



The Curriculum Group meeting

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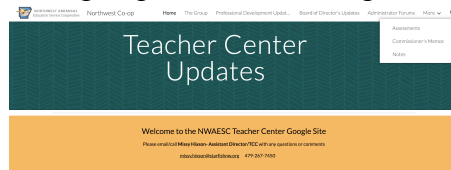
12:00-2:00 pm

Room change 10

Federal Programs: Room 1 at 9:00

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

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



Lunch at 11:30 (\$5/donation)

Meeting begins at 12:00

Time	Essential Topics	Notes/Resources
12:00-12:05	Welcome & Overview & Introductions	Missy
12:05-12:45	- Introduction of NWAESC Guest & Specialists - Guests: Pete Joenks & Dr. Marcia Smith (PLC Process with Early Outs)	Missy PLC Document
	Announcements, Networking, Questions, Topics of Interest or Updates	
12:45-1:50	Discussions: - Graduation Rate <i>October 31- November 14, 2022</i> - All Superintendents must sign in and submit w/ or w/out corrections - Graduation Rate SlideDeck HERE (Recorded Webinar, Commissioner's Memo, DESE video- technical assistance, ACGRS User Guide, Required Documentation) - SmartData coming January 9 (3 hr.) - NWAESC PD Needs Survey (November) Educator Evaluation System Forms - Org Admin Update Form (if your district needs to designate): HERE	- Missy - Dana Tabor (Grad Rate)

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	○ My Evaluator Data is Incorrect: HERE (this is for an evaluator who cannot log in or doesn't have evaluator rights. Should be completed by the Org Admin) ○ My Learner Data is Incorrect: HERE (this is for a learner who cannot log-in, has the wrong rubric, etc. Should be completed by the Org Admin) Training Opportunities: ● November PD overview ● December PD overview ● DESE-Crisis Response Team - Basic Level (NOVA) November 2-4 ● CPI:Advanced Physical Skills Blended Certification Training November 8-11 Register/Pay HERE ● Master Scheduling: Putting Data First November 14 ● SOR Assessor January 17 ● Summer-Phonics First (must have 15 for class to make) ○ Level I: Foundations June 19-23 ○ Level I Structures June 26-30 ● Arkansas's New Assessment System: Cambium July 18 (teams requested) ● Engaging, Motivating, and Managing Hard to Reach and Disruptive Students (Brian Mendler) July 19 Repeat July 20	
	Closure/Adjournment:	
1:50-2:00	● Reflections ● Closure	

Curriculum Dates to register:

Dec. 1-[481969](#) Rogers Pre-AP & Dr. Tina Moore (STEM) & Scoot the Bookmobile-Andrea Ward West Fork {Scoot Tiger}

Jan. 5 [481996](#) Huntsville-Watson Primary R.I.S.E. Award & DESE Assessment Team Zoom

Feb. 2- [481997](#) Farmington R.I.S.E. Award

March 2- [482001](#) Bentonville Standards Based Grading (Eric Hipp) & R.I.S.E. Award Ashley Williams

April 6- [482002](#) Rogers Pre-AP follow-up

May 4-[482004](#) Dr. Kiffany Pride (DESE) & Jeffrey Davidson-SS Standards

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Federal Programs Dates to register:Dec 1 : [486074](#)Jan 5 : [486076](#)Feb 2 : [486077](#)Mar 2 : [486079](#)Apr 6 : [486080](#)

Content Specialists Updates

Literacy

K-6 Literacy

Jill Ellis and Meredith Nardone are available to visit schools to observe and support teachers in their science of reading implementation in the classroom. They are available to support administrators and instructional leaders with classroom walkthroughs and to practice using the “Look For” documents as well as the Smart Card for SOR evaluations. Meredith and Jill are **not** the evaluators in this process, but they can offer insight into what instructional practices should be observed based on the components of the documents. To schedule support, please contact Jill Ellis (jill.ellis@starfishnw.org) or Meredith Nardone (meredith.nardone@starfishnw.org).

K-5 Literacy Council

K-5 literacy facilitators and curriculum coordinators will meet and collaborate on content and support needs. Participants will also engage in article and book studies. The council will meet quarterly in person at the NWAESC. If you are a curriculum coordinator or literacy facilitator for K-5 and would like to be added to the literacy council contact list, please contact Meredith Nardone (meredith.nardone@starfishnw.org).

