

The Curriculum Group meeting

2-10-23

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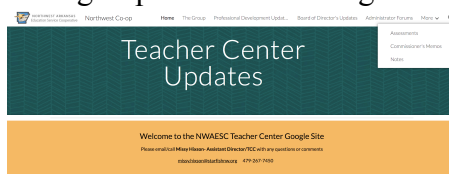
12:00-2:00 pm

Change: Room 14

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"> Welcome & Overview & Introductions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missy
12:05-12:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of NWAESC Guest & Specialists Arkansas's New Assessment System: Cambium July 18 (teams of 5 requested) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 17 Livestream option 494498 July 20 Livestream option 494480 Assessment LiveBinder: HERE Guest Speaker: Farmington R.I.S.E. Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS SlideDeck Folsom SlideDeck HQIM Literacy presentation-HERE and SlideDeck (DESE Slide) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missy Update from Michelle Johnson (<i>will not be here</i>) Dr. Joe McClung NWAESC Literacy/Math Team
	Announcements, Networking, Questions, Topics of Interest or Updates	

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12:45-1:50	<p>Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RISE Award deadline has been extended to February 24. • Computer Science- READ: CODE: CREATE February 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participants with a 6th grade will receive <u>one class set of 25 books</u> if a rep attends the session. ○ Every 6th, 7th, or 8th-grade teacher who attends will receive <u>a copy of the book</u> ○ Every cooperative will receive a classroom set of circuit playground coding tools for loan to local schools through check-out. <p><u>Training Opportunities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February PD overview • March PD overview • Literacy Intervention Workshop: Intervention is NOT Homework for Grades 7-12, June 19, 2023, #493400 • What Makes Learning Visible 30 Years Later with Dr. John Hattie February 16 at UCA in Conway Register HERE • Trauma-informed Classroom at John Brown University February 20 and February 21. Dr. Brenda Morton Curtis Cunningham (CJCunningham@jbu.edu)- registration Registration for Tuesday Lunch • Save the DATE: Unpacking Essential Standards-March 8 • Summer-Phonics First (must have 15 for class to make) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Level I: Foundations June 19-23 ○ Level I Structures June 26-30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missy <p><i>Please share in your districts!</i></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging, Motivating, and Managing Hard to Reach and Disruptive Students (Brian Mendler) July 19 Repeat July 20 Differentiated Instruction with Stetson & Associates July 21 Summer 2023 Math PD offerings HERE Upcoming 2023 Literacy PD offerings HERE Summer 2023 Science/STEM PD offerings HERE <p>NWAESC presents <i>Get Your Teach On x NWA Regional Conference Event</i>--July 28 at Bentonville High School; price increase April 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bentonville district only #492808 (100 seat limit) All others #492807 (300 seat limit) <p>School Start Date for 2023-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1122 now Act 26 signed Start on/after August 14 <p>Arkansas LEARNS graphic</p> <p>Arizona vouchers HERE Florida vouchers HERE Article HERE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 NWAESC PD Needs Survey Results (Teachers) HERE 2023 PD Needs Survey Results (Administrators) HERE 	
	Closure/Adjournment:	
1:50-2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflections Closure 	

Curriculum Dates to register:

March 2- [482001](#) Bentonville Standards Based Grading & Bentonville's 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:

Mar 2: [486079](#)

Apr 6: [486080](#)

Save the Date:

[Arkansas ASCD](#) June 12-13, 2023 in Bentonville; Focus - Safety; [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](#)
- 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](#)

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@starfishwn.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

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K-5 and would like to be added to the literacy council contact list, please contact Meredith Nardone (meredith.nardone@starfishwn.org).

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

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. 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

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@starfishwn.org).

Feb 21 #486420 Dyslexia Special Session: Handwriting Development

March 16 #486422 Dyslexia Special Session: Sound Walls in Practice

K-12 Literacy Newsletter

The [Winter 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	
RISE K-2 Spring Cohort - Dates below updated 2/1 because of weather	
Feb. 27	- Day 1
Feb. 28	- Day 2
March 14	- Day 3
March 15	- Day 4
April 13	- Day 5
April 14	- Day 6

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3-6 R.I.S.E. Academy

RISE 3-6 Spring Cohort

Feb. 10 - [Day 3](#)

Feb. 24 - [Day 4](#)

March 8 - [Day 5](#)

March 31 - [Day 6](#)

Science of Reading Stand Alone Days

February 16 [#490882](#) - Science of Reading Overview ***ZOOM***

March 29 [#490883](#) Science of Reading Decoding Stand-Alone Day ***ZOOM***

April 19 [#490982](#) Science of Reading Morphology Stand-Alone Day ***ZOOM***

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 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.
 - Spring Date TBD

NWA Math Forum

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- 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.
 - [February 10 - Session ID 487110](#)
 - [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)
- Collaborative Common Assessments
- Blended Learning Support

Science/STEM

- Girls in STEM Events: Recently a Commissioner's Memo was published detailing all the opportunities for girls to participate in upcoming STEM events, from coding to summer internships. If you missed that memo, you can read more about it here: <http://bit.ly/3XCVGIQ>
- 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

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- The annual gifted conference (AGATE) will be held in Little Rock, AR, at the Doubletree Hotel Feb. 22-24, 2023. Several NW Arkansas G/T coordinators and facilitators were accepted to present and share findings, curriculum, and other best practices in gifted education. The remaining funds from the WFF grant covered all of the NWA G/T teachers' registration costs to attend!
- The next chess tournament will be held at the Don Tyson School of Innovation (DTSOI) in Springdale on Saturday, Feb. 18th for students in grades 2-12 throughout NW Arkansas.

