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Administrator Quarterly Zoom

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Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82102517367?pwd=UkFxbWhXWXJOQ1U0d21MQ3lsdk00UT09

November 9, 2023

9:00-11:00

Virtual Attendance-HERE

Recording HERE

Meeting #3: #513830 - 1/17/24
Meeting #4: #513831 - 3/13/24

NWAESC Teacher Center Google Site: CLICK HERE *{archived site for various groups/info concerning curriculum/PD/other info}*



Guest Speaker:

- APSCN Field Representative:Chelsea Canion-***Cycle Reporting 101***
  - SIS Handbook | Home (arkansas.gov)
  - http://apscn.org/sis/hdr/SMSRequiredFieldsforCycleReportingPresentation.pdf
- Office for Education Policy Executive Director: Dr. Sarah McKenzie-*Value Added Growth* SlideDeck oep@uark.edu

Topics of Discussion:

- Discussion on interim assessments-Atlas
- AMI updates
  - Attorney General document HERE

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According to an October 26 opinion from Attorney General **Tim Griffin**, under LEARNS, districts may continue to use approved alternative methods of instruction (AMI) on days when weather or other emergencies require closing schools to in-person instruction. However, according to Griffin, those AMI days will "probably not" count "toward the 178 days or 1,068 hours of 'on-site, in-person instruction' required for a school district to be eligible to receive LEARNS funds for teacher salary increases." That means most school districts will likely elect not to use them.

- Novice sessions but open to anyone if seats are available.
    - January 31: #513138, Diving Deeper Into Universal Design for Learning (Novak Education Group)
- Behavior: arbss.org
- PLC work updates
- **Legislative Updates:**
    - **Adoption:** Schools will be required to teach one hour of School Board-developed curricula of adoption awareness to students in grades 6-12 — to include what adoption advocates see as its benefits to society; the reasons it's preferable to abortion; and statistical data on abortion, adoption and childbirth.
    - **Breastfeeding:** Curriculum on breastfeeding is now required for health classes. (**public flyer**)
- New PD rotation schedule HERE
    - **Rotation for all teachers:**
        - 23-24 - Teen Suicide/Mental Health Awareness (2 hours)
        - 24-25 - Anti-Bullying (okay if you did it this year, as long as it was after July 1, 2023)(2 hours)
        - 25-26 - Mandated Reporter (2 hours)
    - **Specific requirements for novices within the first year (see link above for specifics)**
- Community of Practices (CoPS) Grant information (free onsite/virtual coaching available if a team attend any of these)
    - ***NWAESC onsite FREE session as launches to the process:***
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Audience: Administrators; Instructional Facilitators; Lead Teachers

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Missy's Memo
Teacher Center Coordinator Updates
NWAESC Teacher Center Google Site: CLICK HERE
November 2023

NWA Enrollment** (per nwaonline) **HERE

1. Training Opportunities
- November Sessions
- December Sessions
- NOVICE: Marzano's Assessing for Student Learning Continued November 30-December 1

2. Commissioner's Memos of note: Link to all Commissioner's Memos
- *New* COM-24-049 Waiver for Early Math & Science Public Comments
- *New* COM-24-043 Arkansas Recognition Program
- LS-24-018 Act 56 Outstanding GT Program
- COM-24-045 School Safety Assessment and Grant
- COM-24-039 SpEd Cycle 4 Guidance
- CTE-24-001 Be Pro Be Proud's Draft Day
- CTE-24-002 AR Career Coach Grants Application

3. Assessments
- LS-24-002 Final Assessment Calendar for 23-24
- Course codes for EOC eligibility
- COM-24-048 (ACGRS) Graduation Rate Corrections window October 30-November 13;
- Texthelp (Read & Write; Equatio; TextHelp) "ALL in for Accessibility" is a suite of tools

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available for every kid. Please share this information w/teachers & students for use.
  - TTS for Reading: Recorded Condensed Presentation
  - *New*-Texthelp Document
- *Save the Dates:* Summative Testing Training- January 10 at NWAESC and January 11 at GFESC

4. Literacy
- R.I.S.E. K-2 Sessions @NWAESC: HERE
- R.I.S.E. 3-6 Sessions @Guy Fenter: HERE

5. Math
- 2023-2024 Math PD Sessions at NWAESC

6. Science/STEM/Computer Science
- Cambium has released NGSS specification documents for each grade level that is tested in science. These documents assist teachers in helping them understand how standards are being assessed. The documents can be found in this folder.
- We are supporting all teachers teaching science (grades 3-8 and Biology) with making the shift to the new ATLAS assessment. Please reach out to jenny.gammill@starfishnw.org (3-5) or carly.mccoullough@starfishnw.org (6-8/Bio) to get assistance supporting your teachers.

