

Notice of Rulemaking

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-201 et seq and the Federal Regulations Governing Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Board of Education and the Arkansas Department of Education are considering proposed revisions to the Special Education and Related Services Procedural Requirements and Program Standards and the Special Education Eligibility Criteria and Program Guidelines for Children with Disabilities ages 3-21. The 60 day public comment period will run from February 12, 2008 through April 11, 2008. The 30 day written comment period will run from February 18, 2008 to March 18, 2008. Public hearings will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the following locations: the Fine Arts Building Auditorium, Clarksville High School, 1703 Clark Road, Clarksville, AR 72830, on March 10, 2008; at the Forrest City Civic Center, Ferguson Room, 1335 North Washington, Forrest City, AR 72335, on March 12, 2008; and at the auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Arkansas Department of Education, #4 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR on March 14, 2008.

Written comments should be mailed to Marcia Harding, Associate Director, Special Education Unit, 1401 West Capitol, Suite 450, Little Rock, AR 72201.

During the public review period, the documents may be accessed online at <http://arksped.k12.ar.us> or reviewed at the Ark. Department of Education, Special Education Office, Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.