

Summary of Proposed Changes in Adult Education Policies

The Adult Education Policies and Procedures have been updated to align more effectively with state and federal laws, especially the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and to take into account changes in the federally-approved Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE).

- In the *Service Delivery Area* policy, a statement was added to indicate “If a program is unwilling or unable to provide needed services in its designated service area, the Adult Education Division may assign or approve another program to do so.”
- In the *Enrollment* policies, the required TABE scores have been changed to indicate the NRS Level required due to grade-level equivalent score no longer being available. Also, survey and battery options are no longer available for the TABE test, therefore, they have been removed.
- In *Enrollment Policy: Private, Parochial or Home School Minimum Age*, a requirement of passing the Arkansas Civics Examination was added.
- A *Civics Test Requirement* policy has been added to address Act 478 of 2017 the need for changes in the Local Education Agency administering a program.
- In the *Standardized Testing Policy*, a note was added to include all versions of National Reporting Services (NRS)-approved tests.
- In the *Reporting Student Data* policy, the language was updated to reflect NRS terms adopted under WIOA.
- In the *Salaries for Adult Education Personnel* policy, it is noted that increases in line with those provided for LEA staff outside of adult education are allowed.
- In the *Adult Education Director/Coordinator Qualifications* policy, experience requirements were added and verbiage was updated for the requirement of academic progress toward Adult Education licensure. Additionally, the phrase “paid with adult education funds” was removed, and the time frame for completing Adult Education licensure was changed from four to three years to align with the requirements of the Arkansas Department of Education.
- In the *Full-Time Adult Education Teacher Qualifications* policy, the time frame for completing Adult Education licensure was changed from four to three years to align with the requirements of the Arkansas Department of Education.
- In the *Waivers for Adult Education Teachers without an Educator’s License* policy, the time frame for completing Adult Education licensure was changed from four to three years to align with the requirements of the Arkansas Department of Education.