K-5 Literacy Council Meeting Dates (in person, no Zoom option)

December 13 - [485626](#)February 9 - [485629](#)April 19 - [485631](#)

Adolescent Literacy Council

The Adolescent Literacy Council of Northwest Arkansas includes administrators, facilitators, and teachers who are passionate about adolescent literacy. If your district is interested in participating, please register [here](#) for the meeting on December 2, 2022, from 1:00-3:00 PM. For further information, please contact Dr. Judy Fields (judy.fields@starfishnw.org).

7-12 Literacy

Dr. Angie Greiner and Dr. Judy Fields are available to assist districts in implementing the Science of Reading in the secondary classroom including but not limited to assessment, intervention, and core instruction. To schedule support, please contact Dr. Angie Greiner (angie.greiner@starfishnw.org) or Dr. Judy Fields (judy.fields@starfishnw.org).

K-12 Dyslexia

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Judy Fields and Meredith Nardone are available to support districts with their dyslexia intervention programs and assessment processes. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Fields (judy.fields@starfishnw.org) or Meredith Nardone (meredith.nardone@starfishnw.org).

K-12 Literacy Newsletter

The [Fall Newsletter](#) is now available online. This edition features online learning tools, R.I.S.E. instructional activities and professional learning both through the Northwest Arkansas Educational Servicing Center and other organizations online.

R.I.S.E. Trainings Fall 2022

On-site at NWAESC

K-2 R.I.S.E. Academy			
Day 5	11-30-22	#481397	Oral Language, Vocabulary & Morphology
Day 6	12-01-22	#481399	Comprehension
RISE K-2 Spring Cohort			
Jan 30 - Day 1			
Jan 31 - Day 2			
Feb. 27 - Day 3			
Feb. 28 - Day 4			
(Days 5-6 dates will be scheduled soon)			

3-6 R.I.S.E. Academy			
Day 5	11-14-22	#481834	Comprehension
Day 6	11-15-22	#481835	Putting It All Together
RISE 3-6 Spring Cohort			
Jan. 13 - Day 1			
Jan. 27 - Day 2			
Feb. 10 - Day 3			
Feb. 24 - Day 4			
March 8 - Day 5			
March 31 - Day 6			

Science of Reading Stand Alone Days
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January 18 # [489231](#) Content Area Reading Strategies (Face-to-Face)

Literacy Professional Development

November 9th # [485614](#) Writing in the K-2 Classroom
December 8th # [485616](#) Writing in the 3-6 Classroom
January 12th # [489646](#) Sound Wall

Library Media Specialists

Dr. Angie Greiner will continue supporting library media specialists through forums scheduled at the Co-op and in school libraries. This year elementary librarians have their own forum to share ideas, problem-solve and create programs that promote reading in their buildings. The back-to-school forums were a success and the winter forums have been scheduled for the following dates:

Secondary Library Media Specialist Forum is December 8th @ Bentonville High School from 9:00 - 11:30 Session # [487766](#)

Elementary Library Media Specialist Forum is Jan. 19th @ Westside Elementary in Rogers from 9:00 - 11:30 Session # [487769](#)

Math

Training for Math Coaches

- AR Math QuEST is growing in our region. To support this growth, we will be offering QuEST Year 1: Introduction to Ambitious Teaching and QuEST Year 2: Going Deeper with Ambitious Teaching to instructional coaches and other math leaders so that they can then provide support to their teachers.
- AR Math QuEST Year 1: Introduction to Ambitious Teaching
 - AR Math QuEST (Quantitative Essentials for Students and Teachers) is a journey for ambitious teaching that promotes equity and engagement of all students in meaningful mathematics learning experiences of reasoning and problem solving. AR Math QuEST is a state-initiated professional development opportunity for exemplary teaching and learning based on NCTM's Effective Mathematics Teaching Practices and the Standards for Mathematical Practice. Participants will receive the book Taking Action: Implementing Effective Mathematics Teaching Practices for grade band K-5, 6-8, or 9-12.
 - Spring Date TBD
- Coaching Ambitious Teaching
 - This course has a prerequisite, AR Math QuEST: Introduction to Ambitious Teaching. Are you supporting teachers to engage students in meaningful mathematics learning experiences of reasoning and problem solving? Are you interested in a process and tools for mathematics coaching of exemplary teaching and learning based on the NCTM's Effective Mathematics Teaching Practices and the Standards for Mathematical Practice? Join the AR Math QuEST cadre of instructional facilitators on the journey to coach ambitious teaching. Days two and three will

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focus on utilizing coaching tools and providing meaningful, actionable feedback as an instructional facilitator. Participants will receive the book *Everything You Need for Mathematics Coaching* by McGatha, Bay-Williams, McCord Kobett, and Wray.

