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Arkansas Department of Education
Rules Governing Eligibility of Participating School Districts in the
Traveling Teacher Program
September 2007

1.0—Regulatory Authority

- 1.01—These rules shall be known as the Arkansas Department of Education (the Department) Rules Governing the Eligibility of Participating School Districts in the Traveling Teacher Program (Traveling Teacher Program).
- 1.02—These rules are enacted under the State Board of Education's (State Board) authority pursuant to Ark. Code. Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-402 and Act 1027 of 2007.

2.0—Purpose

- 2.01—The purpose of these rules is to assist school districts in providing appropriately licensed teachers to teach required courses in grades nine through twelve (9-12).

3.0—Definitions

For the purposes of these rules, the following terms shall mean:

- 3.01—"Department" means the Arkansas Department of Education.
- 3.02—"Host School District" is an Arkansas public school district with a student population of eight thousand (8,000) students or fewer and that desires to provide the services of the traveling teacher to a receiving school district.
- 3.03—"Receiving School District" is an Arkansas public school district with a student population of eight thousand (8,000) students or fewer, other than the host district, that desires to have traveling teacher services.
- 3.04—"State Board" means the Arkansas State Board of Education.
- 3.05—"Traveling teacher" is a teacher who is appropriately licensed by the Department and has been designated as a highly qualified teacher in the subject area for which he/she is offering instruction; is employed on a full-time equivalent basis by a host school district, and provides professional teaching services to a receiving school district for one (1) or more required courses.

~~3.06 — “Traveling teacher yearly incentive bonus” is the bonus amount awarded to the traveling teacher in addition to the compensation provided in the teacher’s annual teaching contract with the host school district. The bonus shall be in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for a semester traveling teacher agreement, or four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for a full year traveling teacher agreement.~~

~~4.0 — Selection Process and Requirements~~

~~4.01 — The Department will prioritize the approval of traveling teacher agreements based on the following:~~

~~—— 4.01.1 If the subject area for which traveling teacher services are sought by the receiving school district has been identified as a critical shortage area by the State Board;~~

~~4.01.2 If the subject area for which traveling teacher services are sought is one of the required 38 units pursuant to the Department Rules Governing the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts;~~

~~4.01.3 No traveling teacher agreements will be approved if the distance between the classroom site of the traveling teacher within the host school district and the proposed classroom site within the receiving school district is more than forty five (45) miles; and~~

~~4.01.4 The number of traveling teachers to be approved will be limited to forty five (45) per school year with no more than three (3) traveling teachers coming from host school districts within each education service cooperative. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a traveling teacher from a host school district to teach in a receiving school district which is in a different education service cooperative than the host school district.~~

~~4.02 — A school district which wishes to receive or provide traveling teacher services shall complete the applicable application form attached to these Rules and submit the form to the education service cooperative of which it is a member. The forms are entitled “Application Form — Host School District” and “Application Form — Receiving School District” and are attached to these rules as “Appendix B” and “Appendix C” respectively. Both forms are incorporated as a part of these rules as if the text of the forms were fully set forth herein.~~

~~4.03 — Education service cooperatives shall provide all assistance to potential host and receiving school districts necessary to assist the Department in the efficient operation of this Traveling Teacher Program. The education service cooperative shall complete the information listed on the application forms submitted to it and promptly submit the forms to the Department.~~

~~4.04—The Host and Receiving School Districts will enter into a written agreement on the following issues:~~

~~4.04.1 The hourly rate of reimbursement for the traveling teacher based on teacher's hourly rate of pay;~~

~~4.04.2 The travel reimbursement amount to be paid to the host district;~~

~~4.04.3 The length of the agreement (one school year or one semester);~~

~~———4.04.4 The title and description of the course(s) to be taught at each school;~~

~~———4.04.5 The number of courses to be taught each semester at each school;~~

~~———4.04.6 The time and days of the week each course will be taught;~~

~~———4.04.7 The exact location of the classroom where the course will be taught;~~

