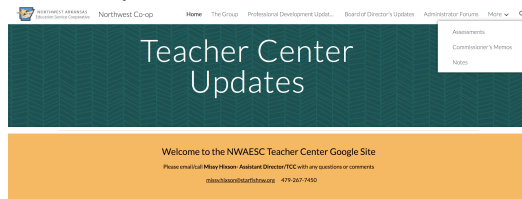




**Teacher Center Coordinator's Report
Board of Directors' Meeting
February 4, 2021
(time change 9:30)**

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



1. Monthly Board Meeting Guests:

- February 4: Dr. Amanda Britt-Arkansas Department of Health liaison

2. Training Opportunities:

- A. DataQuest (Principal updates) Register [HERE](#) by various dates
- B. [February 2021](#)
- C. [March 2021](#)

3. Commissioner's Memos of note: (revised 2-2-2021)

[Link to all Commissioner's Memos](#)

1. [COM-21-078](#) Computer Science Lead Teacher Bonus Program
2. [COM-21-080](#) Computer Science Advanced HS Bonus Program
3. [COM-21-079](#) Computer Science High School Bonus Program
4. [COM-21-077](#) Computer Science Summer PD
5. [FIN-21-028](#) Final Federal Allocations 20-21
6. [RT-21-020](#) My School Info Webinar
7. [COM-21-074](#) Title IV Waiver Approval
8. [LS-21-045](#) Governor's Scholastic Honors Day
9. [COM-21-072](#) 21-22 Affirmation of Consultant with Private School Officials
10. [LS-21-046](#) ALE Program Description Submission (*March 31*)
11. [LS-21-047](#) National Counseling Week
12. [COM-21-069](#) School Report Card Released
13. [LS-21-041](#) Historical Contributions made by African Americans in Arkansas
14. [LS-21-039](#) RFP for ESOL Institute Providers
15. [COM-21-068](#) School Report Card Communication Toolkit
16. [LS-21-043](#) SpEd Programs: Vision/Hearing Stipends

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17. [COM-21-067](#) HRS Survey for Levels 1, 2, 3
18. [CTE-21-003](#) DCTE Startup Award Announcements
19. [FIN-21-025](#) Census Bureau Data for SY22 for Title I Allocations
20. [LS-21-040](#) Child Count for Deaf/Blind Census
21. [COM-21-065](#) CARES Act-ESSER Webinar (January 19)

4. Updates from DESE

- A. Waiver Updates per Governor's Executive Orders: [HERE](#) (*updated October 15*)
- B. Updating Ready for Learning Survey [HERE](#)
 - a. DESE is requesting these be updated often
 - b. Ready for Learning Plan revisions: District posts the District Support Plan to the district's website and notifies DESE by email at ade.RfL@arkansas.gov.
- C. Updated Computer Science Standards/Course [HERE](#)
- D. R.I.S.E. trainings (*see chart attached below*)

5. NWAESC Announcements/Updates

- A. Digital Learning Plan training-[February 10](#)

Content Specialists Updates

Literacy

K-5 Literacy

K-2 and 3-6 R.I.S.E. training will be offered again in the spring. Dates will be listed below.

Madison Clarkson and Cindy Love will continue to visit schools to observe and support teachers in their science of reading implementation in the classroom. They have also been supporting administrators and instructional leaders with their classroom walkthroughs to practice using the "Look For" documents as well as the Smart Card for SOR evaluations. Cindy and Madison are **not** the evaluators in this process, but can offer insight into what instructional practices should be observed based on the components of the documents.

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Science of Reading Stand Alone Days 2021

NOTE: If you have secondary staff who are completing a pathway that requires them to participate in a combination of videos via IDEAS and SOR stand alone days through the coop, please have them register for the following sessions soon. If we don't have 10 participants registered, the session will be cancelled and offered again this summer. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Science of Reading Stand-Alone Training: On-Site (face/face)
March 3 - SOR Decoding April 7 - SOR Encoding May 12 - SOR Morphology

R.I.S.E. Trainings Spring 2021 face/face

K-2 R.I.S.E. Academy	3-6 R.I.S.E. Academy
431201 Day 3: February 17 431204 Day 4: February 24 431207 Day 5: March 17 431209 Day 6: March 31	429734 Day 3: February 5 429741 Day 4: February 12 429746 Day 5: March 5 430378 Day 6: March 11

State Approved Curriculum List

Remember to utilize the state checklist for guidance in making curricular decisions. You can find the checklist [here](#).

