



Monthly TCC Updates

AUGUST 2024

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[May 2024](#)

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- **IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR AUGUST:**

- **Cognitive Coaching Opportunities at other Co-ops:**
 - Sept 4-5, 2024 #529638 - GREC - Cognitive Coaching Days 1 & 2
 - Sept 10-11, WDEMESC Day 1 Session# 519644 Day 2 September 11, 2024 Session# 519649
 - Sept 19-20 [NAESC - Cognitive Coaching Day 1 and 2](#) #523968
- **ATLAS K-3 Screener Information (as of 8/5/24).**
 - [K-3_Screener_Parent_One-Pager_160515.pdf](#)
 - [ELA_K-3_Blueprints_160528.pdf](#)
 - [Math_K-2_Blueprints_160537.pdf](#)
- **Leadership and Happiness Symposium for Superintendents** - Dawson ESC is hosting an event from the Cook Center for Human Connection for Arkansas superintendents. The Cook Center for Human Connection is covering the cost of registration. A box lunch will be provided. The event will be held in Building 4 at Dawson ESC in Arkadelphia on January 22, 2025, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Register using this link: [538706](#)

- **[LEARNS](#)**

- [Rules Updates](#) Slideshow—The State Board approved Rules in multiple areas during the summer. You can view [pending rules here](#) to see where rules are in the process and what is still out for public comment.
 - [Right to Read Rules](#)

- **STANDARDS & ASSESSMENT**

- [Final Testing Calendar for 24-25](#)
- **ATLAS**
 - **K-2 and Grade 3 Screener - [latest slides here](#) (8/13/24).** The test will now open August 28th for schools and testing must be completed by September 27th (30 days). Results will not be released to schools until October 14th, because standard setting must take

place based on student data from the beginning of the year. Testlets will also be released for students who flag on the screener.

○ **READING/ELA**

- **RISE dates have not yet been scheduled.** At this time, it doesn't appear there is enough need for us to offer them. If this changes, we will let you know.
- **Stand-alone SoR dates have been scheduled.** Attending all three days + having Awareness (usually IDEAS videos) make Pathway D for teachers needing a Phase I pathway.
 - [Friday, September 27 --- Decoding](#)
 - [Wednesday, October 30 --- Morphology](#)
 - [Wednesday, November 20 --- Content Area Reading](#)
- **Literacy Leadership K-3 Cohort** - Leaders can participate in this series of sessions this year to support K-3 LEARNS requirements and best practices in these grades. For more information, [click here](#).

○ **MATH**

- **[K-2 ATLAS Math](#):** Students in K-2 will take ATLAS Math for the first time this year.
 - **Screener:** There will be a screener in the beginning of the year that will focus on number sense and is meant to check for grade level readiness. The text will be fixed form and will flag students who need further testing in key skills using testlets.
 - A suggested math intervention plan for K-2 is being developed now by DESE. This is not required by law as it is for 3-8, but is recommended.
 - **Interim and Summative:** They will also have a winter interim and a summative test in the spring to determine progress on grade level standards in math. Both the interim and summative will be adaptive, just like the 3-10 ATLAS..
- Arkansas Association of Math Leaders Pre Conference and Arkansas Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference November 14 and 15 @ [Arch Ford Cooperative](#).
- **[3-10 ATLAS Blueprint](#)**
- **[*NEW* Math Fluency Support Document](#)** - Released this summer, this document provides guidance and expectation on fluency requirements in k-8th grade for both fact fluency, computational fluency, and procedural fluency.
- ***SAVE THE DATE*** November 14 and 15 is the AAML Pre Conference and ACTM Conference where math teachers from around the state come together to connect with and learn from each other. Registration will open shortly, so stay tuned!

