



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

UPDATE - DIGITAL LEARNING PROVIDER APPLICATION PROCESS

2015-2016 DIGITAL LEARNING PROVIDER APPLICATION

PROVIDERS NOT YET APPROVED TO OFFER DIGITAL COURSES IN ARKANSAS

- The application will be posted online on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** will be offered to potential applicants.
 - A technical assistance document will be published online when the application is posted.
 - A WEBINAR designed for providers planning to submit applications will be conducted Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2015.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

For additional information about the digital learning provider application process, contact Ernie Huff -

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2015-2016 COURSE APPROVAL PROCESS

FOR INFORMATION ON COURSES WITH CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS – Please click the following link:

<http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/frameworks>

A PROVIDER CURRENTLY APPROVED TO OFFER DIGITAL COURSES IN ARKANSAS must submit a DIGITAL PROVIDER COURSE APPROVAL REQUEST FORM for each additional course that the provider would like to offer in 2015-2016.

NOTES:

- Each time that Arkansas standards are revised, new course approval requests must be submitted.
- During the December 2014 meeting of the State Board of Education, the Board will consider revising standards for fine arts and social studies courses. Approved revisions will be effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

For additional information about the course approval process, contact Thomas Coy -

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DIGITAL LEARNING PROVIDER APPLICATION

Date of Application: _____

Name of Provider: _____

Provider Point of Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____

Website Address (If Applicable): _____

Is the applicant/provider nonsectarian and nondiscriminatory in its programs, employment practices and operations? Yes: _____ No: _____

Explain:

Subject areas for which the applicant/provider intends to offer digital learning courses:

Grade levels for which the applicant/provider intends to offer digital learning courses:

Will the applicant/provider partner with any organization in furnishing digital learning courses to public school students? Yes: _____ No: _____

If so, please provide the following:

Name of Partnering Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____

Website Address (If Applicable): _____

A prospective digital learning provider must demonstrate or partner with an organization that demonstrates successful experience in furnishing digital learning courses to public school students as demonstrated by student growth in each subject area and grade level for which it proposes to provide digital learning courses. Please explain how the applicant/provider meets this requirement. Attach supporting documentation as necessary.

A prospective digital learning provider must meet or exceed the minimum curriculum standards and requirements established by the State Board of Education and ensure instructional and curricular quality through a curriculum and accountability plan that addresses every subject area and grade level for which it agrees to provide digital learning courses. Please explain how the applicant/provider meets this requirement. Attach supporting documentation as necessary.

A prospective digital learning provider must use highly qualified teachers to deliver digital learning courses to public school students. Please explain how the applicant/provider meets this requirement. Attach supporting documentation as necessary.

Digital learning courses shall be capable of being assessed and measured through standardized tests or local assessments. Please explain how the applicant/provider meets this requirement. Attach supporting documentation as necessary.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the foregoing information is true, accurate and complete. I understand that the requirements for being an approved digital learning provider in Arkansas are governed by Act 1280 of 2013 and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Digital Learning Act of 2013. I further understand that failure to comply with the requirements of Act 1280 of 2013 and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Digital Learning Act of 2013 could result in denial of this application or withdrawal of approval status.

Name of Applicant

Date

On Behalf Of:

Submit Completed Application To:

ATTN: Digital Learning Provider Applications
Arkansas Department of Education
Division of Learning Services
Four Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201