



DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY
& SECONDARY EDUCATION



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AMENDMENT REQUEST

MAY 19, 2023

ABOUT US

ARVA is celebrating its 20th year of virtual education in Arkansas. Current enrollment is 4,117 in grades K-12 with students in each of Arkansas' seventy-five counties.

ARVA is currently working with the Department of Education to improve literacy. The plan currently in place utilizes evidence based curricula and practices and the SY23-34 plan includes increased reading instruction time for further expected gains.

Students at ARVA can take advantage of career and technical education opportunities in 20 pathways within 5 industry areas. Additionally, students can complete dual enrollment, obtain their Associate's Degree, participate in internships and earn credit through work based learning.



RECISSION OF ARK. CODE ANN. SECTION 6-17-2403, CONCERNING THE TEACHER COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

- Draft salary schedule is awaiting final board input and vote, but will prioritize experience at ARVA.
- Salaries have been raised over 16.5% in the last three years and will continue to include a teacher performance annual bonus ranging from a minimum of \$1,200 to \$3,500.



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2023-24

ARVA Years of Service	Salary
1	\$50,000
2	\$50,000
3	\$50,000
4	\$50,000
5	\$50,000
6	\$52,000
7	\$52,000
8	\$52,000
9	\$52,000
10	\$52,000
11	\$54,000
12	\$54,000
13	\$54,000
14	\$54,000
15	\$54,000
16	\$56,000
17	\$56,000
18	\$56,000
19	\$56,000
20	\$56,000
20+	\$56,000

REQUEST TO MODIFY ARVA'S INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL TO INCLUDE FACE TO FACE INSTRUCTION

- Form proof of concept for an innovative and growing model that meets the following goals:
 - meets the expressed request of engaged parents
 - innovates toward improved academic outcomes
 - creatively sources and empowers high quality teachers
 - capitalizes on resources, career and technical education opportunities, and community and industry partnerships

BLENDDED LEARNING

- The mix of quality online and face-to-face instruction allows students to benefit from both self-paced and guided learning, as well as from expert teachers in all subjects.

RESOURCE OPTIMIZATION

- Small, local learning centers, or "community pods" provide a physical space for learners but take advantage of a large range of quality resources to meet educational needs

INDIVIDUALIZED PATHWAYS

- Personalized pathways designed for each student based on their unique goals, interests, learning styles, and academic needs

DIVERSE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Partnerships with local businesses, non-profits, and parent engagement groups provide expertise and mentorship opportunities

GROWTH AND EMPOWERMENT

- The ultimate goal of the model is to empower students and teachers for success, lifelong learning and improved academic outcomes



ARVA Bridge



SCHOOL YEAR 23-24

- Sparkman, AR --existing students with potential interest expressed
- Currently 30 students enrolled/applied in grades K-12
- Up to 4 days of in person instruction, with Math and Literacy as a priority
- Parent/Community hosted location with parent/community provided transportation and lunch
- Team teacher approach, with in-person and online instructional model
- K-3 classroom, 4-6 classroom, and 7-12 classroom with rolling schedules for in-person and virtual instruction

WHY NOW?

- ARVA is opening a new facility on August 1, 2023 that can serve as a hub for blended opportunities and career resources
- ARVA is fine tuning instructional inputs and outcomes to better improve their academic results
- Enrollment boom from COVID has settled and weighted achievement has begun to climb back in a positive direction
- Reading proficiencies are showing gains for in year progress monitoring

WHY HERE?

- Sparkman has a highly engaged and involved community
- The community just received possession of the school building
- Sparkman serves as an excellent beginning opportunity, as its rural nature and more limited resources will test the full limits of the model
- Community and industry partners are engaged with the planning and future impact of the program

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR TIME
QUESTIONS?**

