**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
**Physics, Grades 7-12 (area 135)**
***Additional Licensure Plan***

Name:_____S.S.#:_____

Mailing Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Home phone: (____)_____Work Phone: (____)_____

Email address:_____County:_____School District:_____

School districts seeking to employ educators to teach out of field (not in the field in which the educator is currently licensed) will use the Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) to meet that need. School districts may use the ALP process to address unusual emergency situations when licensed educators are asked to teach in area for which they are not licensed. School districts may not exceed the three-year limit without possible penalty.

**Eligibility Guidelines.** Educators must meet the following conditions:

- ☐ possess a standard Arkansas educator license,
- ☐ seek to add this area of licensure or endorsement, and
- ☐ be assigned to teach in this area rather than the one for which they are currently licensed.

**For information on adding additional licensure areas by testing out or through a program of study and testing, please refer to the Department of Education website at www.arkansased.org and click on Educator Licensure, then Add Licensure Area to License.**

**Required assessments:**
Praxis exam: Physics: Content Knowledge #5265 minimum score 135
NOTE: Test at a Glance (TAAG) study guide booklets are available on line from www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html. **Any educator wishing to take any Praxis assessment is strongly encouraged to obtain these study materials.**

**The following background is strongly recommended before attempting the Praxis testing:**
**Recommended Content Background:**
**Please refer to current competencies for the area.**
**http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/educator-preparation/educator-competencies**

**Recommended Experience Background:**
Physics:

- Central Concepts or Current Theories of Physics
- Principles of Physics
- Crosscutting concepts
- Science and Engineering Practices
- History and Nature of Science
- Safety
- Integration of STEM
- Principles of Engineering Design, Technology, and Applications of Science
- Content Area Literacy

**Employing School District Guidelines:**

- The employing school district will document the need to assign an educator out of field.
- The employing school district superintendent shall submit a waiver request and completed ALP form to the ADE Office of Educator Licensure ***within 30 days of the out-of-field teaching assignment,*** thus documenting the above statement.
- The employing school district understands that an educator working under this ALP shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing the Educator Licensure) each school year that the educator is employed in the out-of- area assignment.
- The employing school district understands that the educator will have no more than three school years from the first date he/she was employed in the out-of-area assignment by any district to meet full licensure requirements for the additional licensure or endorsement being sought. A waiver request must be submitted each school year the educator is employed out of area.

**School District Assurances:**

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Superintendent: _____Date:_____

**Educator ALP Guidelines:**

Educators shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing Educator Licensure) each school year that the educator is employed in the out-of-area assignment. If the educator EITHER leaves the ALP position OR doesn't complete the requirements within three consecutive years, he/she will NOT be eligible for employment again under an ALP for this area of licensure.

Applicant Signature: _____Date:_____ S.S.#:_____

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**

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