○ **SCIENCE**

- **Excellence in STEM Education Grants:**
 - Who is eligible to apply?
 - Arkansas public schools teaching 3rd, 4th, 5th, and/or 6th grade students
 - Arkansas public school districts
 - Arkansas's network of university STEM Centers (on behalf of public schools)
 - Awards are up to \$10,000 for STEM equipment and materials to use in your school
 - Up to \$1,500 of award for professional development
 - Applications are due September 20, 2024, by 5:00 PM
 - [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS & TO DOWNLOAD APPLICATIONS](#)

- [SIGN UP FOR AN INFO SESSION ON OUR WEBSITE](#)
- **Lab Safety:** The Arkansas Department of Labor will come out and do a free (non-regulatory) walk through of your science labs to help you prepare for your inspection. [Corey Adaire](#) can help you with recommendations once the walk-through is complete.
 - Contact: [Renea Craig](#)
- OpenSciEd will release their first [Elementary Curriculum](#) unit in August.
- If you need help selecting or implementing HQIM or other curriculum needs, and understanding what to look for please contact us.

○ **GT/AP**

○ **SOCIAL STUDIES**

○ **COMPUTER SCIENCE**

- If you need additional Computer Science teachers certified, we are offering the High School Computer Science Preparation and Certification PD at several co-ops around the state in September. Licensed teachers who attend this training will be eligible to add the 5016 Computer Science Approval Code to their license. The 5016 Approval Code makes teachers eligible to teach any high school computer science course.
- These 30-hour PDs are scheduled on Friday – Saturdays (September 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th) 8:00am – 4:30pm. Teachers will need to attend all 4 days to be eligible to add the 5016 Approval Code. Here is a list of these PDs:

Co-op	Session ID	Registration Link
Arch Ford	535504	https://www.escweb.net/ar_esc/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=535504
Dawson	536686	https://www.escweb.net/ar_esc/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=536686
Northeast	538591	https://www.escweb.net/ar_esc/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=538591
Northwest	536121	https://www.escweb.net/ar_esc/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=536121
Southeast	537175	https://www.escweb.net/ar_esc/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=537175

- If you have any questions, please contact CSforAR@ade.arkansas.gov.

○ **CAREER & TECH**

- [Career Readiness Guidebook](#) (PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO page 11 FOR NEW REQUIREMENT THIS YEAR...TEMPLATE INCLUDED)
- [Early Career Experiences](#) (PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO page 2 FOR NEW REQUIREMENT THIS YEAR)
- [Success-Ready Pathways Guide](#) (Diploma with MERIT AND DISTINCTION EXPLAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT) (See Page 3 for H2 Certifications and program lists)
- If you have a teacher who needs 412 Work Based Learning Endorsement for 418 Career Development Endorsement for the 24-25 school year, please email Angie

Zimmerman @ angie.zimmerman@archford.org for instructions

- **Modernization Grants** (Only H2 programs may apply) OPEN NOW Contact Angie if interested
- **New Program Start Up Grants** (Only H2 programs may apply) OPEN NOW Contact Angie if interested
- **Arch Ford Schools received \$249,289.69 in Modernization Grants**
 - Congratulations to the following grant recipients:
 - Danville HS
 - Greenbrier HS
 - Heber Springs HS
 - Nemo Vista HS
 - Pottsville HS
 - Quitman HS
 - South Side HS
 - Western Yell HS
 - Wonderview HS
- **REQUIRED PERKINS V MEETING SEPT. 3 @ 1:00 @ UACCM**
 - 1 Superintendent, 1 HS Admin, 1 CTE Teacher, 1 Business/Post Secondary Partner Required to attend
 - Click the link <https://bit.ly/24RegionalPerkins> to register.
- [August 2024 Newsletter](#)

- SPECIAL ED - [DESE Inclusive Practices website](#)

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- TECHNOLOGY

- COUNSELORS

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- ESOL

- HEALTH

- [Seizure Training Link](#): This is a recommended link for the seizure training for staff. You could group show with with a sign in sheet or assign. It takes about 60 mins.

- SCHOOL SAFETY

- **ESSA & ACCOUNTABILITY**

- [Assessment Correction Engine \(ACE\)](#): The [Assessment Correction Engine \(ACE\)](#) interface will be available to all districts from August 7 through August 21 at the [ADE Data Center](#). **Districts must use ACE to certify assessment data and may submit documentation to remove eligible students from their denominator for expected to test.** All data, including no corrections needed, **must be certified by the district superintendent no later than 5:00 p.m., August 21, 2024.**

- **TESS/LEADS/LICENSURE/MENTORING**

- [TESS/LEADS](#)

- [LICENSURE](#)