~~4.04.8 That the delivery method for each class must be 100% face to face;
and~~

~~4.04.9 The amount of time necessary to safely travel to and from the two
———teaching locations.~~

~~4.05—The form of the “Traveling Teacher Agreement” (Agreement) which must be used is attached to these Rules as “Appendix A” and is incorporated as a part of these Rules as if the text of the Agreement was fully set out herein.~~

~~5.0—Payment of Fees and Bonuses~~

~~5.01—The Receiving School District shall reimburse the Host School District for the following:~~

~~———5.01.1 The pro rata share of the traveling teacher's time teaching in the Receiving School District based on the hourly rate of the traveling teacher's contract with the Host School District.~~

~~5.02—The Department will reimburse the Host School District for the following expenses paid to the traveling teacher only if the Department has reviewed and approved the entire agreement:~~

~~———5.02.1 The amount of the traveling teacher yearly incentive bonus;~~

~~5.02.2 The amount of travel reimbursement not to exceed the mileage rate as set by the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration; and~~

~~———5.02.3 The agreement terms are in compliance with the provisions of this rule and Act 1027 of 2007.~~

~~5.03—The Department shall make such reimbursement payments to host school districts under this Section only after receiving and approving such written documentation necessary to ensure that all prerequisites to such reimbursement have been completed.~~

6.0 — General Policies and Procedures relating to the Traveling Teacher Program

- 6.01 — ~~At all times during the term of this Agreement, the traveling teacher is an employee of the Host School District and is subject only to the personnel policies and contractual obligations of the Host District.~~
- 6.02 — ~~The Department shall have all requisite authority to approve or deny the agreement based on the provisions of the laws, rules, availability of funding, and discretionary determination as to the best use of state resources and funding. This includes the ability to terminate the agreement after its approval should the Department determine there is a lack of availability of funding or that the agreement is not the best use of state resources and funding.~~
- 6.03 — ~~Only under specific circumstances approved by the Department would an agreement be approved allowing the traveling teacher to teach in more than two (2) schools per traveling teacher agreement.~~

7.0 — Funding

- 7.01 — ~~The operation of this program is contingent upon sufficient funding being provided by the General Assembly to the Department to allow for the payment of the funds to local school districts as set forth in these Rules.~~
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~~Traveling Teacher Agreement*~~ ~~For 2007-08 School Year~~

I. ~~Host School District~~ _____

~~Authorized Administrator~~ _____

~~A. Name of Traveling Teacher~~ _____

~~B. License Number of the Traveling Teacher~~ _____

~~C. Licensure Areas:~~

License Number	Title of Licensure Area	Expiration Date

~~D. Name of School Within Host School District Where Teacher Works:~~ _____

II. ~~Receiving School District~~ _____

~~Authorized Administrator~~ _____

~~A. Name of the Receiving School~~ _____

~~B. Title of the Course(s) to be taught at the Receiving School by the Traveling Teacher:~~

~~a.~~ _____

~~b.~~ _____

III. ~~Distance between the two School Campuses described between I.D. and II. A. in miles:~~ _____

IV. ~~Name of Educational Services Cooperative of which Host School District is a member:~~ _____

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~~V. Name of Education Services Cooperative of which Receiving School District is a member. _____~~

~~VI. Terms of the Agreement:~~

~~A. Semester or entire School Year: _____~~

~~B. Full Schedule of the course(s) to be taught at the Receiving School District:~~

~~a. _____~~

~~b. _____~~

~~C. The time and days of the week for teaching each course at the Receiving School District:~~

Course	#1	#2
Time of day taught		
Day of the Week		
Location of the Class		

~~D. The amount of time necessary to safely travel to and from the two teaching locations: _____~~

~~E. The amount of traveling teacher yearly incentive bonus monies to be paid to the traveling teacher (circle one):~~