7. GT/AP
- Contact Amanda.allen@starfishnw.org for assistance with GT information

10. Regional Mentoring (Novice Teachers)
Contact: cayce.neal@starfishnw.org or madison.clarkson@starfishnw.org
- 2023-24 Regional Mentoring Program Outline: click to see all of the free opportunities and support available to novice teachers.
- *Licensure support:* On December 9, free tutoring will be provided at the Co-op for the Pearson Foundations of Reading exam, Elm/MS social studies, HS SS, and Spanish. Participants must register on EscWorks and will be eligible for reimbursement upon proof of a passing score.
- Arkansas Teacher Residency Apprenticeship (Grant provided free training): NWAESC currently has 11 participants registered in the program. Journeymen (mentors) training will start in November with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET).

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11. Behavior Support / Counselors / Special Education
Contact: lindsey.lovelady@starfishnw.org 501-289-2916 or kat.lancaster@starfishnw.org 501-289-2857

- Make sure to check out our arbss.org webpage for more resources like:
  - Free online module courses
  - New Behavior Breaks: Increasing Student Engagement
- **TRIS Updates**
  - Flyer
- 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 .

12. Career & Technical Education (CTE)
Contact: starlinda.sanders@starfishnw.org

- The NWAESC is developing a partnership with the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce to offer FANUC certifications for students. This project is not yet complete, but should be available to students for the 2023-24 school year.

13. eSchool/APSCN
Contact chelsea.canion@ade.arkansas.gov

- December 5, 2023- Transcript Training

General Updates:

- *Updated:* **Community Service Sample Plans: HERE**
- **Administrator Virtual quarterly meetings HERE**
- **Special Ed - DESE Inclusive Practices website**

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  - *November 28 ALL In: Inclusive Education*
- *On Hold*-**Literacy Tutoring Grant-**Superintendents will be receiving an email in the future regarding the Literacy Tutoring Grant and your students that qualify for the $500 to use for tutoring. This will ~~open on October 1~~, and schools are to get the letters to parents through October. When you receive the notification, you will access it through the LEARNS website. The digital locker is located in the top right. The letters for the students who qualify will already be created. You will just need to print and send out. **Here is the link: Digital**
  - **Literacy Tutoring Grant Site on DESE**
- *On Hold*-**High-Impact Tutoring** is academic instruction that is supplemental to core instruction and must meet the following criteria:
  - Dosage: 3 or more tutoring sessions each week
  - Small Group: maximum of 1:4 tutor-student ratio
  - Consistency: a consistent set of tutors assigned to students for the year
  - Timing: occurs during the school day (time designated for tutoring in addition to core instruction)

- *Save the Dates:* ***Register HERE***
  - "On To College" with John Baylor "Virtual Sr. Live Events" Nov. 30 (10:00-11:30 am); Dec. 7 (7:00-8:30 pm)
  - "On to College" Junior Road Show coming to NWA on November 29 *(9:00-10:30 @Farmington HS & 1:00-2:30 @Bentonville HS)*
- *Save the Dates:* **Conscious Discipline-**June 10 (beginners) June 111 (deeper dive/tools/resources)-repeating July 22 & July 23.
- **Background Check for Early Childhood under ADE now**
  - Educators working in a school district or ESC licensed by the Office of Early Childhood will NO LONGER be required to obtain two sets of background checks.
  - Make an appointment on T, W, Th: https://www.starfishnw.org/about-us/fingerprinting/

- **U of Strategic Data Partner:** (@NWAESC on Thursday's 11:30-4:00) with Sarah Morris srm041@uark.edu

Community of Pratices Grant (CoPs)=*attend at least 6 sessions/coaching (onsite/virtual)*
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