

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 is considering the promulgation of new rules and proposed revisions to current rules. Public hearings will be held on June 22-23, 2005 in the Auditorium of the Arkansas Department of Education at #4 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201 at the following times: Wednesday, June 22, 2005: 1:00 p.m. Proposed Revisions to Rules Governing Distance Learning; 2:00 p.m. Proposed Revisions to Rules Governing State Reported Dropout and Graduation Rates; 3:00 p.m. Proposed Rules Governing the Closing of Isolated Schools. Thursday, June 23, 2005: 9:00 a.m. Proposed Revisions to Rules Governing Ethical Guidelines & Prohibitions for Educational Administrators, Employees, Board Members and Other Parties; 10:00 a.m. Proposed Revisions to Rules Governing Incentives for Teacher Recruitment and Retention in High Priority Districts with an Average Daily Membership of 1,000 or Fewer; 11:00 a.m. Proposed Revisions to Rules Governing the Distribution of Student Special Needs Funding for School Year 2004-05 and Additional Teacher Pay; 1:00 p.m. Proposed Revisions to Rules Governing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment and Accountability Program & the Academic Distress Program; and 3:00 p.m. Proposed Revisions to Rules Governing Professional Development. Written comments should be mailed to the Arkansas Department of Education, Office of Legal Counsel, #4 Capitol Mall, Room 404-A, Little Rock, AR 72201 by June 29, 2005. Questions or inquiries should be directed to the Office of General Counsel of the Arkansas Department of Education at 501-682-4227. Copies of the proposed revisions may be obtained at the above address or by accessing the Department's website at <http://arkedu.k12.ar.us/>.