~~_____ \$2,000.00 or \$4,000.00~~

~~F. The amount of travel reimbursement to be paid to the traveling teacher:~~

~~VII. The Arkansas Department of Education reserves the right to cancel this Traveling Teacher Agreement (Agreement) with thirty (30) days notice to all parties to this Agreement. In the event that the Arkansas Department of Education does cancel this Agreement, it will make pro rata reimbursements to the Host School District as required by the laws and Rules Governing the Traveling Teacher Program.~~

~~VIII. By signing below, I indicate that I understand and agree to abide by the requirements of the Traveling Teacher Program (Program) as set forth in the Arkansas Department of Education's Rules Governing Eligibility of Participating School Districts in the Traveling Teacher Program, a copy of which I have received, and I further understand that my failure to fully comply with the Program Rules could cause the Department to terminate both my individual and my school district's participation in the Program.~~

Signatures Required:

 Printed Name and Position of Host School District Administrator

 Signature of Host School District Administrator _____ Date

 Printed Name and Position of Receiving School District Administrator

 Signature of Receiving School District Administrator _____ Date

 Printed Name of Traveling Teacher

 Signature of Traveling Teacher _____ Date

~~*The Traveling Teacher Agreement must be received by the Arkansas Department of Education prior to August 15, 2007, for consideration for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year.~~

~~Send completed Agreement to: Ms. Beverly A. Williams, Assistant Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education, 4 Capitol Mall, Room 204 B, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.~~

For Use by the Arkansas Department of Education only:	
Approved by:	Date Approved:

~~Application Form—Host School District~~
~~Traveling Teacher Program~~
~~School Year 2007-2008~~

~~I. Host School District Information~~

~~a. Name of District: _____~~

~~Teacher(s) to Participate in Traveling Teacher Program:~~

Name	Licensure Number	Licensure Area(s)
1.		
2.		
3.		

~~b. Classes and Grade Levels for Which the Traveling Teacher is Licensed to Teach and the Teacher's Highly Qualified Status for the Subject Area:~~

Name	Classes To Be Taught	HQT (y/n)	Grades(s)
1			
2.			
3.			

~~c. Length of time Teacher(s) Can Participate in Traveling Teacher Program
(check box for appropriate time period for each teacher):~~

Name	Fall 2007	Spring 2008	Entire 2007-2008 School Year
1.			
2.			
3.			

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d. _____ Amount of traveling teacher bonus to be paid (circle one):

_____ \$2,000.00 _____ one (1) semester or \$4,000.00 _____ entire school year _____

e. _____ Member of which Education Service Cooperative (list name in blank):

f. _____ Has any school district contacted you to provide traveling teacher services?

YES/NO (circle one) If so, please list name of school district and contact information: _____

II. _____ Procedures

By signing below, I represent that I am duly authorized by my school district to submit this Application Form to the Arkansas Department of Education for consideration to participate in the Traveling Teacher Program for the 2007-2008 school year. I also represent, by signing below, that I have read the Arkansas Department of Education's Rules Governing Eligibility of Participating School Districts in the Traveling Teacher Program and understand that my district's failure to fully abide by such rules could cause my district to be excluded from the Traveling Teacher Program.

I acknowledge that I must send this Application Form to the Education Service Cooperative (ESC) of which my district is a member, and that the ESC shall forward the Application Form to the Department of Education. Completion of this Application Form does not create any contract or right of participation in the Traveling Teacher Program. Any and all contracts arising out of this Traveling Teacher Program shall be promulgated and executed by the Department of Education, and any district's participation in the Traveling Teacher Program shall not become effective unless and until such contracts are duly and fully executed.

