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2018-2019 School of Innovation

Memo Information

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Unit Learning Services

Regulatory Authority Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2801 et seq.

Response Required NO

Attention Federal Programs; Superintendents; Assistant Superintendent; Principals; Teachers; Curriculum Coordinators; School Counselors; Equity Coordinators (Disability/Race/Gender/National Origin)

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Memo Text

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2801 states that a School of Innovation (SOI) is a school that “transforms teaching and learning,” and defines innovation as “a new or creative alternative to the existing instructional and administrative

practices.” SOI designated schools should be engaged in practices that are intended to improve academic performance and learning for all students.

Schools interested in applying to become a School of Innovation are encouraged to attend a technical assistance application meeting on October 18th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative in Plumerville.

Interested schools should register by October 16, 2018 at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-ieda7Od8U1LscUk09dA394WsfUq4d3KwkLNHsxBA5fJpNA/viewform>.

Approval to become a School of Innovation is determined by the Commissioner of Education and is granted for a four-year period. Schools interested in applying need to complete and submit the attached Intent to Apply Form by October 26, 2018.

Attachments

- [A.C.A. Title 6, Subtitle 2, Ch. 15, Subchapter 28, Note 110900.pdf](#)
- [SOI_2018-2019_Timeline_114724.docx](#)
- [SOI_Intent_to_Apply_Form_115103.docx](#)