

DESE RULES GOVERNING THE ARKANSAS TUTORING CORPS

Public Comments and Responses of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Commenter Name: Lucas Harder, Arkansas School Boards Association (11/1/21)

Comment (1): Section 3.01 – I would recommend changing this to be “Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (Division)”.

Division Response: Comment considered. **Non-substantive change made.**

Comment (2): Section 3.04 - “Education Renewal Zones (ERZ)s” can be shortened to “ERZs” as the long form and parenthetical abbreviation were set forth in Section 3.03.

Division Response: Comment considered. **Non-substantive change made.**

Comment (3): Section 3.04.1 – “Education Renewal Zones (ERZ)s” can be shortened to “ERZs” as the long form and parenthetical abbreviation were set forth in Section 3.03.

Division Response: Comment considered. **Non-substantive change made.**

Comment (4): Section 3.04.3 - “but are not” has been flipped so that it reads “but not are”.

Division Response: Comment considered. **Non-substantive change made.**

Comment (5): Section 3.04.7.4 - “Education Renewal Zone” could be shorted to “ERZ” as the long form and parenthetical abbreviation were previously set forth in Section 3.03. “Division of Elementary and Secondary Education” could be shortened to just “Division” especially if the long form and parenthetical are set forth at 3.01.

Division Response: Comments considered. **Non-substantive changes made.**

Comment (6): Section 4.02.2 - I would recommend changing this to read “Successful completion of background checks, including: an Arkansas Child Maltreatment Central Registry Background Check and an Arkansas State Police/FBI background check, which must include the taking of fingerprints.”

Division Response: Comment considered. **Non-substantive change made.**

Comment (7): Section 4.02.2.1 - I’d recommend changing this to be “An applicant’s background check must”.

Division Response: Comment considered. The rules refer to “candidates” rather than “applicants.”

Comment (8): Section 4.02.2.2 - I'd recommend changing this to read "No waivers will be granted for a disqualifying offense to applicants for participation in the Arkansas Tutoring Corps program ;"

Division Response: Comment considered. The rules do not intend to state that no waivers will be granted for a disqualifying offense to applicants for participation in the program; rather, the rules clarify that a candidate will not be able to seek a waiver via the program for a disqualifying offense.

Comment (9): Section 4.02.2.3 - I'd recommend changing this to read "Approved tutors are required to notify the Division of subsequent conviction(s) of disqualifying offenses or a true finding(s) and placement on the Child Maltreatment Central Registry."

Division Response: Comment considered. **Non-substantive change made.**

Comment (10): Section 4.04.3 - I'd recommend changing to read "At least 175 documented hours of tutoring at one or more approved, qualified tutoring sites, which include:".

Division Response: Comment considered. **Non-substantive change made.**

Comment (11): Section 4.05.3 - I'd recommend changing this to "Document at least 175 hours of".

Division Response: Comment considered. **Non-substantive change made.**