Printed Name and Position of Authorized Administrator

Signature of Authorized Representative _____ Date

For Education Service Cooperative Use Only

1.) ~~Number of Application Forms Received from Host School Districts:~~

~~_____~~

2.) ~~Number of Traveling Teachers Listed in Application Forms Received under #1.~~

~~_____~~

3.) ~~Have any Member districts submitted requests to be a Receiving School District? Yes _____ No _____~~

~~If "yes," please list:~~

~~_____~~
~~_____~~
~~_____~~

4.) ~~Are any of the teaching needs of Receiving School Districts listed in 3.), above fulfilled by this Application? Yes _____ No _____~~

~~If "yes," explain: _____~~

~~_____~~

5.) ~~Distance between classroom site for teachers listed in this application and potential classroom sites of Receiving School Districts listed in 3.), above:~~

~~_____~~

~~Application Form Reviewed and Forwarded to the Department of Education by:~~

~~_____~~
~~Printed Name and Position of ESC Representative~~

~~_____~~
~~Signature of ESC Representative _____ Date~~

~~Application Form—Receiving School District
Traveling Teacher Program
School Year 2007-2008~~

~~I. Receiving School District Information~~

~~a. Name of District: _____~~

~~b. Needs for Traveling Teacher Services:~~

Course	Fall 2007	Spring 2008	Entire 2007-2008 School Year	Location of Course

~~c. Member of which Education Service Cooperative? (list name in blank)~~

~~d. Amount of traveling teacher bonus to be paid (circle one):~~

~~\$2,000.00 one (1) semester or \$4,000.00 entire school year~~

~~d. Has any school district contacted you to provide traveling teacher services?
YES/NO (circle one) If so, please list name of school district and contact
information: _____~~

~~II. Procedures~~

~~By signing below, I represent that I am duly authorized by my school district to submit
this Application Form to the Arkansas Department of Education for consideration to
participate in the Traveling Teacher Program 2007-2008 school year. I also represent,
by signing below, that I have read the Arkansas Department of Education's Rules
Governing Eligibility or Participating School Districts in the Traveling Teacher Program
and understand that my district's failure to fully abide by such rules could cause my
district to be excluded from the Traveling Teacher Program.~~

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Printed Name and Position of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative _____ Date

~~For Education Service Cooperative Use Only~~

1. ~~Number of Application Forms Received from Receiving Districts:~~

~~_____~~

2. ~~Have any Member districts submitted requests to be a Host School District?~~

~~Yes _____ No _____ If "yes," please list:~~

~~_____

_____~~

3. ~~Are any of the teaching services of Host School Districts listed in 2.), above, fulfilled by this Application? Yes _____ No _____~~

~~If "yes", explain: _____~~

~~_____~~

4. ~~Distance between classroom site for teachers listed in this application and potential classroom sites of Host School Districts listed in 2.), above:~~

~~_____~~

~~_____
_____~~

~~Application Form Reviewed and Forwarded To the Department of Education By:~~

~~_____~~

~~Printed Name and Position of ESC Representative~~

~~_____~~

~~Signature of ESC Representative _____ Date~~

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES WITH
THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

DEPARTMENT _____
BOARD/COMMISSION _____
BOARD/COMMISSION DIRECTOR _____
CONTACT PERSON _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE NO. _____ EMAIL _____
NAME OF PRESENTER(S) AT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING _____
PRESENTER EMAIL(S) _____

INSTRUCTIONS

In order to file a proposed rule for legislative review and approval, please submit this Legislative Questionnaire and Financial Impact Statement, and attach (1) a summary of the rule, describing what the rule does, the rule changes being proposed, and the reason for those changes; (2) both a markup and clean copy of the rule; and (3) all documents required by the Questionnaire.

If the rule is being filed for permanent promulgation, please email these items to the attention of Rebecca Miller-Rice, miller-ricer@blr.arkansas.gov, for submission to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

If the rule is being filed for emergency promulgation, please email these items to the attention of Director Marty Garrity, garritym@blr.arkansas.gov, for submission to the Executive Subcommittee.

Please answer each question completely using layman terms.

