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District- and School-Level Notifications, Requirements, and Supports

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Rosilee Russell

Superintendent

Institute for the Creative Arts

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Dear Superintendent Russell:

The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), Division of Public School Accountability, is issuing this annual notification to inform Institute for the Creative Arts of its district- and school-level accountability results under Arkansas's Unified Accountability system.

District leaders should review the information below carefully, including all important dates, required actions, and support expectations based on the accountability results included in this letter. AR App serves as the district's strategic plan and outlines the district's goals; however, any district identified for Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, or Level 5 support must also complete a District Plan of Support to address the needs identified in this notification. In addition, all schools must maintain a school improvement plan, and districts are responsible for monitoring and supporting implementation of those plans. ADE encourages all schools to update their school improvement plans using the most recent accountability data, and schools earning a D or F letter grade will receive 1003 funding and will require actions within the District Plan of Support.

1. District-Level Summary

The sections below identify the district-level accountability results that apply to Institute for the Creative Arts. District leaders are encouraged to review each section carefully and complete any required actions listed for the district's current level of support and related accountability results.

District Rating and Required Actions

The district letter grade reflects overall district performance based on Arkansas accountability results. District leaders must review the district rating and current level of support identified in this letter, then complete the actions associated with that level of support, including submission of a District Plan of Support if required. A detailed breakdown of the rating and the business rules used to calculate the grade is [available on the ADE school letter-grade webpage](#).

2026 District Rating	2026 Level of Support	Actions Required
A	Level 1	Level 1 Support - No additional actions required.



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Assessment Participation Notification

Federal and state accountability requirements include assessment participation expectations. Districts and schools are expected to test at least 95 percent of eligible students in both ELA and math.

District Result	District Status	District Requirement
100.0%	Met 95% Participation	No additional action is required for district-level participation. The district should continue current participation practices and communication efforts.

Reading Performance Notification

State law requires districts with 40% or more of students scoring at Level 1 in reading to review reading performance data, identify needs, and include an appropriate literacy goal in the District Plan of Support.

District Reading Result	District Status	District Requirement
5.4%	No district reading notification	No additional district-level action is required through this notification.

2. School-Level Summary

School-level accountability results provide important information about each school's performance and areas where improvement support may be needed. Districts are responsible for supporting school improvement efforts, ensuring school leaders understand their results, and monitoring implementation of required actions. The following table identifies school-level results for every school in Institute for the Creative Arts and outline any required actions based on those results. Subsequent tables explain required actions for each accountability requirement indicated below.

School-Level Accountability Overview

School	Letter Grade	Met Graduation Rate Requirements	Met Subgroup Performance	Met Percent Tested Requirements
Institute for the Creative Arts School (6641703)	A	N/A	Yes	Yes - Met 95%

3. Next Steps for District Leaders

1. Review the notifications and requirements listed in this letter.
2. Refer to the [District and School Differentiated Support Guidebook](#) for guidance on required district and school improvement actions.
3. Ensure school leadership teams understand their status and next steps.



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4. Support Available from ADE

ADE is committed to working alongside Educational Service Cooperatives, districts, and schools to support continuous improvement and improved outcomes for students. For districts in Level 3, Level 4, or Level 5 support, the local Educational Service Cooperative and DESE point of contact will contact district leaders within two weeks to begin work on the District Plan of Support.

Together, we can build on the strengths already present in Arkansas schools and focus support where it is needed most. ADE appreciates the continued commitment of district and school leaders to improving outcomes for every student and looks forward to partnering with you in this important work.

Questions regarding this notification may be directed to the Division of Public School Accountability at Hope.Worsham@ade.arkansas.gov or 507-682-1298.

Sincerely,

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