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## GUY FENTER EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE Teacher Center Coordinator Updates March 2024

### Standards and Assessment:

#### A. Assessments:

- ❖ [COM-24-074](#) ATLAS K-3 Screener Announcement and Pilot Opportunity
- ❖ K-2 Assessments (Cambium-CIA)
  - Voluntary Pilot: May 1-May 17
  - Includes math/literacy; no science
  - Fully aligned with AR standards
  - Includes a beginning-of-year literacy screener, diagnostic testlets, and interim and summative assessments for both literacy and mathematics

#### B. Literacy/Reading:

##### ❖ **K-2 RISE Dates (Summer 2024):**

- June 27 Day 1 [Session# 518877](#)
- June 28 Day 2 [Session# 518882](#)
- July 9 Day 3 [Session# 518884](#)
- July 10 Day 4 [Session# 518888](#)
- July 30 Day 5 [Session# 518891](#)
- July 31 Day 6 [Session# 518894](#)

##### **3-6 RISE Dates (Summer 2024):**

- June 27 Day 1 [Session# 518899](#)
- June 28 Day 2 [Session# 518901](#)
- July 9 Day 3 [Session# 518903](#)
- July 10 Day 4 [Session# 518904](#)
- July 30 Day 5 [Session# 518905](#)
- July 31 Day 6 [Session# 518907](#)

#### C. **Virtual Session with information about the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024**

- ❖ NASA physicist, author, and technologist Dr. Les Johnson will be presenting at the A-State Student Union Auditorium on Friday, April 5 at 10 AM and 1 PM. This is open to all areas and recommended for grades 3rd through 12th. The presentation (including q and a) will last about 45 minutes. This event is presented by the Historic Dyess Colony: Johnny Cash Boyhood Home and live streamed by Cross County EAST. The link to join a session is <https://vimeo.com/922017234>



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## **D. Math:**

- ❖ [2023 AR Math Standards Crosswalk](#)
- ❖ [Secondary Math Standards](#)
- ❖ [Grades K-8, Algebra I, and Geometry](#)

## **E. 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](#).
- ❖ All schools WILL receive glasses for the solar eclipse happening on April 8, 2024. Glasses will be distributed to the schools via the Co-op (March 1-14). More information about the eclipse can be found [here](#).

## **F. GT/AP:**

- ❖ In May 2025, the following 9 AP Exams will go fully digital (paper exams will not be available):
  - AP African American Studies (first year this exam is available to all U.S. schools)
  - AP Computer Science Principles
  - AP English Language and Composition
  - AP English Literature and Composition
  - AP European History
  - AP Psychology (first year this exam is offered in digital format)
  - AP Seminar
  - AP United States History
  - AP World History: Modern

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## **G. Special Education:**

- ❖ [BX3 Cohort 5 -applications \(due March 15\)](#)
- ❖ **Behavior Support / Counselors / Special Education**  
Make sure to check out our [arbss.org](#) webpage for more resources like:
  - Free [online module courses](#)
  - New Behavior Breaks: [Increasing Student Engagement](#)

## **ESSA and Accountability:**

- ❖ **STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION (SFA)**
  - **Onsite Monitoring** - DESE will begin doing onsite monitoring next school year. The goal is to coordinate all onsite visits to include SPED, CNU, etc. Each district and building will be monitored every 5-7 years. In addition to meeting standards, they will also be identifying areas of distinction.
- ❖ Public School Accountability Updates ([Slidedeck from Hope Worsham](#))



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## TESS/LEADS/Mentoring/Licensure:

### H. Novice Teachers:

- ❖ **DESE** requires that the mentoring coordinators work with districts to ensure that all teachers' total years of experience are accurately coded in eFinance. [Please share this document with the appropriate people in your district to ensure that teachers are correctly coded.](#)
- ❖ **Praxis Test/Support:** teachers who need help with passing a Praxis or the Foundations of Reading, please contact Tammy Brewer ([tammy.brewer@wscstarfish.com](mailto:tammy.brewer@wscstarfish.com)) for assistance.
- ❖ ArPEP (non-traditional) Cohort Year 1 applications open: March 1-May 31. Information & Apply [HERE](#)

## Other Information:

- ❖ **Inclusive Practices Trainer:** DESE is hosting a ToT for Inclusive Practices for next school year. Districts may apply for up to 8 people to be trained to support inclusive practices in their schools. Ideal candidates are those with flexibility in their schedule to support, including facilitators, curriculum coordinators, and lead teachers. Trainers will attend 6 days of training (2 in August, 2 in fall 2024, and 2 in spring 2025). Superintendents must apply for spots. Deadline is March 15th. For more information, [click here](#).
- ❖ Novak Education leads the [Effective Practices for Inclusive Education \(EPIE\) for Students with Disabilities Project \(MTSS/UDL\)](#). This project will have two in-person days and monthly webinars. Registration opens in early April.
- ❖ **FAFSA Resources From USDOE** - The US DOE recently released some updates about the FAFSA issues students across the country are experiencing. Here are resources that might be helpful for students/families experiencing issues and educators/staff who are supporting them.
  - [Tips for the 24-25 FAFSA Form](#)
  - [Counselors ToolKit Handout](#)
  - [Families ToolKit Handout](#)
- ❖ **Augmentative and Alternative Communication**
  - ACC Tips and Resources Documents [HERE](#)