1. What is the official title of this rule?

2. What is the subject of the proposed rule? _____
3. Is this rule being filed under the emergency provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Yes No

If yes, please attach the statement required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(c)(1).

If yes, will this emergency rule be promulgated under the permanent provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Yes No

4. Is this rule being filed for permanent promulgation? Yes No

If yes, was this rule previously reviewed and approved under the emergency provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Yes No

If yes, what was the effective date of the emergency rule? _____

On what date does the emergency rule expire? _____

5. Is this rule required to comply with a *federal* statute, rule, or regulation? Yes No

If yes, please provide the federal statute, rule, and/or regulation citation.

6. Is this rule required to comply with a *state* statute or rule? Yes No

If yes, please provide the state statute and/or rule citation.

7. Are two (2) rules being repealed in accord with Executive Order 23-02? Yes No

If yes, please list the rules being repealed.

If no, please explain.

8. Is this a new rule? Yes No

Does this repeal an existing rule? Yes No

If yes, the proposed repeal should be designated by strikethrough. If it is being replaced with a new rule, please attach both the proposed rule to be repealed and the replacement rule.

Is this an amendment to an existing rule? Yes No

If yes, all changes should be indicated by strikethrough and underline. In addition, please be sure to label the markup copy clearly as the markup.

9. What is the state law that grants the agency its rulemaking authority for the proposed rule, outside of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Please provide the specific Arkansas Code citation(s), including subsection(s).

10. Is the proposed rule the result of any recent legislation by the Arkansas General Assembly?
Yes No

If yes, please provide the year of the act(s) and act number(s).

11. What is the reason for this proposed rule? Why is it necessary?

12. Please provide the web address by which the proposed rule can be accessed by the public as provided in Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-108(b)(1).

13. Will a public hearing be held on this proposed rule? Yes No

If yes, please complete the following:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

Please be sure to advise Bureau Staff if this information changes for any reason.

14. On what date does the public comment period expire for the permanent promulgation of the rule? Please provide the specific date. _____

15. What is the proposed effective date for this rule? _____

16. Please attach (1) a copy of the notice required under Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(a)(1) and (2) proof of the publication of that notice.

17. Please attach proof of filing the rule with the Secretary of State, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(1)(A).

18. Please give the names of persons, groups, or organizations that you anticipate will comment on these rules. Please also provide their position (for or against), if known.

19. Is the rule expected to be controversial? Yes No

If yes, please explain.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY.

DEPARTMENT _____
BOARD/COMMISSION _____
PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT _____
TELEPHONE NO. _____ **EMAIL** _____

To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the Financial Impact Statement and email it with the questionnaire, summary, markup and clean copy of the rule, and other documents. Please attach additional pages, if necessary.

TITLE OF THIS RULE _____

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 no, please explain:

(a) how the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

(b) the reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

(c) whether the reason for adoption of the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, how; and

(d) whether the reason for adoption of the more costly rule is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority, and if so, how.

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

General Revenue _____
 Federal Funds _____
 Cash Funds _____
 Special Revenue _____
 Other (Identify) _____

Total _____

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____
 Federal Funds _____
 Cash Funds _____
 Special Revenue _____
 Other (Identify) _____

Total _____

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

Current Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____
 Federal Funds _____
 Cash Funds _____
 Special Revenue _____
 Other (Identify) _____

Total _____

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____
 Federal Funds _____
 Cash Funds _____
 Special Revenue _____
 Other (Identify) _____

Total _____

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

Current Fiscal Year

\$ _____

Next Fiscal Year

\$ _____

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to a state, county, or 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

\$ _____

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.



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education

Jacob Oliva
Secretary

April 18, 2024

Stacy Smith
Deputy
Commissioner

Proposed Rule Repeal – Rule Governing Traveling Teacher Program

**State Board of
Education**

PURPOSE

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education is seeking the Governor’s review of proposed rule repeal regarding the Traveling Teacher Program.