- Register Here:
 - [Days 2 and 3: January 23rd and 24th](#)

NWA Math Forum

- In these sessions we will focus our collective inquiry on digging deeper into ambitious teaching for mathematics (Effective Mathematics Teaching Practices and Standards for Mathematical Practice), coaching ambitious teaching, and other hot topic issues generated from the collective group.
 - [December 15 - Session ID 487107](#)
 - [February 10 - Session ID 487110](#)
 - [May 12 - Session ID 487112](#)

We will continue to support schools through site visits as they work to understand the Arkansas Mathematics Standards and make connections to professional development opportunities such as:

- AR Math QuEST
- Illustrative Mathematics (IM)
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Collaborative Common Assessments
- Blended Learning Support

Science/STEM

- NWA STEAM Week is back, Nov. 7-11! Students across NWA will have the opportunity to participate in STEM challenges all week while also hearing from professionals in STEM careers on Real World Wednesday, November 9. Check out the [flier](#) for more information.
- We are implementing coaching cycles in science, grades 3-12, this school year. If your district would like more information about what this can look like with your teachers, please reach out to Carly: carly.geanolous@starfishnw.org.
- National Computing Science week will be held December 5-11, 2022. Schools in NWA can join thousands of other schools participating in Hour of Code by registering here: hourofcode.com/us This is a great time to introduce elementary students to on-line coding!

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- On Saturday, Oct. 22nd, NWAESC hosted a Pre-ACT practice test opportunity for 75 students at the co-op.
- [Click here](#) to register for Real World Wednesday speaker series

NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Real WORLD WEDNESDAY

Submit questions for our speakers!

Zoom link for ALL session: [CLICK HERE](#)

9:00am Alyssa Traxson Director of Video Production University of Arkansas	10:00am Greg Armstrong Pilot Fly Exclusive	11:00am Terraia King Sr. Manufacturing Controls Dev. Engineer at Tesla
12:00pm Erik Stinnett Astrophotography University of Central Arkansas Computer Science	1:00pm Mindy Porter Director of Education at the Amazium	2:00pm Amy Buck Materials Engineer NASA

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Early Career Educator Mentoring

Per the Arkansas Department of Education, the responsibility for planning and implementing an early career educator (formally known as novice) mentoring system was delegated to Education Services Cooperatives beginning with the 17/18 school year. As required by Act 295 of 2017, all early career educators are required to be mentored in their first 3 years of teaching through a DESE-approved mentoring program. NWAESC is the only DESE-approved mentoring program in Northwest Arkansas.

[Click here to view our mentoring program outline and see the opportunities that are available for free to all novice teachers.](#) The cost of substitutes will be reimbursed at the end of each semester. Novice pd is completely FREE!



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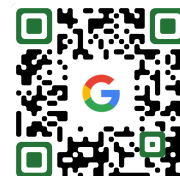
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Please make sure all of your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year teachers have completed the [novice teacher registry](#). We will only be able to cover the costs of professional development, including substitute reimbursement, for the novices on the registry. We are currently up to **821 novice teachers** on the registry!

NEW Mentoring Specialist: contact Madison Clarkson to come work with novice teachers, mentors, or instructional facilitators who support novice teachers! madison.clarkson@starfishnw.org Our goal is to meet in each district with their novices at some point during the year. Thanks to 9 districts who involved us in their new teacher orientations, we are over halfway to our goal. Contact Cayce or Madison to set up your in-district novice meeting as soon as you can!



NEW Our Recruitment Specialist, Dustin Seaton, is working with high school teacher prep programs, such as Ed Rising. We are hosting an event on Friday, November 4 for high school students interested in becoming teachers that will include a keynote from Jessica Saum, Arkansas 2022 Teacher of the Year. Local colleges will also speak to students to help them find the program that is best suited for their needs. Contact dustin.seaton@starfishnw.org for more information.

NEW Saturday, [December 10](#) NWAESC will host a Praxis prep event for the following tests: Foundations of Reading, Special Education, Social Studies content, Science content, and Parapro. Additionally, the Recruitment and Retention grant will reimburse participants when they show proof of passing their praxis. Contact Dustin Seaton for more information.

