

NWA K-12 Counselor's Forum

April 22, 2021

9:00-10:00

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83476576526?pwd=ZjVVdWFTa0h6ajliRmZpbUQyaBjOT09>

Meeting ID: 834 7657 6526

Passcode: 261191

Virtual Attendance: [HERE](#)

Please add topics/questions for discussion

NWAESC Teacher Center Google Site: [CLICK HERE](#) {archived site for various groups/info concerning curriculum/PD/other info}



9:00 Welcome and discussion of forum

- Overview and announcements
- Ask questions as they arise
- NWAESC 2021 Summer PD Schedule: [HERE](#)
- [April 2021](#)
- [May 2021](#)
- ADE Summit 2021- Register [HERE](#) (hybrid & \$50 fee)
- [LS-21-058](#) State Funded PSAT/NMSQT for 2021-22 (***due April 23***)

9:05-10:00 **Topics of Interest or Questions Here**

- How do you need support or what support do you need from NWAESC?
- Summer School info
- End of Year activities
 - Graduation

- Assessments
- Time on Task document -
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xiKKoJYJJPZ9SzM4on4UOavnJYX7oa8UkbJIx52W9NY/edit>
- Summer meals or backpack discussion
- Mental Health/SEL updates
- Support from others
- Meeting for 2021-2022 at NWAESC fall/winter/spring
- Virtual Session Requirements??? In “direct services” with virtual kids
- Best practices for supporting LGBTQ+ students

Curriculum/Instruction:

- SEL FREE resources: <https://pureedgeinc.org/>
- [Course Code Management Changes 2021-2022](#)--Important information on required courses and course code changes for 2021-2022.
- Beginning with the entering ninth grade class of 2022-2023, a public high school student shall be required to earn one (1) unit of credit in an ADE-approved high school computer science course before the student graduates. The one (1) unit required may be earned in grades eight through twelve (8-12). There are nine courses that may be provided to students in Grades 8-12 without any additional approval from the ADE. Additional information about these courses can be found in Commissioner's Memo [COM-21-099](#).
- [SMACtalk](#) provides resources for teachers, parents, and students to support mental health and social media awareness.

Commissioner's Memos of note: (as of 4-20-2021)

Link to all Commissioner's Memos

1. [LS-21-062](#) ESOL Institute Announcement/Registration
2. [COM-21-117](#) Literacy Plan Improvement/Guidance Webinar (April 23 1:00)
3. [LS-21-063](#) T & L Collaborative (June 9-10) LR
4. [COM-21-118](#) Computer Science/Upskills updates
5. [LS-21-058](#) State Funded PSAT/NMSQT for 2021-22 (due April 23)
6. [COM-21-112](#) Highly Effective Schools applications (due April 2)3
7. [LS-21-059](#) Cycle 7 SpEd Reporting Guidance
8. [COM-21-092](#) Migrant Education Programs
9. [COM-21-110](#) HRS webinars
10. [COM-21-108](#) EOY COVID Guidance

Pre-AP (NWAESC not doing trainings here); Suggested to complete the Additional Training Plan (ATP) form or go to a virtual APSI for AP training (UA & UALR) Questions:

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Notes:

- **From Admin meeting yesterday:** Discussion about staff morale: ideas to support teachers included Sonic drinks, “corn dogs”, payday pancakes, Taco party celebrations; one school did a Bulletin Board #Finish Strong and winners got prizes (kids help decorate); took duties for a day; one school set aside a “calm room” where staff could go and “calm”-set up with quiet music, lotion, smells, etc.
- Bills and such
 - [HB 1237](#) (Act 688) Authorizes the first day of school year to be as early as the Monday two weeks before Labor Day **beginning with the 2022-2023 school year**; prohibits waivers; provides for implementation of an alternate school calendar.
 - [HB 1749](#) Prohibits school and university policies that require their employees to address students by their preferred pronouns. **(04-21-21 S Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed)**
 - [SB 450](#) Requires school sports to be designated based on biological sex. Authorizes the Attorney General to bring a cause of action against violators for relief including an injunction barring public funding for one year. **(04-21-21 H Passed (Vote: Y: 74/N: 17))**