Also, remember the PPP (or one page rubric hyperlinked for each program title) will provide insight into considerations that need to be addressed in your literacy plan. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Love, Madison Ward, Judy Fields, or Angie Greiner for further guidance.

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Screening for K-2 and Dyslexia

Universal Screening for students in K-2 will need to be administered as normal as well as any dyslexia screenings that may be needed. For virtual students, it has been suggested that districts schedule one-on-one appointments on campus for face-to-face screening. If virtual screening becomes the only option, screenshot the student form of the assessment into a Google Slide to screen share with the student. Please be mindful that the validity of the assessment could be skewed due to internet delay in responses. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Love (cindy.love@starfishnw.org) or Judy Fields (judy.fields@starfishnw.org).

6-12 Literacy

Literacy specialists Judy Fields and Angie Greiner initiated the transition of Critical Reading into an online asynchronous course in the Canvas Learning Management system. Critical Reading was also offered face-to-face in late June as COVID-19 social distancing guidelines allowed. For Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, Critical Reading training will be offered online through NWAESC. Face-to-face Critical Reading training will be scheduled for Summer 2021. Collectively, Angie and Judy trained approximately 318 educators in 3-6 R.I.S.E. Academy Days 1-6, stand-alone Science of Reading Encoding, Vocabulary, and Content Area Reading Strategies, and Critical Reading Days 1-4.

Critical Reading

The Co-op is offering Critical Reading as an online option this semester. Each day is available in Canvas LMS as Self-Paced Learning Modules. Participants have 30 days to complete each day of Critical Reading online. It is designed to give teachers flexibility and complete all 4 days by December 31st. Participants must register in ESC Works by the dates posted for each day. Participants will then be enrolled into Canvas LMS to complete each session.

[430489](#) NWAESC Critical Reading Canvas Online: Day 4 Responding to Text: December 1st

K-12 Literacy Newsletter

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

9-12 Library Media Specialist

*NWAESC ---Working with the Arkansas Library Media Standards ***Online Class*** Media Specialists are encouraged to sign up through ESC Works for PD Credit and full access to all resources within Canvas to teach the High School Research Course and more. Additional session #s are listed to keep it on the calendar, but are **the same as the original session** from July.*

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Mar. 1 - [430868](#)

Apr. 1 - [430869](#)

May 1 - [430870](#)

June 1 - [430871](#)

Media Specialists can also contact Angie Greiner (angie.greiner@starfishnw.org) for direct access without PD Credit or fee.

Math

Illustrative Mathematics Overview (OER)

- Math Specialists will offer an overview of the Illustrative Mathematics curriculum (K-5, 6-8 and Alg. 1, Geometry, and Alg. 2.) on **February 4th at 2:00pm via Zoom**. This curriculum is an Open Educational Resource that is available for all schools, including K-5 in fall of 2021. If you are interested in learning more about this curriculum, please feel free to join us or share with your curriculum team.
 - Click [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

High School Math Course Changes

- **UPDATE:** ~~This school year, 2020-2021,~~ **2021-2022** is the FINAL year when the course, Bridge to Algebra II, can be offered. Beginning Fall **2022**, this course can NOT be offered at your high school.
 - Contact Erin McCain, erin.mccain@starfishnw.org, with any questions.

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. (*Note: The sessions will be virtual via Zoom.*)
- Register here:
 - [February 11](#)
 - [April 15](#)

Summer PD Opportunities

****Email Erin or Chelsie for registration links for private sessions**

- 6-8 Ratios and Proportional Reasoning (State Zoom)
 - June 2-3
- HS Geometric Thinking (State Zoom)
 - June 8

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- QuEST Reflections** (Cohort 1) (Zoom)
 - Option A- June 9
 - Option B- July 6
- QuEST Year 2** (Cohort 1)
 - Option A- June 10-11
 - Option B- July 7-8
- 3-5 Fractions (Zoom)
 - [June 14-15](#)
- HS Geometry Transformations (State Zoom)
 - June 16-17
- IM Year 2 **
 - Middle School - June 21
 - High School - June 25
 - 2-5 (Beta Schools) - July 19
 - K-1 (Beta Schools) - July 23
- IM Year 1
 - MS/HS - [June 22-24](#)
 - K-5 - [July 20-22](#)
- Algebra 1 Expressions and Equations (State Zoom)
 - July 7-8
- K-2 Number Sense (Zoom)
 - [July 12-13](#)
- IM K-5 Centers**
 - K-1 - July 26
 - 2-5 - July 27

