
February 2016 Newsletter

Educator Licensure
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Dear Educators,

Greetings from the Educator Licensure Unit. Please encourage your colleagues to update their licensure information at <https://adeaels.arkansas.gov/AelsWeb/Account/TeacherLogin.aspx> to ensure future newsletter delivery. Educators may also view current license information, apply for a Name Change, apply to Add Areas by testing, apply to Add a Degree and apply for a Life-time License at this site.

APPEL NEWS

The APPEL program application window for 2016-17 opened on February 16th and will close on May 27th. If you know someone interested in becoming a teacher and receiving an Arkansas Educators license through a Non-Traditional route, application to the program can be made by clicking here:

<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/office-of-educator-effectiveness/arkansas-professional-pathway-to-educator-licensure-appel>

The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to announce that a computer science teaching license option has been added to the Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure program. To increase the number of **computer science teachers** to support Arkansas's Computer Science initiative, **the ADE will pay tuition for up to 50 qualified, Computer Science candidates who enroll in the APPEL program.** Qualified candidates must enroll by the May 27, 2016 deadline. Funding is subject to availability and will be credited as the candidate completes the entire application process.

http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/HR_and_Educator_Effectiveness/APPEL/APPEL_Computer_Science_Options_Brochure_022316.pdf

ATTENTION: NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

IT IS BONUS TIME!!! To receive your 2016 NBCT state bonus

Please be sure you have done the following:

- **Update your ATLAS profile.** ATLAS sends the employment verification email from the supervisor information you provide in the Employment Verification section of your profile.
https://www.ark.org/ade_atlas/app/login.do
- **Assurance Statements** – you will find these statements on the ATLAS menu, click and respond and submit.
- **W-9 Form** – An address or name changes requires you to submit a new W-9 form. The form is on your ATLAS menu.
- **Direct Deposit Form** – A name, address or bank change will require a new Direct Deposit form and attachments. The form is on your ATLAS menu.

****BONUSES WILL BE PAID IN MARCH AND APRIL AND IN “random” ORDER!**

(Please note that the proposed Rules Governing Eligibility and Financial Incentives For National Board For Professional Teaching Standards Candidacy and Certification Program have been withdrawn, and we are operating under existing rules.)

For more information contact: Barbara.cullpepper@arkansas.gov

Praxis – Test Changes

Subject	Current Version	New Version	Passing Score	Effective Date
Computer Science	5651		159	1/1/2016
American Sign Language PI	0632	0634	170	1/1/2016

The Praxis website is the most up to date source for IHEs and candidates to ensure the correct tests are being used. <http://www.ets.org/praxis/ar/requirements>

Commissioner's Memos

The ADE issues regulatory guidance and informational notifications to school districts in the form of a "Commissioner's Memo." These memos are posted online as soon as they are approved for release. They are posted [here](#). You can also subscribe at this site to receive Commissioner's Memo updates. Recent commissioner memos issued for Licensure include:

<p>Changes to Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements</p> <p>Memo Number: LIC-16-023</p> <p>Memo Date: 02/11/2016</p> <p>Section: Educator Effectiveness & Licensure</p> <p>Type: Administrative</p>
<p>New Educator Licensure Assessment for American Sign Language</p> <p>Memo Number: LIC-16-021</p> <p>Memo Date: 02/08/2016</p> <p>Section: Educator Effectiveness & Licensure</p> <p>Type: Informational</p>
<p>Revised Computer Science Praxis Cut Score</p> <p>Memo Number: LIC-16-022</p> <p>Memo Date: 01/28/2016</p> <p>Section: Educator Effectiveness & Licensure</p> <p>Type: Informational</p>
<p>2016 Spring Educator Career Fair</p> <p>Memo Number: LIC-16-024</p> <p>Memo Date: 02/24/2016</p> <p>Section: Educator Effectiveness & Licensure</p> <p>Type: Informational</p>
<p>Information on the Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL) Program for Academic Year 2016-2017</p> <p>Memo Number: LIC-16-027</p> <p>Memo Date: 02/24/2016</p> <p>Section: Educator Effectiveness & Licensure</p> <p>Type: Informational</p>

Dates and Events to Remember

March 7, 2016, Beginning Administrator Enhancement Seminar at Heifer International, Little Rock; Featured presenter, Justin Baeder of the Principal Center. For more information contact Renee Nelson at renee.nelson@arkansas.gov

ADE Spring Educator Career Fair will be Saturday, April 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Heifer Village, 1 World Avenue in Downtown Little Rock.

This is a FREE event. For more information contact Jeff Dyer at jeff.dyer@arkansas.gov