities

- [Summer PD 2025](#)
- [NWAESC Link Tree](#)

2. Commissioner's Memos of note: [Link to all Commissioner's Memos](#)

- [LIC-25-014](#) New Superintendent/Principal Trainings
- [CTE-25-020](#) CTE Course Substitution Crosswalk
- [COM-25-078](#) AR APP Submission Instructions
- [COM-25-059](#) Fund Balance & Expenditures Guidance
- [COM-25-075](#) FREE Crystal Bridges Museum Opportunities
- [COM-25-068](#) School Report Card Release
- [LIC-25-011](#) Teacher Licensure Plans 25-26
- [COM-25-070](#) ADE Summit Registration
- [LS-25-031](#) Course Code Updates for 25-26
- [COM-25-066](#) District Reporting of Interventions (Cycles 4 & 7) and website by July 15

3. General Updates:

- [2024-2025 Annual Report](#)
- Teacher Learning Plans at NWAESC June 19-Register [HERE](#)
- **Reminder:** Current Fingerprint machines/software in districts will be out of date on June 30. NWAESC was gifted a newly updated machine/software, which is now in circulation. We do not have a mobile unit to send out to schools at this time.
- **Save the Date:** Tier I [July 18](#) (note date change)
- **FREE Registration:** Beginning Superintendents & Beginning Principals- @DESE Summit Hot Springs
- Washington County Expo will be August 1 at the Town Center in Fayetteville
- "Break the Cycle"-[SLIDES](#)

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4. **Assessments**

- [COM-25-054](#) Preliminary Testing Calendar for 2025-26

5. **Literacy/Dyslexia:** Brittney Bair (brittney.bair@nwaesc.org)

- **Summer:** Science of Reading (RISE K-2) [HERE](#) @NWAESC
- **Summer:** Science of Reading (RISE 3-6) [HERE](#) @NWAESC
- Dyslexia Specialist Job Description [HERE](#)

6. **Math:** Lydia Noll (lydia.noll@nwaesc.org)

- Elevate Math Fluency: Addition & Subtraction of Whole Numbers - June 10, 2025 [#546255](#)
- Elevate Math Fluency: Multiplication & Division of Whole Numbers - June 12, 2025 [#546261](#)
- Deep Dive into Math Standards
 - K-5 will be July 22, 2025 [#547336](#)
 - 6-Geometry will be July 24, 2025 [#547409](#)

7. **Science/STEM:** Jenny Gammill (jenny.gammill@nwaesc.org)

- The Summer STRIVE program is accepting applications for 2025. Teachers who are accepted into the program intern for 20 days at an approved STEM business/industry partner, giving them the opportunity to see first hand how the skills they are teaching students are connected to the real world. A stipend of \$3,500 is awarded upon completion of the program. For more info, check out <https://ualr.edu/strive/teachers/>
- Summer PD sessions-Check out the list of sessions here: bit.ly/summer2025sciencepd
With science having equal weight in school's accountability formula, sending teachers to training is critical for changing science instruction in schools.
- The Co-op will again partner with the Amazeum to offer the NWA STEAM Institute. This is the third year of this partnership. Participating schools have loved the experience and depth of training they have received. Find out more information here: <https://my.amazeum.org/26108/27700>
- OpenSciEd, the HQIM and OER for grades 6-8 and Biology, Physics and Chemistry, has released the first of four units for K-5 and the second unit will be released February 20. We expect the curriculum at K-5 will also become an HQIM. Training will be provided on OSE for K-5 at the Co-op, summer 2025. Check it out here: [OpenSciEd for Elementary](#)

8. **Regional Mentoring (Novice Teachers):** Cayce Neal cayce.neal@nwaesc.org; Michelle Gooch michelle.gooch@nwaesc.org; Karle Schmitt karle.schmitt@nwaesc.org;

Per the Arkansas Department of Education, the responsibility for planning and implementing a novice teacher mentoring system was delegated to Education Services Cooperatives beginning with the 17/18 school year. As required by Act 295 of 2017, all novice educators are required to

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be mentored in their first 3 years of teaching through a DESE-approved mentoring program. NWAESC is the only DESE-approved mentoring program for Northwest Arkansas.