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:

- Illustrative Mathematics (IM)
- Thinking Mathematically (TM)
- Mathematics Design Collaborative (MDC)
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Collaborative Common Assessments
- Blended Learning Support

[Specialist Mathematical Services PDF](https://bit.ly/2lMzcaY) (<https://bit.ly/2lMzcaY>)

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Science/STEM

- We have a new website to support educators in science and STEM! It has a number of resources for both new and veteran teachers. We will be keeping it up-to-date with PD opportunities, as well. Check it out at <https://sites.google.com/view/nwaescsciencestemspecialists>
- The DESE state science specialists have also created a website that is a really good resource for staying current on what's happening with science in our state. This is for all levels of educators. Check it out here: <https://sites.google.com/view/arsciencematters>
- We are currently working on summer professional learning experiences for all teachers in the areas of STEM/science and will be sharing those soon so teachers can plan their summer.
- We are now in year six of implementing the NGSS in Arkansas. WestEd released some key takeaways from the implementation process that can ensure all students get access to high quality science. Check it out [here](#).

G/T

- **Gifted and Talented Conference (AGATE 2021)** on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 featuring **Gerry Brooks, Dr. Jim Delisle, Lisa Van Gemert, Colin Seale, & Creative Classroom Activity with John Hardison and Kasey Nord** (*see flyers below*)
 - [Click here](#) to register for conference (\$200 members/\$250 non-members)
 - **FREE Parent Sessions** on Wednesday evening starting at 6pm with three nationally renowned keynote speakers addressing needs of parents of gifted children. [Click here](#) to register for free parent sessions.

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- **ACE Schedule Series 4 on Thursday, Feb. 18 starting at 9am**
 - Game 7 (9am) - Prairie Grove HS vs. Bentonville-West HS
 - Game 8 (10am) - Bentonville HS vs. Gravette HS
- [Click here](#) to join

Novice Teachers/Administrator Support

Save the Date! Summer PD

- [CHAMPS Classroom Management: 12 hours broken into 4 3-hour virtual sessions June 15, 17, 22, & 24](#)
- [Marzano The New Art & Science of Classroom Assessment: July 14](#)
- [Marzano Leading Standards-Based Grading \(admin\): July 15](#)
- [Marzano Standards-Based Learning \(teachers/teams\): July 28-29](#)
- More will be added as we confirm presenters

NEW! Administrative TLC Series: Starting January 6 and continuing every other Wednesday from 4-5pm, we will host a zoom session for new and veteran administrators. Our mission is to build a space where administrators can collaborate, learn from each other, and ultimately lighten each other's load. Jonathan Warren will lead the series as we showcase administrators from all over NWA. Topics will range from EdReflect pro-tips to building and sustaining school culture to hiring practices--more! If you have an administrator who has talents and strengths we could all

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learn from, please contact Cayce Neal (cayce.neal@starfishnw.org) or Jonathan Warren (jonathan.warren@starfishnw.org). Click the title view the schedule.

NEW! On-Demand PD Options: no subs, no time, no problem! This stop-and-go pd is available on-demand any time. 5 sessions (26 hours) to choose from: Ruby Payne *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*, *Emotional Poverty*, and Classroom Management/Behavior PD in partnership with Arkansas Behavior Support Specialists; Click the link for more details.

TESS Training: via Zoom, 8:30-11:30am

- February 5: [#423313](#)
- April 2: [#423316](#)

Special Education Novice Teachers

- Open to all novice special education teachers who want to build their toolkit of high-leverage practices, years 1-3
 - Day 4: March 16, Session [#413349](#) (possible date change to April, TBD)
 - [Our most recent SPED newsletter](#)

Please contact us with any questions:

- Cayce Neal, Novice Program Coordinator, cayce.neal@starfishnw.org
- Karen Brown, Special Education Novice Specialist, karen.brown@starfishnw.org

EL

As with all other departments, this new school year has brought many challenges to districts as they make sure that language learners are being adequately identified and served. Please contact this area's English Learner Specialist, Lisa Coats, with any questions or concerns.

lisa.coats@starfishnw.org

The DESE EL Unit is developing summer PD for 2021! At this time, all training is being planned in a virtual format. More information coming soon!