Special Education Novice Teachers R&R

We will continue differentiating for special education novice teachers (those in the special education endorsement academy are also supported through this group). To help support DESE's inclusive practices initiative, this year's anchor text will be [Reimagining Special Education: Using Inclusion as a Framework to Build Equity and Support All Students](#) by Jenna Mancini Rufo and Julie Causton. The novice SPED PLC will meet on the following dates: September 9, October 26, January 27, and March 29. All of these dates are live on EscWorks and ready for novices to begin registering.

Reminder that novice special education teachers and those in the special education endorsement academy are required by DESE to complete multiple surveys during the year. The second one will go out this month.

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ArPEP

ArPEP participants are working on building their engagement and differentiation skills this month. We will go more in-depth with Universal Design for Learning and will create a product that can be used for AMI instruction.

We look forward to working with and supporting these teachers for the next two years!

Migrant

District Services

We are very excited to have had the opportunity to take seven students from NWAESC MEP to Arkansas Migrant Student Leadership Academy (AMESLA) in October. Students from Prairie Grove, Fayetteville and Rogers school districts made up the largest group of students from this area to be selected for this experience. AMESLA is an opportunity for migrant students to participate in the EXCEL Leadership Program at the 4-H Center in Ferndale, AR.

AMESLA:

- Teaches trust in self and others.
- Develops team player and spirit.
- Increases motivation and personal performance.
- Provides experimental, effective communication.
- Builds self-confidence in abilities.

Our major goal is for students to acquire these skills and experiences with the intention of positively affecting Arkansas' migrant drop-out rate and building positive role models among peers in their local schools and communities.



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- If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office at bridget.russell@starfishnw.org or via text or call at 501-860-4947.

SPED Transition

Arkansas Transition Services now has a YouTube Channel. This channel has increased our ability to provide quick and easily accessible information for our schools and teachers. We have a number of modules on-line and are adding more as quickly as we can. This is in addition to our resource rich website www.arkansastransition.com.

ATS had their Inclusion Film Camp Premier October 6th. It was a gala evening with a red carpet for the students to walk, pictures with Joey Travolta in front of a big banner on the red carpet and the first showing of the completed video from the Inclusion Film Camp this past April. The kids did a fantastic job. The short movies were really excellent. Here is a link to a sneak preview of the video: https://youtu.be/nkwEo3_bUZ0. If you would like to see the complete film please contact your Transition Consultant who can set-up viewing. We are happy to come to your district to show this. Inclusion Film Camp 2023 will be the last week in April at UA Pulaski Tech in North Little Rock.

College Bound Arkansas will have applications available early in January on the ATS website: www.arkansastransition.com. CBA is a 3 day on-campus experience for students with disabilities who are considering college as a post-school option. It is held on the UCA campus in Conway in mid-June. There is also a parent and professional track for those that might be interested.

Computer Science

CS is now a mandatory graduation requirement for all students. If you have questions at a classroom, school or district level, contact john.hart@ade.arkansas.gov.

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

Information

- School tours and campus visits by CTE Coordinator are ongoing and scheduled on request. Contact: Starlinda Sanders starlinda.sanders@starfishnw.org

New Equipment	Delivered	Virtual Reality: 12 VR Headsets for CTE teachers, with a focus first on Career Development at the junior high level for consortia schools. Training TBA.
Grant(s) Received	\$95,000	GlowForge Laser Cutter Printers: Equipment ordered; one to be placed in each of the nine consortia districts.

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Grant Applications	Est. \$185,000	Submitted for: Farmington, St. Paul, Lincoln(2), and Gravette
Professional Development	November 8	Training for new teachers of: Career Development & Internship
NEW Perkins Initiative	\$9,000	Funding specifically for costs associated with industry tours

Behavior Support Specialists (BSS)

We are offering trainings **virtually** across the state for the topic indicated below in the table. Check out dates at arbss.org. Here is a list of our upcoming **in person trainings** at the Coop for 2022-2023:

Month	Training	Session Link
November 9, 2022	Behavior Forum	486640
January 19, 2023	Targeted Behavior Interventions	<u>486671</u>
February 15, 2023	Behavior Forum	<u>486679</u>
February 22, 2023	Antecedent Based Interventions	<u>486654</u>
March 10, 2023	Autism 101	<u>487763</u>
March 16, 2023	Essentials of Classroom Behavior Management System	<u>487752</u>
April 11, 2023	5 Essentials of School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports-Day 1	<u>Private Link</u>
May 30, 2023	5 Essentials of School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports-Day 2	<u>Private Link</u>