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart
Chair

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Act 1027 of 2007, the Division is charged with promulgating rules regarding the Arkansas Traveling Teacher Program, which is codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-808. The purpose of this rule is to provide guidelines for participating school districts to partake in the Traveling Teacher Program.

Kathy Rollins
Springdale
Vice-Chair

KEY POINTS

- Establishes guidelines for schools to participate in the Traveling Teacher Program.
- Establishes payment guidelines for fees and bonus eligibility.

Adrienne Woods
Rogers

Randy Henderson
Blytheville

DISCUSSION

This rule is being repealed. Act 237 of 2023 repealed the underlying statutory authority for the Traveling Teacher Program.

Lisa Hunter
White Hall

RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education recommends Governor’s Office approval of this rule repeal.

Jeff Wood
Little Rock

Ken Bragg
Sheridan

Leigh Keener
Little Rock

Notice of Rulemaking

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-201 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education is considering new administrative rules. Public comment hearings will be held on the DESE Rule Governing Public School Policies Relating to Overnight Trips and Use of Public School Lavatories on May 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Public comment hearings will be held for the following rules on May 31, 2024 at 10:00am: the DESE Rule Governing Professional Development; the DESE Rule Governing Arkansas Governor's School; the DESE Rule Governing Background Checks; the ADE, Office of Early Childhood Rules Governing Better Beginnings, Arkansas's Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System; the DESE Rule Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators; the DESE Rule Governing Dyslexia Screenings and Interventions; the DESE Rule Governing Educator Licensure; the DESE Rule Governing Emergency Response Equipment and Training in Arkansas Public Schools; the DESE Rule Governing Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program; the DESE Rule Governing the Maternity Leave Cost Sharing Program; the DESE Rule Governing the Requirements and Procedures for Obtaining an Arkansas Birth through Prekindergarten Teaching Credential; and the DESE Rule Governing Water Safety Information Provided by Public Schools. Public comment hearings will be held for the repeal of the following rules on May 31, 2024 at 1:30pm: the DESE Rule Governing the Educator Compensation Reform Program; the DESE Rule Governing Eligibility of Participating School Districts in the Traveling Teacher Program; the DESE Rule Governing Incentives for Teacher Recruitment and Retention in High-Priority Districts; the DESE Rule Governing Reimbursement by School Districts for Election Expenses; the DESE Rule Governing School Board Zones and Rezoning; the DESE Rule Governing School District Duty to Report Student Criminal Acts; the DESE Rule Governing the Succeed Scholarship Program; and DCTE Rule Governing Methods of Administration of Career and Technical Education Programs. All hearings will be held at the Arkansas Department of Education, Arch Ford Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR, 72201. The public comment period for these rules ends on June 10, 2024. Written comments regarding these proposed rules may be mailed to ADE Legal Services, Four Capitol Mall, Room 302A, Little Rock, AR, 72201. Comments also may be emailed to ADE.RulesComments@ade.arkansas.gov. A copy of the proposed rules can be found on the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education's

website at: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/legal/rules/pending>.

Copies also may be obtained by contacting ADE's Office of Legal Services at the above address or via phone at (501) 683-1390.

Re: Notice of Rulemaking

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Wed 5/8/2024 11:42 AM

To: Daniel Shults (ADE) <Daniel.Shults@ade.arkansas.gov>

Cc: LaBria Brown (ADE) <LaBria.Brown@ade.arkansas.gov>; Legal <legal@ade.arkansas.gov>

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Notice will run Fri 5/10, Sat 5/11, and Sun 5/12.

Sunday will be invoiced separate from Fri/Sat.

Thank you.

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Subject: Notice of Rulemaking

Good morning,

Please find the attached Notice of Rulemaking for several Division of Elementary and Secondary Education administrative rules and confirm receipt. Please run for three consecutive days, from Friday, May 10, 2024, through Sunday, May 12, 2024. Please let me know if you have any questions.