NWAESC Coordinators continue to meet monthly to discuss timely subjects and collaborate to provide the best education for our language learners in the area; at this time, all meetings will be virtual until further notice. Coordinators can sign up for these on escWorks:

- [NWA Monthly Coordinators' Meeting](#)
- [NWA Coordinators' 101 Collaboration](#)
 - This smaller group of coordinators will meet in the afternoons to dig deeper into the Coordinator Meeting topics and get further guidance on EL Programs.

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ELPA21 (English Language Proficiency Assessment)

The state testing window for English Learners is January 25 - March 5 (window extended 2 weeks). Information about the summative assessment is in the [ELPA21 Livebinder](#).

Technical Support

The DESE ESOL Specialist Team has determined districts in the greatest need for technical assistance using a risk assessment. This data will inform our targeted work with districts in our cooperative areas.

State Initiatives

- **Systematic English Language Development (SysELD):** we are wrapping up our third year of partnering with DESE and EL Achieve (<http://www.elachieve.org/>) to provide quality dedicated English instruction to language learners statewide. At this point, there are **27 districts** being impacted by this partnership in the following co-op areas:
 - Crowley's Ridge - 2
 - Dawson - 4
 - Guy Fenter - 1
 - Northeast - 1
 - **Northwest - 9**
 - Pulaski County - 1
 - Wilbur D. Mills - 9

Members of the ESOL Team have successfully completed an apprenticeship with the company and are now certified presenters for the state. We have worked closely with EL Achieve in developing professional development virtually for this school year for both ELD teachers and district/building administrators; we started our latest cohort in early September 2020 and finished the 5-day teacher institute in December 2020.

Administrator training will be completed in February 2021 with coaching/mentoring sessions scheduled as needed.

The EL Unit has met with several other district coordinators in recent months to provide more information about joining our partnership. *If your district is interested in learning more about this initiative, please contact Lisa Coats.*

- **Intention Planning Practice (IPP):** we are completing our 3rd year in partnering with DESE and Education Northwest (<https://educationnorthwest.org/>) to provide area districts in this program to insure that English Learners are being supported in the content areas. This model includes professional development for teachers/instructional leaders as well as on-site coaching visits with follow-up and planning. All ESOL Specialists are collaborating to provide professional development to educators from the Northeast and Dawson cooperatives. The team will be sharing information at district coordinator meetings to plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

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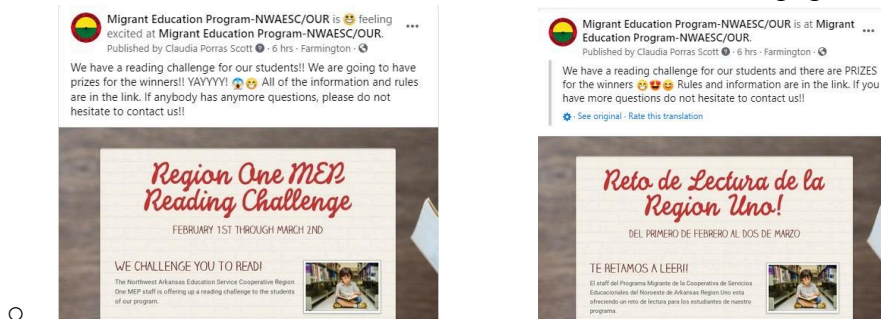


Migrant

- The Arkansas MEP director stated, “Provision of services (across the state) improved thanks to your and your staff's hard work and dedication.” This means that the MEP program provided more services (tutoring, health, and other allowable services) over the past year than in previous years. This increase took place during a pandemic. This is a direct reflection of the dedication and commitment of the personnel within the AR, NWAESC, and District level MEP program.
- Drury University, located in Springfield, Missouri (but with a satellite location in Monett) has contacted our program about establishing a location in Northwest Arkansas. Click on the logo below for more information on the CAMP program at Drury.



- We are sponsoring a Reading Challenge for the MEP students in our region. Please click on the links below for more information. Follow our Facebook page for updates.



