

Academic Center for Excellence
2021 Renewal Application

Legal comments are below, separated by waiver. For each comment, please provide a response. The attorney will review your comments once you resubmit the legal review. Any legal concerns that are not addressed by your responses must be discussed in front of the Charter Authorizing Panel during your hearing. If you have any questions about the legal review, please contact Whitney James at (501) 683-1876.

General Legal Concerns

1. Do you have ALE students engaged in virtual learning? If so, you will need additional waivers under Section 4 of the DESE Rules Governing Student Special Needs Funding.

Waivers

1. **Adopt a School Calendar** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106

Standard 1-A.4

Legal Comments: None.

2. **Class Size and Teaching Load** (Continue)

Standard 1-A.5

DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load

Legal Comments: None.

3. **Class Size and Teaching Load - Compensation** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-812

Legal Comments: None.

4. **Library Media Services** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-25-101, et seq.

Standards 4-F.1 and 4-F.2

Legal Comments: None.

5. **Balance of Print, Non-Print and Electronic Media** (Continue)

Standard 2-D.1

Legal Comments: None.

6. **Personnel Policies – Committee** (Rescind)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-203

Legal Comments: None.

7. **Personnel Policies – Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act** (Rescind)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-1701, et seq.

Legal Comments: None.

8. **Personnel Policies – Teacher Fair Dismissal Act** (Rescind)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-1501

Legal Comments: None.

9. **Salaries – Teacher - Definition** (Rescind)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-902

Legal Comments: None.

10. **Salaries – Warrants Void Without Valid License and Contract** (Rescind)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-919

Legal Comments: None.

11. **School Counselor Licensure** (Rescind)

Standard 4-E.1

Legal Comments: None.

12. **School Day – Instructional Time & Six-Hour Instructional Day** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102

Standard 1-A.4.2, 1-A.4.3

Legal Comments: If you intend to waive recess for the virtual elementary students, please also cite the appropriate sections of the DESE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity.

13. **Student – Teacher Interaction Days – 178** (Continue)

Standard 1-A.4.1

Legal Comments: None.

14. **Superintendent Licensure** (Rescind)

Standard 4-B.2

Legal Comments: None.

15. **Teacher Licensure & Teacher Licensure Requirements** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-15-1004

6-17-309

6-17-401

6-17-418

6-17-902

6-17-908

6-17-919

Standard 4-D.1

Legal Comments: Please cite Section 7 of the DESE Rules Governing Educator Licensure. Please confirm that you are aware that the school must meet all Arkansas Qualified Teaching Standards and that all special education teachers must have full licensure.