Make sure to check out our arbss.org webpage more resources like:

- Sign up for the monthly newsletter
- Free online module courses
- Behavior Breaks

Student-specific support services are available through [CIRCUIT](#). Here are some considerations before making a referral:

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- Referrals related to severe behaviors and/or Autism Identification
- Must be in referral for or currently receiving special education services
- Make a CIRCUIT referral if the behavior(s) meet the criteria of severe behaviors, which are:
 - eloping from campus,
 - serious self-injury,
 - or serious injury to peer or staff that requires medical attention
- Follow steps outlined on website to submit referral

Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions or concerns. Our contact information is listed below:

- Lindsey Lovelady lindsey.lovelady@starfishnw.org Ph. 501-289-2916
- Kat Lancaster kat.lancaster@starfishnw.org Ph. 501-289-2857

English Learners

The NWA ESOL Specialist, Lisa Coats, is leading professional development this week at Arch Ford to prepare teachers to use EL Achieve's Systematic ELD curriculum. This is one of our state partnerships to support teachers in advancing students' English language proficiency. Across the state, we have 18 districts involved in this year's training with approximately 80 teachers participating. Three of our NWA districts are currently having teachers participate: Gravette, Huntsville, and Siloam Springs.

ESOL coordinators have been working diligently to make sure that their Cycle 2 EL reports are clean in Cognos - big thanks to our Administrative Specialist, Erika Regier, for spending countless hours answering questions and walking coordinators across the state through this process! Coordinators have also been busy making sure that their English Learner Plans are ready for submission in Indistar. The EL Team will be working to review these soon.

The DESE EL Unit is working in tandem with other regional/content specialists across the state to guarantee that considerations are in place in all of the statewide initiatives to include language learners in all content areas. We are also participating in Cognitive Coaching through DESE in order to better serve all of our districts.

ARKTESOL will be hosted in Hot Springs this year on November 14. This is a great opportunity for ALL educators to learn more about helping language learners increase their proficiency and be successful in all areas, so please consider sending a team!

- Hot Springs Convention Center
 - [Registration Link](#)
 - [Hotel Discount Link](#)
 - [Vendor Link](#)

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Tricia Kerr, DESE ESOL Director, will host the statewide coordinator meeting on November 15 at the Hotel Hot Springs. ***Registration information will be sent out soon through Eventbrite.***

To keep up-to-date, coordinators should join our NWA monthly meetings - always the 2nd Friday of the month, unless otherwise denoted.

UPCOMING DATES AND escWORKS LINKS

- November - ARKTESOL State Coordinator meeting will take the place of this
- [December 9](#)
- [January 13](#)
- [February 10](#)
- [March 10](#)
- [April 14](#)
- [May 12](#)

If you have any questions concerning your English learners don't hesitate to contact me at: lisa.coats@starfishnw.org or lisa.coats@ade.arkansas.gov

APSCN/eSchool

e-School Transcript Training- November 30th via Zoom 9am-12pm

This training is a refresher on how courses should be set up in the Master Schedule with the correct marks for Transcripts, Master Schedule fields that affect Transcripts, Mark Reporting Settings on Dropped Course, Changing Schedules at Semester, Adding Non-Scheduled Courses, Entering Transfer Courses, Steps to complete before printing transcripts, Correcting Course Data in Transcript Summary, and a few additional items.

Register [HERE](#)

Information has been sent to all e-School System Administrators.

Zoom Link-

<https://zoom.us/j/98112909788?pwd=L2NyWmZQYXZ0MmxwQjFCYjFGTnQ1QT09>

For any questions please contact Chelsea Canion at chelsea.canion@ade.arkansas.gov

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COUNSELORS

My Life is Worth Living Animated Series - The Cook Center has released an animated series focused on helping prevent suicide. This is a resource that can be used for Middle/High School students on an individual basis or with groups of students. Teacher guides, parent guides, and all related resources are included. Resources are also available in Spanish. [Click here to access.](#)

Access FREE Professional Counseling for Staff Wellness - Employee Assistance Program (EAP) available to ALL public school employees (**regardless of insurance coverage**), covers ANY household member, including college students up to age 26. **Available 24 hours a day.** Call 1-877-300-9103.

Parentguidance.org over 50 videos to share [HERE](#) (parent coaching has a fee, but all others free)

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