Behavioral Support Specialists (BSS)

arbss.org

If a district participates in the BX3 program and requires additional coaching, please feel free to contact [Lindsey Lovelady](#) or [Mrs. Lancaster](#) to schedule coaching sessions regarding your district's specific needs. If our services warrant on-site visits, we will contact the LEA or building administrator to communicate about district and BSS mandates regarding COVID-19.

We continue to offer **free** professional development modules, please visit our website arbss.org under the courses tab. Please refer to the modules on our arbss.org website under the

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[Professional development](#) tab for specifics about each course. The following are available for six hours of credit with names of modules, session#, and dates at [EscWorks](#):

- February: Essential Behavior Concepts Session #[434539](#)
Targeted Behavior Interventions Session #[434556](#)
Antecedent Based Interventions Session #[434571](#)
- March: Essential Behavior Concepts Session #[434540](#)
Targeted Behavior Interventions Session #[434558](#)
Antecedent Based Interventions Session #[434573](#)
- April: Essential Behavior Concepts Session #[434543](#)
Targeted Behavior Interventions Session #[434560](#)
Antecedent Based Interventions Session #[434574](#)
- May: Essential Behavior Concepts Session #[434545](#)
Targeted Behavior Interventions Session #[434562](#)
Antecedent Based Interventions Session #[430729](#)

Participants need to register at the first of the month and complete the course before the end of the month. Once they have completed the module, they just need to send Lindsey or Kat a copy of their certificate that they receive upon completion of the entire module. If they have questions and need to discuss, they are more than welcomed to email either of us to set up a time to discuss their questions.

Our last behavior forum for the year is scheduled in March. These sessions are open to local Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA), district behavior specialists, or any other profession continuing the professional growth towards issues related to assessment, management, or other topics related to behaviors in the classroom. Mrs. Lovelady and Mrs. Lancaster will facilitate resources and discussions based upon needs from the participants via Zoom. The following are session dates, times and Zoom links available when register in EscWorks:

- [428258](#)- Behavior Forum 03/17/2021 at 2:30 p.m.

Finally, the BSS group launched our [BEHAVIOR BREAKS](#). These quick video tutorials provide a quick informational session about various topics related to behavioral concerns. Here is a list of topics available at this time:

- SIMS form
- Virtual Star Chart
- Virtual “You get a pass” Chart

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- Virtual Marble Jar

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Lovelady or Mrs. Lancaster for any questions for further discussion about this topic at a time of your convenience or if you have any suggestions or recommendations for specific topics.

Computer Science

- The statewide CS Specialists are not currently visiting campuses, but John is able to visit with teachers at the cooperative or in our Zoom Cafe (<http://bit.ly/ARCSCoffee>)
- We are still loaning out our coding tools, including delivery and pickup (limited to the front office). Our Stem Inventory can be found [here](#).
- Please reach out to John at john.hart@arkansas.gov or john.hart@starfishnw.org. Share these with any teacher, counselor, principal, etc., who has a CS need.

SPED Transition

- Arkansas Transition Services is producing a number of video modules on Transition Assessment. The fourth module on Transition Assessment for Students with Complex Needs will be ready for viewing the last week of January. Teachers can register to get the links for these videos on the ATS website, www.arkansastransition.com. We will be releasing at least 1 additional module in the near future. The response to these videos has been fantastic.
- Arkansas Transition Services has been bringing in some national presenters with virtual offerings to teachers and students across the state for no charge..
- We will be having Dr. Al Daviso from the University of Akron back for more presentations on Transition and SPED Apps. The next one is in February. He will also be providing a presentation for the state in High Leverage Practices for Inclusive Classrooms this spring semester.
- Arkansas Transition Services is still hoping to host the Inclusion Film Camp this spring. Things are still up in the air due to COVID so we will get more information out as it is available.
- As the year goes on we will be bringing in more national experts to provide sessions to teachers hopefully at no cost.
- And, of course, we will continue to provide all of our regular services to our schools either in person, virtually, or??

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Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- The CTE Coordinator provides Perkins V plan for the consortia districts to ensure quality projects.
- Monthly meeting with NWA CTE Directors via Zoom.
- Currently working with the NW Council on concurrent credit with NWTI and NWACC.
- Monthly meetings with DCTE state staff on updates and requirements.
- CTE program pathways have been updated.
- The CTE Coordinator, Cheryl Pickering is available for technical assistance for all CTE educators. cpickering@starfishnw.org

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