

## The Curriculum Group meeting

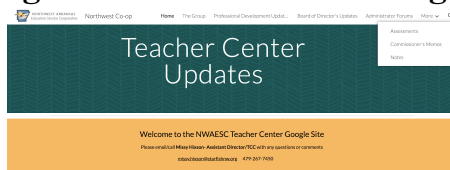
**3-2-23**

**Register [HERE](#)**

**12:00-2:00 pm**

**Room 17**

## Federal Programs 9:00 in Room 1-Register [HERE](#)



## **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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome &amp; Overview &amp; Introductions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missy</li> </ul>
12:05-12:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction of NWAESC Guest &amp; Specialists</li> <li>Arkansas's New Assessment System: Cambium <a href="#">July 18</a> (teams of 5 requested) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 17 Livestream option <a href="#">494498</a></li> <li>July 20 Livestream option <a href="#">494480</a></li> <li>Assessment LiveBinder: <a href="#">HERE</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Guest Speaker: Bentonville R.I.S.E. Awards-Ashley Williams <a href="#">SlideDeck</a></li> <li>Guest Speaker: Bentonville Standards Based Grading <a href="#">SlideDeck</a></li> <li><a href="#">BSD 9-12 Grades, Feedback, Communication</a></li> <li><a href="#">BSD Secondary Grading Handbook</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missy</li> <li>Update from Michelle Johnson to be in <b>April</b>.</li> <li>Bentonville Admin</li> </ul>
	<b>Announcements, Networking, Questions, Topics of Interest or Updates</b>	

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<p>12:45-1:50</p>	<p><b>Discussions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEARNS bill discussion <a href="#">SB294</a></li> <li>• Calendars for 2023-2024                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Who has an August 14 start?</li> <li>◦ About when is your back to school PD?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Required PD for 2023-2024: Anti-Bullying (2 hrs) &amp; Youth Suicide (2hrs)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Training Opportunities:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">April PD overview</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">March PD overview</a></li> <li>• <b>Vocabulary in the Secondary Grades</b> June 12, 2023, <a href="#">#493410</a></li> <li>• <b>Literacy Intervention Workshop:</b> Intervention is NOT Homework for Grades 7-12, June 19, 2023, <a href="#">#493400</a></li> <li>• <i>Save the DATE:</i> Unpacking Essential Standards-<a href="#">March 8</a></li> <li>• <i>Save the DATE:</i> Leading with the Speed of Trust (FranklinCovey) <a href="#">June 20</a></li> <li>• Summer-Phonics First (<i>must have 15 for class to make</i>)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Level I: Foundations <a href="#">June 19-23</a></li> <li>◦ Level I Structures <a href="#">June 26-30</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Engaging, Motivating, and Managing Hard to Reach and Disruptive Students (Brian Mendler) <a href="#">July 19</a> Repeat <a href="#">July 20</a></li> <li>• Differentiated Instruction with Stetson &amp; Associates <a href="#">July 21</a></li> <li>• Summer 2023 Math PD offerings <a href="#">HERE</a></li> <li>• Upcoming 2023 Literacy PD offerings <a href="#">HERE</a></li> <li>• Summer 2023 Science/STEM PD offerings <a href="#">HERE</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missy</li> </ul> <p><i>Please share in your districts!</i></p>
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	NWAESC presents <i>Get Your Teach On x NWA Regional Conference Event--July 28</i> at Bentonville High School; <b>price increase April 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bentonville district only</b> <a href="#">#492808</a> (100 seat limit)</li> <li>• <b>All others</b> <a href="#">#492807</a> (300 seat limit)</li> </ul>	
	<b>Closure/Adjournment:</b>	
1:50-2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Closure</li> </ul>	

**Curriculum Dates to register:**

April 6- [482002](#) Rogers Pre-AP follow-up & Michelle Johnson-DESE Assessment

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

**Federal Programs Dates to register:**

Apr 6: [486080](#)

*No May meeting for Federal Programs*

**Save the Date:**

Arkansas ASCD **Let's Talk Legislation Online Discussion Forum** March 9 at 4pm. Join superintendents, teachers, and more to discuss the current legislative session. [CLICK HERE](#) to register. [CLICK HERE](#) for the graphic.