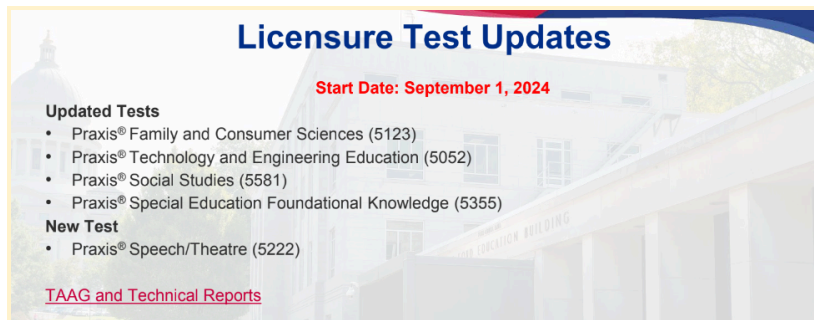
- [Draft Rules for Educator Licensure](#)

- [RECRUITMENT & RETENTION - Teach Arkansas Site](#)

- [Teachers for Hire List for Arch Ford - click here.](#)

- [PRAXIS/TEST SUPPORT](#)

- [New Praxis Tests as of 9/1:](#)



- [Praxis/FORT Support](#): If you have a teacher needing help with passing a test, please contact Jennifer McMahan at jennifer.mcmahan@archford.org. We have free subscriptions for 240 Tutoring, study.com, and support for the Foundations of Reading test!

- [Next Saturday Foundations of Reading session: September 21st. Register here.](#)

- [NOVICE TEACHER MENTORING](#)

- [Arkansas Novice Teacher State Mentoring Manual](#)

- Novice teachers are individuals with less than 3 years of total student-facing teaching experience as determined by the following criteria:

- Assigned to certain 6-digit course codes in eSchool or job codes in eFinance requiring a license or involving a class taught for concurrent credit
- Reported by district in eFinance as having 0, 1, or 2 years of total teaching experience
- The “Years in Total” field does not affect the years of service toward retirement as collected by the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.

- [Lead/Master Teacher Designation Chart](#) - This is a chart created by the South Central

Co-op that lists all the pathways that are currently approved for Lead and Master designation.

- **Late Hire Dates for Year One Teachers**-these dates are for any first year teacher (except for those in the North Little Rock School District and the Conway School District) who was unable to attend the annual Novice Institute that was held on August 1 and 2.
 - Day One: [September 24, 2024](#)
 - Day Two: [October 2, 2024](#)
- **ALL novice teachers** in years 1-3 MUST be assigned a support person by the principal. The district's point of contact will share a spreadsheet for principals to enter this information and to verify their novice teachers. (p.7 in the Arkansas Novice Teacher State Mentoring Manual)
 - [Novice Teacher Support Person Guidelines](#)
- **Novice Teacher PD:** Learning opportunities for all novice teachers in the 2024-2025 school year are found [HERE](#). These days will be held on-site at Arch Ford, and are optional. Principals can use this document to discuss learning options to help novice teachers with PGP goals.
- **Sessions for Support Persons for Novices:** Learning opportunity for educators supporting novice teachers!!!!
 - Nurturing Novices: Empowering Teacher Leaders to Foster Growth in New Educators will be offered two times this fall! See registration and dates below.
 - [September 12, 2024](#)
 - [September 19, 2024](#)

- **PRINCIPALS**

- Two options for Principal Meetings this year:
 - **K-3 Literacy Leadership Cohort** - Principals and Assistant Principals with K-3 in their building are strongly encouraged to attend this cohort instead of the regular principal meetings. This will focus on supporting leaders in implementing LEARNS requirements and effective literacy practices across K-3 for all students.
 - [Day 1: August 27th](#)
 - **Focus areas:** Literacy Block for K-3 (all components, how it fits together, HQIM, supports needed, etc) and Quality Literacy Interventions based on data
 - **4-12 Principal Meetings** - These will be the traditional meetings focused on needs as they arise.
 - [Day 1: September 10th](#)
 - **Focus areas:** TESS Processes and Ratings; LEARNS rules and interventions, Novice update; PM - Angie Zimmerman and CTE info

- **OTHER INFORMATION**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Dates: