



The Curriculum Group meeting

3-4-2021

12:00-2:00 pm

escWorks: [REGISTER HERE](#)

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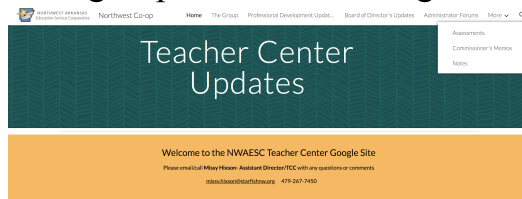
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Virtual Attendance [HERE](#)

Federal Programs 9:30 @NWAESC: Register [HERE](#)

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

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



Zoom Meeting begins at 12:00

Time	Essential Topics	Notes/Resources
12:00-12:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome & Overview & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Missy
12:05-1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction of NWAESC Guest & SpecialistsGuest: ATOY Joel Lookadoo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Missy <p>PowerPoint</p>
1:00-1:45	Networking & Updates: {ADD OTHER TOPICS of INTEREST}	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Missy

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	<p>HERE OR QUESTIONS for discussion}</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review/discuss/share - Digital Learning info 2. How districts are responding to new guidelines and events such as graduation and prom, etc. 3. Legislative updates of interest <p><i>Suggestions for Presenters/topics/Guest speakers/etc.</i></p> <p><i>Updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science/STEM PD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-2 Science/Lit Integration ○ K-5 Engaging Students in Phenomena (flyer/application) ○ Other Summer PD Opportunities • Federal Programs updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ED Covid-19 Handbook ○ American Rescue Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fact Sheet ○ Educ. Dept. General Admin. Regulations (EDGAR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ When an obligation occurs ■ Spending thresholds ○ Title II/ESSER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CSR ○ Private School Consultation ○ Migrant (Jonathan) • Assessment updates (<i>see below</i>) <p><i>Reminders:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novice Teacher Survey for DESE: all 1st, 2nd, 3rd year must complete 	<p>Link to Save the Date Pea Ridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Gammill • Kimberly Glass • Dr. Kelli Dougan
	Announcements:	

1:45-2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020-21 meeting dates ● Final Discussions ● Suggestions ● Q & A 	[see dates below]
	Closure/Adjournment:	
1:50-2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflections ● Closure 	

A. Curriculum/Standards

a. **DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAMS and AMI**

- i. [Digital Learning](#) Programming Plans must be submitted to the state by **May 1, 2021** (*Optional submission*)
- ii. Submit for comments to: [Missy Hixson](#) and [Jonathan Warren](#)
- iii. Digital Learning Plan Training [PowerPoint](#)
- iv. [AMI Plans](#) are submitted separately from Digital Learning plans and do not require a digital component. Both AMI and Digital Learning plans should be submitted through LEA Insights.
- v. Virtual Arkansas: Information [HERE](#)
- vi. DL Chat Zoom session 3-10-21 at 12:00 (email Missy for link)

- b. Governor Asa Hutchinson has designated March 15 - 19 as G.U.I.D.E. for Life Week in the state of Arkansas, and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is encouraging schools to celebrate with daily activities. DESE has developed a number of sample activities and resources to help schools plan their celebrations and support the personal competency standards in the G.U.I.D.E. for Life. [Sample activities for daily celebrations](#)

- c. [Data Dash](#) is focused on Special Education and has great information on upcoming deadlines, opportunities for PD, and explanations of IEPs and LRE.

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

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

1. [COM-21-090](#) New Updated COVID Guidelines
2. [OIT-21-010](#) SIS Handbook for 21-22

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3. [LIC-21-013](#) Opportunity Culture Application for Cohort IV
4. [LS-21-048](#) School Based Health Center Applications (April 15 deadline)
5. [COM-21-088](#) Where are you in the PLC Process? (March 3 Zoom)
6. [COM-21-087](#) Recognition for District Military Coordinators
7. [LS-21-050](#) Course Code Management Changes for 2021-22
8. [LS-21-051](#) Spring Testing Calendar revisions
9. [COM-21-084](#) Number of Enrollment Charter Applications Available
10. [COM-21-085](#) Master Scheduling for Secondary with Mike Mattos (March 8 Zoom)

