

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES ONE THROUGH EIGHT (1-8)

The Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Visual Art and Music Instruction for Students in Grades One Through Six (1-6) establish requirements for public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools visual art and music instruction.

These rule amendments incorporate provisions of Act 644 of 2021, which updated language contained in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-130 concerning instructional requirements to include public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools whether or not configured as an elementary school. Removed “Department of Education” and replaced with “Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.” Added grades seven and eight to mirror the law. Changed “art and music” to “visual and performing arts.” Amended definitions to include grades up to Grade 8 and remove outdated terminology.

Post Public Comment

Following public comment, the definition of “Licensed teacher” in 2.04 was clarified.