## Commissioner's Memos:

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

- [LS-24-037](#) Governor's Scholastic Honors Day (*April 1 deadline*)
- [LS-24-035](#) ELL Fund Distribution for 23-24
- [COM-24-073](#) Behavior Support BX3 Support
- [COM-24-075](#) ESSA & IDEA Affirmation of Consultant with Private Schools Form by May 1, 2024
- [COM-24-074](#) ATLAS K-3 Screener Announcement and Pilot Opportunity



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- [COM-24-067](#) Foreign Exchange Exemption from State Accountability
  - Alert the Office of Public School Accountability via email at [ade.schmail@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:ade.schmail@ade.arkansas.gov) by April 5, 2024

<b><u>2023-24 Principals Mtgs.</u></b>	<b><u>2023-24 Superintendent's Mtgs.</u></b>	<b><u>2023-24 Federal/Curriculum Mtgs.</u></b>
March 27 & 28, 2024 April 24 & 25, 2024	March 14, 2024 April 11, 2024 May 9, 2024	March 27, 2024 April 12, 2024 May 10, 2024

- 2023-2024 School Year: 2 hours Bullying Prevention AND 2 hours of Suicide Awareness.
- 2024-2025 School Year: Anti-Bullying (2 hours)
- 2025-2026 School Year: Mandated Reporter (2 hours)
- [Scheduled Professional Development K-12](#)

**REMINDER:**

- 2024 AAEA Summer Conference - July 29-31
- ADE Summit - July 8-10 in Hot Springs

**LEARNS Rules (pending)**

**RULES GOVERNING EDUCATOR PERFORMANCE:**

[https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Rules\\_Governing\\_Educator\\_Performance.pdf](https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Rules_Governing_Educator_Performance.pdf)

**RULES GOVERNING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS:**

[https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Community\\_Service\\_Draft.pdf](https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Community_Service_Draft.pdf)

**RULES GOVERNING THE RIGHT TO READ ACT:**

[https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Right\\_to\\_Read\\_Markup.pdf](https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Right_to_Read_Markup.pdf)

**RULES GOVERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE:**

[https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Public\\_School\\_Choice\\_-\\_Markup\\_Draft.pdf](https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Public_School_Choice_-_Markup_Draft.pdf)

**RULES GOVERNING PETITIONS FOR STUDENT TRANSFERS:**

[https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Legal\\_Transfers\\_Draft\\_MARKUP.pdf](https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Legal_Transfers_Draft_MARKUP.pdf)

**RULE GOVERNING SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION CONTRACTS:**

[https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/School\\_Transformation\\_Contracts\\_Draft.pdf](https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/School_Transformation_Contracts_Draft.pdf)

**RULES GOVERNING THE ARKANSAS STUDENT PROTECTION ACT:**

[https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Student\\_Protection\\_Act\\_Mark-Up.pdf](https://wehco.media.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/documents/2024/03/06/Student_Protection_Act_Mark-Up.pdf)



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**WE ARE LOOKING  
FOR EDUCATORS  
TO HELP THIS  
SUMMER!**

GFESC will be offering both Literacy and Math Camps this summer! If you are interested in facilitating some of the group work in these sessions, Click [HERE](#)







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## GFESC Literacy Camp Information

### JUNE 12th - 13th

Kindergarten Teachers  
1st Grade Teachers  
2nd Grade Teachers

### JUNE 17th - 18th

3rd Grade Teachers  
4th Grade Teachers  
5th Grade Teachers

### JUNE 19th - 20th

6th Grade Teachers  
7th Grade Teachers  
8th Grade Teachers

### June 24th - 25th

9th Grade Teachers  
10th Grade Teachers  
11th Grade Teachers  
12th Grade Teachers

Teachers will work in Grade Level Teams on:

- New Literacy Standards
- Lesson Internalization
- Unit & Lesson Preparation
- Literacy Curriculum/Program Review

## Save The Dates

(Registration Info Coming Soon)

## GFESC Math Camp Information

### JULY 8th - 9th

Kindergarten Teachers  
1st Grade Teachers  
2nd Grade Teachers

### JULY 10th - 11th

3rd Grade Teachers  
4th Grade Teachers  
5th Grade Teachers

### JULY 15th - 16th

6th Grade Teachers  
7th Grade Teachers  
8th Grade Teachers

### JULY 22nd - 23rd

Algebra I Teachers  
Algebra II Teachers  
Geometry Teachers

Teachers will work in Grade Level Teams on:

- New Math Standards
- Lesson Internalization
- Unit & Lesson Preparation
- Math Curriculum/Program Review

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