C. Assessments-updates from this group-Dr. Kelli Dougan

- Testing LiveBinder [HERE](#)
- Final Testing Calendar [HERE](#)
- Newsletter #15 with Testing Training Dates [HERE](#)
- Overview for Districts: Should Arkansas Test in Spring 2021-[HERE](#)
- Link to the complete Toolkit: [HERE](#)
- Sample Parent Letter from FPS: [HERE](#)

D. Other PD Info:

A. [March](#)

B. [April](#)

C. Social Studies Zooms from 4:30-5:30

- a. **ZOOM**-Why it Matters: Addressing the Social Emotional Needs of Our Students [March 9](#)
- b. **ZOOM**-Teaching about Global Conflict and Peace: Classroom Resources from the U.S. Institute of Peace [March 16](#)
- c. **ZOOM**-iCivics: Meaningful Civic Learning [March 23](#)
- d. **ZOOM**-Assemble! | Teaching Civics in an Election Year [April 6](#)
- e. **ZOOM**-Integrating Native American History [April 13](#)
- f. **ZOOM**-Geography Activities for a Sustainable and Just World [April 20](#)
- g. **ZOOM**-Embedding Character Education Within Unit Content [April 27](#)
- h. **ZOOM**-We've Got You Covered: Best Practices for Holocaust Education in the Virtual World [May 4](#)

D. Phonics First Level I: Foundations ([July 19-23](#))

E. Phonics First Level I: Structures ([July 26-30](#))

F. Summer PD-scheduling now (both on-site and virtual) check [escWorks](#)

G. *Coming this summer virtually:* Dr. William Van Cleave and Dr. Paul Kirschner

E. Updates of Importance:

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- A. **The ADE Summit:** Hot Springs/Virtual: Save the date June 22-24th.
- B. **R.I.S.E. Assessor** training for spring [HERE](#)
- C. **SOR in Cycle 2 & Cycle 6** (warnings are not errors)
 - a. SR01 Awareness
 - b. SR02 Proficiency: Foundation of Reading Test
 - c. SR03 Proficiency: Assessor (field to enter an employee ID linked to assessor)
 - d. SR04 Proficiency: AR Graduate after 2021
 - e. SR05 New Teacher: One Year to obtain Proficiency
- D. **SIS Handbook info:**
 - a. SIS Handbook: [HERE](#)
 - b. Commissioner's memo: [HERE](#)
 - c. SIS Handbook Portal: [HERE](#)
- E. **TESS Modules**
 - a. DESE is on track for 8 modules (1 hour each) to be ready for summer professional development. Final titles should be solidified early in March to plan for summer offerings.
- F. **End of Year Processes for EdReflect**
 - a. The release date from BloomBoard is March, but still awaiting an official schedule. Kelly McLaughlin will provide a training webinar for Organizational Administrators (district level) and Administrators (building). DESE will advertise many times over and record. DESE will also provide optional follow-up webinars for Beginning Administrators in April.
 - b. DESE has been asked about needing summative ratings completed now in order to meet April 1 contract deadlines. A final rating can be calculated manually if needed for an individual teacher.
 - i. Example:
 - Total components = 22
 - Ineffective = 1 point per rating
 - Progressing = 2 points per rating
 - Effective = 3 points per ratings
 - Highly Effective = 4 points per rating
 - Teacher received the following summative component ratings:
Ineffective: 0 Progressing: 6 Effective: 14 Highly Effective 2
 - Teacher Total = 62 points
 - $62/22 = 2.81$ rating

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Statewide Community Resources Portal: <https://adedata.arkansas.gov/scr>

Social Emotional Learning:

- Behavior online courses are free for anyone- <https://arbss.org/courses-2/>

F. The Group Curriculum Meeting Dates: (12:00 start)

All Zoom meetings this school year, however if you'd like to come to NWAESC as a small group we can accommodate you, just let me know:

Register below-

[April 1](#)

[May 6](#)

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Save the Date



The Teaching and Learning Collaborative

March 31, 2021

Instructional Models

Featuring Cameron Rains, Solution Tree

*In the AM, a session for those schools that
have developed an instructional model*

8:30 am to 11:30 am

ESC Works #438769 - Virtual

*In the PM, a session for those schools that
are in the process of developing an
instructional model*

