

Public Comments and Agency Responses – ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Plans and Family and Community Engagement

Date	Respondent	Comment	ADE Response
April 18, 2018	Lucas Harder, Arkansas School Boards Association	1.01: The title above includes “and family and community engagement” so I would recommend including it here as well for consistency.	Comment considered and this change has been made.
		2.056: Due to the planned repeal of 3.04 through 3.04.4, this definition should be removed since Title I will no longer be mentioned in the rules.	Comment considered and this change has been made.
		3.01.3.1 through 3.01.3.54.1: These should all be under 3.01.2 instead since the previous 3.01.2 was repealed and 3.01.3 was moved to 3.01.2.	Comment considered. The numbers have been corrected.
		3.01.32.3: I would recommend amending this language to read “electronic filing process in an electronic format approved by the Department” rather than listing the specific formats so that in the unlikely event that another format is produced that would work better with the electronic system it would not take an amendment to the rules in order to use the new format.	Comment considered. No change made.
		3.02.2: “Level” is missing from “school-level improvement plan”.	Comment considered. No change made.
May 15, 2018	Jennifer Wells, Arkansas Public School Resource Center	Title: Insert “ <u>2018</u> ” and delete “2017.”	Comment considered. Change made.
		Sec. 1.01: Add language to reflect the changes made in the title section (“and Family and Community Engagement.”).	Comment considered and this change has been made.

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		<p>Sec. 2.03: Parental Involvement incorporates and encompasses references to “Family and Community Engagement <u>and Supports</u>,” as set forth in the Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. Ch. 70.</p>	<p>Comment considered. No change made.</p>
		<p>Sec. 2.03: Why use both “incorporate” and “encompass”? The use of the word “incorporate” should be sufficient.</p>	<p>Comment considered. No change made.</p>
		<p>Secs. 2.04 and 2.05: Open-enrollment public charter schools are included in the definitions of both “Public School” in 2.04 and “Public School District” in 2.05 (as outlined in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2903). It is unworkable for the term to be both. But, because Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2903 defines the term “open-enrollment charter school” by referencing the definition in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-103, and open-enrollment charter school may be defined simply as a public school and not also as a public school district.</p> <p>Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-103: ((10)(A) “Open-enrollment public charter school” means a public school that: (i) Is operating under the terms of a charter granted by the authorizer on the application of an eligible entity; (ii) May draw its students from any public school district in this state; and (iii) Is a local educational agency under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq., as it existed on April 19, 2009.</p> <p><i>See also</i>, the definition of public charter school in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, <u>20 U.S.C. § 7221i</u>, defining the term as a school, and not as a district.</p>	<p>Comment considered. No change made.</p>

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		Secs. 2.04 and 2.05: Why is Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-501 being deleted? There appears to be no change in the statute since 2007.	Comment considered. No change made.
		Sec. 2.06: Cite “20 U.S.C. § 6301.”	Comment considered. No change made. There is no Section 2.06 in the Rule. Unable to determine the intent of the comment or locate the appropriate section by context.
		Sec 3.01.1 Collaboration with parents may be accomplished through a coalition of parents, representatives of agencies, institutions, businesses, and industries.	Comment considered. This change has been made.
		Sec 3.02.1 Collaboration with parents may be accomplished through a coalition of parents, representatives of agencies, institutions, businesses, and industries.	Comment considered. This change has been made.