***Save the Date:* Summer Conference for Novices**

- K-5, [June 17, 2025](#): Keynote Speaker Jessica Saum, 2022 Arkansas Teacher of the Year
- 6-12, [June 18, 2025](#): Opening Speaker Mr. Jon Laffoon, Farmington Superintendent and Closing Speaker Dr. Debbie Jones, Bentonville Superintendent
- Our 2025-26 grant will support Lead Teacher designations for each district based on the number of novices they support, just as we did this year. District novice contacts have been notified and are working to select next year's lead teacher candidates. MOUs will be shared as soon as they are available. Training will start on July 7.

***Save the Date:* [July 31](#)-Best Practices for Supporting Novice Teachers**

[Novice Navigators Website](#): newsletters, links, resources, and more
[2024-25 DESE Mentoring Manual](#) for more information.
[Link to DESE-approved coaching training.](#)

ArPEP

Reminder: Per DESE licensure rules, ArPEP participants must attend Saturday training to keep their provisional licenses. Teachers who miss more than one Saturday training, even for school business, could have their licenses suspended.

Important Dates:

- **July 8-10/15-17/22-24:** Year 1 required summer training (10 days total)
- **July 14-25:** required summer training for our rising Year 2 candidates (10 days total)
- **July 24:** ArPEP graduation, 1:00-1:30 pm. You are welcome to attend and celebrate your graduating ArPEP teachers.

9. Behavior Support (BSS): Lindsey Lovelady lindsey.lovelady@nwaesc.org 501-289-2916 or Kat Lancaster kat.lancaster@nwaesc.org 501-289-2857

Make sure to check out our [arbss.org](#) webpage for more resources like:

- Sign up for the monthly newsletter
- Free [online module courses](#)
- ***New*** New Behavior Break [Attention Signals](#)

10. Career & Technical Education (CTE): Stephanie Trolinger stephanie.trolinger@nwaesc.org cell: 479-957-4608.

- [CTE Landing Page](#)
- **418/412 Endorsement:** July 28th

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- [#555542](#) will be for #418 Career Development (am)
- [#555544](#) will be for #412 College and Career Readiness (pm)

11. eSchool/APSCN: Chelsea Canion at chelsea.canion@ade.arkansas.gov

- *New:* APSCN website that holds all of our documentation and a new Message Board.
[Arkansas Public School Computer Network](#)
- Cycle 7 opens June 1st and closes June 15th.

12. Special Education/Transition: Robin Stripling robin.stripling@nwaesc.org Or Paul Johnston pjohnston@nwaesc.org

- Robin Stripling, the NWAESC SpEd Consultant, is available to support schools and districts around various special education and inclusive education topics. She has created an [inclusive education website](#) to provide resources to educators. Feel free to reach out to her if you have needs she might assist with: robin.stripling@nwaesc.org.
 - **Supporting Every Learner through Universal Design** [Session 545154](#) - June 12 or [Session 545692](#) - July 22
 - **Empowering Educators: A Two-Day Intensive on Universal Design for Learning and Executive Functioning Skills** [Session 545156](#) - June 8 and 9
 - **Fostering Inclusion: Best Practices for Supporting Students with Disabilities** [Session 545156](#) - June 25

13. Migrant: Jennifer Vinson jennifer.vinson@nwaesc.org

- Surveys have been delivered to all non-project schools except for Pea Ridge, Siloam Springs & West Fork who were approved to use digital surveys. Please be sure these are given to every student during the first few weeks of school in August.
- Students were provided with an end of school / summer school bag that contained high interest reading books, a newsletter, summer learning ideas, a bag for K-8th grade that contained lessons for the summer, an invitation to the Parent Meeting and hygiene products.

****Cost analysis meeting with Missy: Gentry, Gravette, Huntsville, Siloam Springs**

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