Early Career Educator Mentoring

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

- February 8: [Second Year Teacher Cohort](#)
- February 15: [Third Year Teacher Cohort](#)
- February 16: [Novice SLP Group](#)
- February 22: [First Year Teacher Cohort](#)
- February 23: [TESS](#)
- March 1: [Conscious Discipline](#)
- March 9: [The Beginning Teacher's Field Guide with Dr. Tina Boogren](#)
- 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)

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@starfishnw.org) or Dustin Seaton (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

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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.

Novice Special Education Mentoring Specialist

- Karen Brown 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 February session focused on reading comprehension strategies for K-12 classrooms.

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

Migrant

MEP Staff Training

NWAESC MEP staff members have participated in training related to human trafficking, child abduction and prevention, dangers of fentanyl, and best practices in recruiting and serving migrant students. We are also participating in ongoing training related to parental engagement.

District Services

The entire NWAESC staff, along with the Arkansas State Police Auxiliary and the Washington County Historical Society, donated over 200 gifts that were then distributed to the students being served through the NWAESC Migrant Education Program. The gifts were given to children during the home-visits that are made during this time of year to distribute winter items, books and school supplies. This is the third year for the donations!

Summer Learning

We are making plans to provide in-home summer learning opportunities to MEP students. Students in districts that are served by NWAESC MEP will be contacted directly. Districts that hold their own grant funds may still receive materials. Those districts will be contacted to determine their desire to participate.

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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 now has the applications online for their Inclusion Film Camp 2023: 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. 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. 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

TL; DR: Free sets of classroom books. See below.

Read, Code, Create is happening soon! This new program featuring the book “My Life as a Coder” has been developed in conjunction with CSforAR, R.I.S.E., STEM and Guide To Life. Training for NWAESC is February 28, and is live on escWorks. **All schools who have a 6th grade are provided a classroom set of 25 books**, and other teachers from that school may receive a personal copy for attending. **NOTE:** A representative who works with the 6th grade must attend to receive your books. Training must be attended for the school to receive their copies.

Details: <https://csforar.info/RCCDetails>

Session: https://www.escweb.net/ar_esc/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=492050

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)

February is CTE Month!

Celebrate your students, your programs, and your school!

Join the Arkansas Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE) at the state capitol to celebrate all things CTE!

Locally, join Farmington High School as they showcase quality CTE programs.



CTE Day at the Capitol
Arkansas State Capitol Rotunda
February 27, 2023
10am - 12pm

Arkansas ACTE
Please join us in celebrating Career and Technical Education month with a showcase event of all Career and Technical Education Programs. Come visit with Career and Technical Student Organization State Officers and CTE Teachers as they share how CTE in Arkansas is cultivating pathways for success.

#CultivateCTE #CTEmonth #WeAreCTE



Cultivate
YOUR CTE PATHWAY

SAVE THE DATE!

**Farmington High School
CTE SHOWCASE**

February 14th, 2023
9:00-11:00 AM

12327 N HWY 170,
FARMINGTON, AR 72730

Join us in celebrating CTE Success in
our community and school!

**FARMINGTON
CARDINALS**

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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

Upcoming Events	CTE Centers of Excellence Tours	Through a Walton Family Foundation grant, NWA school administrators are visiting high-quality CTE programs around the nation.
Equipment	Virtual Reality	Four schools have utilized, others scheduling via CTE Coordinator. Second training TBD if requested or needed.
	GlowForge Laser Cutter Printers	Two proficiency training sessions completed; a master class planned for SU 2223.
Professional Development	February	<i>Counseling, SSPs, and CTE, Oh My!</i> Identifying opportunities in CTE for ALL students. This is for counselors, career coaches, and administrators. February 8, 9:00-12:00 February 8, 12:30-3:30
Novice Teacher Training	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 courses should contact the NWAESC CTE Coordinator to enroll in training.
Industry Tours for Students	\$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
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>

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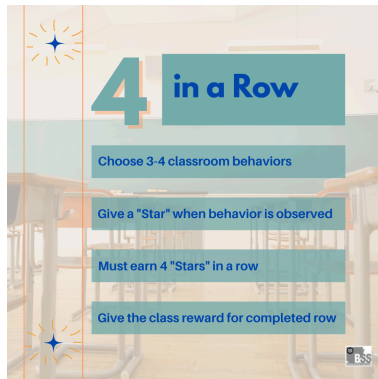
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April 11, 2023	5 Essentials of School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports-Day 1	Private Link
May 30, 2023	5 Essentials of School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports-Day 2	Private Link

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

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



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

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:

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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.

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

- [February 17](#)
- [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

The Next Year Database Setup Training repeat session is being offered on February 9th, 2023. Please register on the escWorks website- [Catalog: Session Detail \(escweb.net\)](#)

Zoom Link-<https://zoom.us/j/94803199711?pwd=c2wxTWVXR25GZnd4MEVuc2pLVmVwUT09>

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

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