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

ESC Works #439541 - Virtual

April 22-23, 2021

Effective Teaching in All Classrooms

Featuring Maria Nielson

*Focus on district teams building 15-day
units of instruction*

ESC Works #439298 - 4.22.2021- Virtual

ESC Works #439299 - 4.23.2021- Virtual

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

June 9-10, 2021

Spring Teaching and Learning Collaborative

Look for details in an upcoming Commissioner's Memo

This is an in-person workshop

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Content Specialists Updates

Literacy

K-5 Literacy

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

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)
<p>March 3 – SOR Decoding Cancelled</p> <p>April 7 - SOR Encoding</p> <p>May 12 - SOR Morphology</p>

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

K-2 R.I.S.E. Academy	3-6 R.I.S.E. Academy
431204 Day 4: March 17 431207 Day 5: March 31 431209 Day 6: April 14	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.

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

The Critical Reading course in the Canvas Learning Management system is currently under revision but should open back up soon. Face-to-face Critical Reading training will be scheduled for Summer 2021.

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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.

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.

ABC-CLIO Database

Teachers across the state can now use the ABC-CLIO database. There is a wealth of information including primary source documents, by topic and an Academic Success Corner with videos on teaching reading and writing using a variety of strategies as well as videos on the research process. This is a fabulous resource, particularly for social studies and language arts teachers. Teachers and curriculum specialist can access via this link <https://databases.abc-clio.com/Multi/>

The login and password for all Arkansas teachers is:
Login: arkansasteacher Password: arkansasteacher

ABC-CLIO is a Unified search platform for all 12 ABC-CLIO databases including: American Government, American History, Health and Wellness Issues, Pop Culture Universe, the African American Experience, the American Indian Experience, the Latino American Experience, United States Geography, World Geography, World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras, and World History: The Modern Era. To access the **Academic Success Corner**, choose a topic from the database first. *Funding provided by the Arkansas Department of Education.*

Math

High School Math Course Changes

- **NEW COURSE:** The course, Critical Algebra One, is a new course that schools can begin offering in Fall 2021. It is designed to be offered as a co-requisite to Algebra One

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and to offer support for students who may struggle with Algebra One. Please see the documents below for more information:

- [Critical Algebra One Rationale](#)
- [Critical Algebra One Course Standards](#)
- [Critical Algebra One Implementation Guide](#)
- **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:
 - [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](#)
- 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

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- IM Year 1
 - MS/HS - [June 22-24](#)
 - K-5 - [July 20-22](#)
- Algebra 1 Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities (State Zoom)
 - [July 7-8](#)
- Algebra 1 Systems of Equations
 - [July 12](#)
- K-2 Number Sense (Zoom)
 - [July 12-13](#)
- IM K-5 Centers**
 - K-1 - July 26 OR August 2
 - 2-5 - July 27 OR August 3

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/2IMzcaY) (<https://bit.ly/2IMzcaY>)

Science/STEM

- We have a 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>
- 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.
- A number of building and district administrators responded to the Co-op's PD Needs Assessment survey. Many respondents indicated a need for science professional learning related to understanding the science standards, using formative assessments, connecting literacy and science, assistance with ACT Aspire, and identifying essential standards. We

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are sending personal invitations to principals to encourage them to send teachers to summer science PD that will target these needs.

G/T

- **Amazing Shake Competition** (grades 4-5) - Wednesday, March 10th (All Day)
 - Participating Districts: Rogers, Springdale, Prairie Grove, & Gravette
 - 15 elementary schools throughout NW Arkansas
- **ACE Series 5 Games** finish in March
 - Participating Districts: Bentonville, Gravette, Farmington, & Prairie Grove
 - 5 High Schools (grades 9-12)
- **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

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

- 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
- In addition to our prepared agendas for each PLCs, novices have been developing skills in data gathering, writing measurable IEP goals, and clarifying Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance statements.
- Attendees have created classroom resources, developed strategies for Distance Learning that include engaging activities for students, and communication methods.
 - Day 4: March 16, 2021 Zoom PLC [#413349](#)
 - Day 4 PLC Repeat: April 8, 2021 for Face-to-Face at the coop

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- [Our February 2021 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.

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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.

ELPA21 (English Language Proficiency Assessment)

The state testing window for English Learners is January 25 - March 19 (window extended).

Information about the summative assessment is in the [ELPA21 Livebinder](#).

Summer 2021 Professional Development

The ESOL Unit will be providing virtual Professional Development covering a variety of topics. The registration for all of these PD opportunities will be accessible statewide - more info to come on registration.

Topics Covered:

- TransAct
- Preventing the Mid-Lesson Meltdown: Equitable and Meaningful Access to Content
- English Language Development Program Model Implementation with English Language Proficiency Standards
- EL Data Entry
- English Learner Students with Disabilities Guide
- Building Your Digital Toolkit: Digital Tools & Resources for Supporting ELs in Virtual Learning and Beyond!
- English Learner Plan Development: English Language Development and Access to Core Content
- ESOL Program Guide Work

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- *More to come...Stay tuned for registration information!!*

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.

EL Achieve's Spring Symposium

Our grant with DESE is providing registration fees for districts who have partnered with us or who have participated in EL Achieve's Institutes on their own. This year's symposia will be virtual. There are two options, one in April and one in May.

Symposia Goals

- Learn alongside our colleagues by sharing experiences and accomplishments with the E.L. Achieve community
- Deepen learning to improve instruction and build resilient systems of support for English learner students
- Reflect on implementation of Systematic ELD and/or Constructing Meaning to strategically respond to current needs

Target Audience

Participants in a Systematic ELD and/or Constructing Meaning institute, including:

- Central office administrators
- Site principals
- District and site coaches
- Teacher leaders

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

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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.

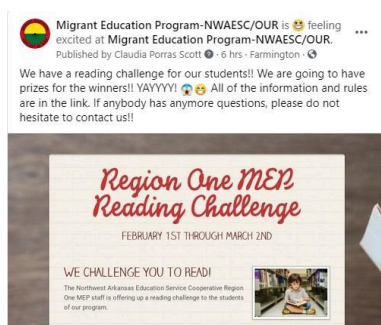
Migrant

- The NWAESC MEP has tentatively scheduled a Migrant Student Advisory Council (MSAC) meeting for March 16th at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. This virtual council meeting will involve information from the personnel at Drury University.
- We are currently making plans for our MEP summer school sessions. We conduct a short summer school through our program to help mitigate the effects of summer loss, possibly help with credit recovery (as needed and allowed), and to help with statistical data which could increase the MEP funding for future years. At the time of this writing, it is unknown if NWAESC Summer School will be conducted in face-to-face sessions or via online sessions. We hope to have that information solidified by next month.
- We are preparing for a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting in the month of March. This committee will help us improve our program. We hope to have a date set soon.
- The state MEP will have a parent meeting on March 9th. This meeting will be conducted over Zoom and will discuss a data system that can help parents when they transition from one school to the next.
- We are sponsoring a Reading Challenge for the MEP students in our region. The challenge ends on March 3rd and prizes will be awarded on that date. There will be more data released at the next update regarding the successes of this Reading Challenge.

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Behavioral Support Specialists (BSS)

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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 [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](#):

- 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](#)

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. 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.

We have continued to add strategies for classroom application to 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:

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- SIMS form
- Virtual Star Chart
- Virtual “You get a pass” Chart
- Virtual Marble Jar
- Square/Box Breathing
- ABCs of Behavior
- Give Effective Demands
- Preference Assessments

Credit with escWorks will be available for a Q&A session held monthly with the entire BSS crew across the state. Please refer to our website for registration and Zoom links.

Computer Science

- John has received clearance to return to visiting schools after Spring Break. Please contact him at either email below.
- All statewide CS Specialists can be found during normal hours on Zoom by visiting here: <http://bit.ly/ARCSCoffee>
- The CSforAR fact sheet is here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j9WF2g_gLkwwHjQIetJ3nRHRQhCqOUJ-YkPuRJVNvI/edit
 - This is a live document and contains the most recent information concerning SB107
- The new standards can be found here: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/ar-comp-sci-initiative/computer-science-standards-and-courses>
- Summer PD can be found here: <http://bit.ly/ARCSPD>
 - Please direct your staff to sign up under the NWAESC links to make sure the cooperative receives credit and can process hours easily.
- 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@ade.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.

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- 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??

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.
- Regional Business Partnership Zoom March 16, 2021 8am-9:30 am Zoom. Register on ESC Works https://www.escweb.net/ar_esc/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=437400
- Currently working with the NW Council on concurrent credit with NWTI and NWACC. Updates soon! Draft MOU is ready for NWACC approval.
- 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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