

~~**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
RULES GOVERNING ACCESS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION ON  
ARKANSAS COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS (ACSIP)  
May 2016**~~

**1.00—Authority**

1.01—~~These Rules are promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-15-2202, and 25-15-201 et seq., and Act 841 of 2015.~~

**2.00—Purpose**

2.01—~~The purpose of these Rules is to execute the following requirements of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2202:~~

2.02.1—~~Improve student achievement and close achievement gaps among student subgroups by providing public access to comprehensive school improvement plans;~~

2.01.2—~~Improve parental involvement and communication with parents;~~

2.01.3—~~Increase transparency and accountability of public schools and public school districts to the public; and~~

2.01.4—~~Make public school and public school district data more accessible to researchers and policymakers.~~

**3.00—Access to Public School Information on Comprehensive School Improvement Plans**

3.01—~~By the twentieth day following the date a public school or public school district is required by law or rule to provide the applicable information listed in this section, a public school district shall post the most recent version of the following information on its website:~~

3.01.1—~~The comprehensive school improvement plan developed under the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program Act, § 6-15-401 et seq. for each public school in the public school district.~~

3.01.1.1—~~A public school that accepts National School Lunch Act funds and national school lunch student state categorical funding under § 6-20-2305 shall report in the public school's comprehensive school improvement plan the following:~~

- 3.01.1.1.1 — ~~A description of how the public school plans to use National School Lunch Act funds and national school lunch student state categorical funds in the current school year; and~~
- 3.01.1.1.2 — ~~A description of how the school used National School Lunch Act funds and national school lunch student state categorical funds in the previous school year;~~
- 3.01.2 — ~~The public school district's annual report card and the annual report card of each public school in the public school district;~~
- 3.01.3 — ~~A parent friendly explanation of:~~
  - 3.01.3.1 — ~~The school improvement status of the public school district;~~
  - 3.01.3.2 — ~~The school improvement status of each public school in the public school district, including the identification of any supplemental educational services available to each public school; and~~
  - 3.01.3.3 — ~~Why the public school district or any of its public schools are under academic distress, school improvement, or fiscal distress and what the district is doing to be removed from academic distress, school improvement, or fiscal distress.~~
- 3.01.4 — ~~The public school district's parental involvement plan and the parental involvement plan of all public schools in the public school district and informational packets required under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1702.~~
  - 3.01.4.1 — ~~Public school districts and schools receiving Title I funds shall also post any policies required by the Elementary and Secondary~~

~~Education Act as most recently authorized  
by Congress.~~

~~3.01.5 ——— Teacher qualifications for all public schools in the public  
school district under the Elementary and Secondary  
Education Act as most recently authorized by Congress.~~

~~3.02 — Not less than annually, the Department of Education (ADE) shall monitor  
compliance with the requirements of this Section as a part of monitoring a  
school for compliance with standards and accreditation or assisting a  
school with its comprehensive school improvement plan.~~

~~3.02.1 Monitoring may be performed electronically.~~

~~3.03 — The Department of Education shall report a failure to comply with this  
Section to the State Board of Education.~~

~~3.04 — Compliance with these Rules is a requirement for accreditation of a public  
school, including an open enrollment charter school, or public school  
district.~~

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY**

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**DIVISION** Public School Accountability

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To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

- SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE**
1. ADE Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act (AESAA)
  2. REPEAL – ADE Rules Governing the Monitoring of Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans
  3. REPEAL – ADE Rules Governing Access to Public School Information on Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans
  4. REPEAL – ADE Rules Governing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment and Accountability Program (ACTAAP) and the Academic Distress Program
  5. REPEAL – ADE Rules Governing the Assessment Scores for Students Attending the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts of the University of Arkansas
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1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact?      Yes       No
2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule?      Yes       No
3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered?      Yes       No

If an agency is proposing a more costly rule, please state the following:

- (a) How the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;
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- (b) The reason for adoption of the more costly rule;
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- (c) Whether the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, please explain; and;
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- (d) Whether the reason is within the scope of the agency’s statutory authority; and if so, please explain.
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4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please state the following:

(a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

**Current Fiscal Year**

**Next Fiscal Year**

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| General Revenue  | _____     |
| Federal Funds    | _____     |
| Cash Funds       | _____     |
| Special Revenue  | _____     |
| Other (Identify) | _____     |
| <br>Total        | <br>_____ |

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|------------------|-----------|
| General Revenue  | _____     |
| Federal Funds    | _____     |
| Cash Funds       | _____     |
| Special Revenue  | _____     |
| Other (Identify) | _____     |
| <br>Total        | <br>_____ |

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

**Current Fiscal Year**

**Next Fiscal Year**

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|------------------|-------|-----------|
| General Revenue  | 0     | _____     |
| Federal Funds    | 0     | _____     |
| Cash Funds       | 0     | _____     |
| Special Revenue  | 0     | _____     |
| Other (Identify) | 0     | _____     |
| <br>Total        | <br>0 | <br>_____ |

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| General Revenue  | 0     | _____     |
| Federal Funds    | 0     | _____     |
| Cash Funds       | 0     | _____     |
| Special Revenue  | 0     | _____     |
| Other (Identify) | 0     | _____     |
| <br>Total        | <br>0 | <br>_____ |

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, entity and business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the entity(ies) subject to the proposed rule and explain how they are affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, and municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

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7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes  No

If YES, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;
- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
  - (a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and
  - (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
  - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
  - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
  - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.