

Notice of Rulemaking

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-201 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Board of Education and the Arkansas Department of Education are considering amendments to the following ADE Rules and are releasing them for public comment:

- ADE Rules Governing the Public School Rating System on Annual School Performance Reports and the School Recognition Program;
- ADE Rules Governing Diplomas for Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War;
- ADE Rules Governing Schools of Innovation;
- ADE Rules and Regulations to Implement the Braille and Large Print Textbook Appropriation; and
- ADE Rules Governing Eligibility and Financial Incentives for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidacy and Certification (Second public comment release).

A public hearing regarding these proposed amended rules will be held on March 19, 2018, at 11:00 in Room 201A of the Arch Ford Building, which is located at Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201. Written comments regarding these proposed rules may be mailed to the Office of Legal Services at Four Capitol Mall, Room 301A, Little Rock, AR 72201. Comments also may be emailed to ADE.RulesComments@arkansas.gov. A copy of the proposed rules can be found at the Department's website at: <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/legal/rules/pending>. Copies also may be obtained at Legal Services address above.

Summary of Proposed Amendment to Existing Rule:

The proposed Rule incorporates changes from Act 871 of 2017 concerning Schools of Innovation. Act 871 required only the addition of a single sentence to the Rule, found at section 8.01.11 of the proposed Rule. The change was incorporated to require Schools of Innovation to demonstrate and document research-based implementation of professional learning communities throughout the school that address the needs of the students and professionals.