[Arkansas ASCD](#)'s summer conference is June 12-13, 2023 in Bentonville with keynote speakers from the **FBI**. Join us for this focus on **safety** and all five tenets of the [Whole Child](#): healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. [Call for Presenters](#)

AAEA Summer Conference - July 24-26, 2023 - Marriott and Statehouse Convention Center  
 DESE Summit in Hot Springs-July 10 - 12, 2023

**Social Studies trainings** The standards are set to begin light implementation in the 2023-24 school year, with full implementation in the 2024-25 school year required.

*\*Note: Dustin Seaton will teach the SS summer PD as an off contract employee and paid accordingly*

- [June 6](#) K-4 Curriculum Mapping with new AR Social Studies Standards
- [June 6](#) Tips for Spicing Up the Secondary Social Studies Classroom
- [June 8](#) Teaching 7th grade U.S. history and the new AR Social Studies Standards
- [June 9](#) Integrating Social Studies (and Science) into the K-6 Classroom
- [July 27](#) Teaching 5th grade Geography and the new AR Social Studies Standards

**Economics AR (SS)**

- Taking the EEEK out of Economics June 13 (am) [#492584](#)
- Itty Bitty June 13 (pm) [#492582](#)
- Financial Fitness (K-5) June 16 (am) [#492586](#)
- Stock Market June 16 (pm) [#492588](#)

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- Get iNSPIRED July 25 (full day) [#492592](#)
- Financial Fitness (6-12) July 26 (full day) [#492590](#)
- High Five for HS July 31 (full day) [#492594](#)

The University of Arkansas is sponsoring a session on preventative and proactive strategies to support learning for children with social, emotional and behavior needs. The link is [HERE](#) to sign up.

## 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](mailto:jill.ellis@starfishnw.org)) or Meredith Nardone ([meredith.nardone@starfishnw.org](mailto: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](mailto:meredith.nardone@starfishnw.org)).

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

March 17 (newly rescheduled date) - [496288](#)

April 19 - [485631](#)

#### **Adolescent Literacy Council**

The Adolescent Literacy Council of Northwest Arkansas includes administrators, facilitators, and teachers who are passionate about adolescent literacy. For further information, please contact Dr. Judy Fields ([judy.fields@starfishnw.org](mailto: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](mailto:angie.greiner@starfishnw.org)) or Dr. Judy Fields ([judy.fields@starfishnw.org](mailto:judy.fields@starfishnw.org)).

#### **K-12 Dyslexia**

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

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March 16      [#486422](#) Dyslexia Special Session: Sound Walls in Practice  
April 18      [#477746](#) NWA Regional Dyslexia Planning Meeting

### **K-12 Literacy Newsletter**

The **Spring 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**

<b>K-2 R.I.S.E. Academy</b>	
<b>RISE K-2 Spring Cohort</b>	<b>- Dates below updated 2/1 because of weather</b>
March 14 - <a href="#">Day 3</a>	
March 15 - <a href="#">Day 4</a>	
April 13 - <a href="#">Day 5</a>	
April 14 - <a href="#">Day 6</a>	

<b>3-6 R.I.S.E. Academy</b>	
<b>RISE 3-6 Spring Cohort</b>	
March 8 - <a href="#">Day 5</a>	
March 31 - <a href="#">Day 6</a>	

<b>Science of Reading Stand Alone Days</b>	
March 29 <a href="#">#490883</a>	Science of Reading Decoding Stand-Alone Day***ZOOM***
April 19 <a href="#">#490982</a>	Science of Reading Morphology Stand-Alone Day ***ZOOM***

<a href="#"><b>Literacy Professional Development for Spring and Summer 2023</b></a>	
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### **Library Media Specialists**

Dr. Angie Greiner will continue supporting library media specialists through forums scheduled at the Co-op and in area school libraries. This year elementary librarians have their own forum to

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share ideas, problem-solve and create programs that promote reading in their buildings. Both winter forums were a success. Forums meet three times a year. Additional dates TBA.

## **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.

### **NWA Math Forum**

- The Northwest Arkansas Math Forum - A process of collective inquiry - is an open invitation to join a collaborative group of passionate mathematics educators dedicated to finding answers - to the most difficult questions - in mathematics education today.
- 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.
  - [May 12 - Session ID 487112](#)

**See our summer 2023 Math PD offerings [here](#).**

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)
- High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM)
- Collaborative Common Assessments

## **Science/STEM**

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- We are excited to announce our summer professional learning sessions in Science/STEM! We have a number of different sessions available for K-12 novice and experienced teachers focused on assessment, content, and instructional strategies. Check out our flier [here](#).
- DESE recently updated its STEM website to support all content areas focused on STEM learning. The new website is [ReadyforSTEM](#).
- The PLTW grant deadline has been extended until March 3, 2023. This grant is available to any school that houses 6th, 7th or 8th graders. PLTW is a great way to expose students to high quality engineering. PLTW curriculum grants will support teacher training, purchase of durable and consumable materials, and PLTW participation fees to fully implement the new curriculum during year 2 of the grant. More information can be found on this website: <https://sites.google.com/pdarkansas.net/pltwgrant/home>

### **G/T**

- The annual gifted conference (AGATE) was held in Little Rock, AR, at the Doubletree Hotel Feb. 22-24, 2023. Several NW Arkansas G/T coordinators and facilitators presented and shared findings, curriculum, and other best practices in gifted education. The remaining funds from the WFF grant covered all registration costs!
- NWAESC hosted the winter chess tournament on Saturday, Feb. 18th with over 180 students and 200+ parents/guardians in attendance. Thanks to the Don Tyson School of Innovation in Springdale for hosting.
  - **Congratulations** to the following top three students in each division:
    - 2nd-4th grade
      - 1st Place - Devansh Alwa (Osage Creek Elementary)
      - 2nd Place - Neeli Buchireddy (Founders Academy)
      - 3rd Place - Saiarjun Tedla (Classical Academy)
    - 5-6th grade
      - 1st Place - Aryan Buchireddy (Founders Academy)
      - 2nd Place - Gauransh Gautam (Bright Field Middle School)
      - 3rd Place - Carson Bagley (Elmwood Middle School)
    - 7th-12th grade
      - 1st Place - Hardik Alwa (Bentonville)
      - 2nd Place - Nathan Gosman (Haas Hall-Fayetteville)
      - 3rd Place - Jasper Hall (Kirksey Middle School)
- The next chess tournament will be held at the NW Arkansas Co-op on Saturday, April 29th for students in grades 2-12 throughout NW Arkansas who earned 3.0 or more in either the October 2022 or February 2023 tournament.

### **Early Career Educator Mentoring**

We are in the final days of novice teacher professional development for the 2022-23 school year. Remaining sessions:

- March 9: [The Beginning Teacher's Field Guide with Dr. Tina Boogren](#)

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- March 29: [Final novice SPED teacher PLC of the school year](#)
- March 30: [Novice SLP Group](#)

Want more personalized novice support in your building? Contact Madison Clarkson ([madison.clarkson@starfishnw.org](mailto:madison.clarkson@starfishnw.org))

**RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY!** On March 10, we will host our second annual Pre-Service Teacher reception, a partnership with area colleges and universities to connect graduates to job opportunities in our area. Districts will have the opportunity to meet with graduates, collect resumes, and/or conduct interviews. If your district is interested in reserving a space, please email Cayce Neal ([cayce.neal@starfish.org](mailto:cayce.neal@starfish.org)) or Dustin Seaton ([dustin.seaton@starfishnw.org](mailto:dustin.seaton@starfishnw.org)).

[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!

### **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 final novice SPED PLC will be March 29.

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 third one will be shared soon.

Novice Special Education Mentoring Specialist: Karen Brown ([karen.brown@starfishnw.org](mailto:karen.brown@starfishnw.org))  
Ph. 479-936-6471

### **ArPEP**

ArPEP participants just finished 18 hours of professional development with the [Arkansas Behavior Support Specialists online modules: Essential Behavior Concepts, Targeted Behavior Interventions, and Antecedent-Based Interventions](#). Coupled with the 18 hours of professional development they completed in the summer with Safe & Civil Schools' CHAMPS program, they are building a solid foundation of Tier 1 behavior skills. Our March session will focus on reflective practices and will generate evidence for their TESS goals.

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

### **SPED Transition**

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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](http://www.arkansastransition.com).

ATS now has the applications online for their Inclusion Film Camp 2023: [www.arkansastransition.com](http://www.arkansastransition.com). This is a week-long camp in Little Rock where the kids are given an idea, come up with their take on that idea and make a script, act, film, and complete a 5-7 minute short video. This is a fantastic opportunity for students with IEPs or on a 504. Here is a link to a short version of what the kids did last year: [https://youtu.be/nkwEo3\\_bUZ0](https://youtu.be/nkwEo3_bUZ0). Inclusion Film Camp 2023 will be held April 24-28 at UA Pulaski Tech in North Little Rock.

College Bound Arkansas applications are now available on the ATS website: [www.arkansastransition.com](http://www.arkansastransition.com). CBA is a 3 day on-campus experience for students with disabilities (both IEP and 504) who are considering college as a post-school option. It is held on the UCA campus in Conway on June 26-28. There is also a parent and professional track for those that might be interested. Right now the cost is free for students and parents. There is a charge for professionals.

### **Computer Science**

Changes are coming for Computer Science PD this summer. A lot of our K-8 trainings are being revamped and almost all of our PD should be in-person. As our PD calendar is announced, you can find links to all of our trainings on a live document found here: <http://bit.ly/ARCSPD>

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### **Career & Technical Education (CTE)**

Need some fresh ideas for CTE programming on your campus? School tours and campus visits by CTE Coordinator are ongoing and scheduled on request. Contact: Starlinda Sanders [starlinda.sanders@starfishnw.org](mailto:starlinda.sanders@starfishnw.org)

<b>Upcoming Events</b>	CTE Centers of Excellence Tours	March 14 - Saline County Career & Technical Center April 10-12 DFW Metroplex Center Tours
<b>Equipment</b>	Virtual Reality	NWAESC has the highest participation rate in the state for integrating this technology in the 8th grade Career Development Course. Contact Starlinda Sanders to schedule.
<b>Novice Teacher Training</b>	Spring Mentorship Program	Training for novice teachers in Internship, College and Career Readiness, and Career Development is ongoing for teachers in NWA and Little Rock schools. Schools with new teachers of these

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		courses should contact the NWAESC CTE Coordinator to enroll in training.
<b>Industry Tours for Students</b>	\$14,000	Funding allocated specifically for transportation and substitute costs associated with industry tours for CTE students. Available to all Perkins consortium schools.

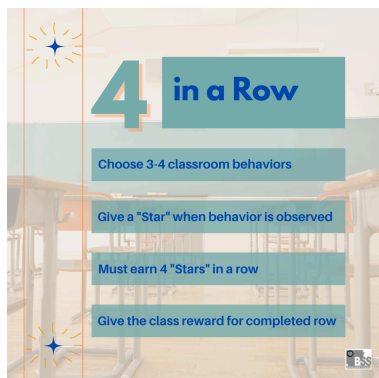
### **Behavior Support Specialists (BSS)**

Here is a list of our upcoming **in person trainings** at the Coop for 2022-2023:

Month	Training	Session Link
March 10, 2023	Autism 101	<a href="#"><u>487763</u></a>
March 16, 2023	Essentials of Classroom Behavior Management System	<a href="#"><u>487752</u></a>
April 11, 2023	5 Essentials of School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports-Day 1	<a href="#"><u>Private Link</u></a>
May 30, 2023	5 Essentials of School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports-Day 2	<a href="#"><u>Private Link</u></a>

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

- Check out tips for dealing with troubling transitions in the classroom from our monthly newsletter



- Free online module courses
- New Behavior Breaks
  - [Punch Cards](#)
  - [Movement Word](#)

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Did you know that the [BX3 initiative](#) underwent revisions to meet the immediate needs for building level behavior needs? Here are the key elements of the BX3 initiative:

1. Focus on the capacity building of behavior teams within school districts
2. Develop goals based on *Tiered Fidelity Inventory* and *receive coaching* from Behavior Support Specialists
3. Participate in professional learning opportunities

If your building is in need of supports, we recommend that you register your **school behavior team** for our two-day training of the The 5 Essentials of School Wide Positive Behavior Supports workshop offered in [April/May](#) of 2023. Check out our *In-Person* professional development tab for specific information about this training.

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](mailto:lindsey.lovelady@starfishnw.org) Ph. 501-289-2916
- Kat Lancaster [kat.lancaster@starfishnw.org](mailto:kat.lancaster@starfishnw.org) Ph. 501-289-2857

### **English Learners**

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.

Notable events this month: EL Achieve's Spring Symposium will be held in Little Rock on March 8 & 9; many of our participating NWA educators will be joining us for two days of learning and collaborating.

### **UPCOMING DATES AND escWORKS LINKS**

- [April 14](#)
- [May 12](#)

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

### **APSCN/eSchool**

Master Schedule and Student Schedules training will take place in the month of March. More information will be sent out once I have the dates.

For any questions please contact Chelsea Canion at [chelsea.canion@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:chelsea.canion@ade.arkansas.gov)

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