



# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## UPDATE 10/28/14 - DIGITAL LEARNING PROVIDER APPLICATION PROCESS

### 2015-2016 DIGITAL LEARNING PROVIDER APPLICATION PROVIDERS NOT YET APPROVED TO OFFER DIGITAL COURSES IN ARKANSAS

Following is a list of applicant resources that can be accessed by clicking on the document titles:

- [School District Guidance for Selecting Digital Providers](#)
- [Federal Definitions for Highly Qualified](#)
- [Recorded Webinar October 21, 2014](#)
- [Webinar PowerPoint with notes](#)
- [Sample Spreadsheet for Course Approvals for New Providers \(New\)](#)

**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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Phone (501) 683-4228

### 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.
- The State Board of Education will consider adopting revised standards for fine arts and social studies during its meeting in January 2015. Since approved revisions will be effective for the 2015-2016 school year, alignment documents for courses submitted for approval in fine arts and social studies will be due after board approval. ADE will notify applicants and approved providers of the deadline for course approval requests after the board takes action.

**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:

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

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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**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.

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Name of Applicant

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Date

On Behalf Of:

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Submit Completed Application To:

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