

Annual Report of Activities 2023 - 2024

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Note from the Director

The Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative staff has prepared our Annual Report for the 2023-2024 year. We take great pride in the services we provide for our 26 districts. The report is a review for participating school district personnel, school board members, area legislators, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education personnel, and the Governor's office.

Our staff has attempted to capture a picture of the many services and activities that it provides to member districts through multiple program areas. The Arch Ford ESC region includes twenty-six districts in eight counties, including over 40,000 students and over 3000 teachers and administrators.

Arch Ford, like all Education Service Cooperatives, has grown to a place where member districts rely completely on certain services provided by the ESC. There are many times that personnel from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and other state-level education-related organizations look to Arch Ford and other co-ops for assistance with initiatives. This provides evidence of the commitment made to enhancing the quality of student-focused programs through collegial efforts, cost-saving measures, and partnerships with member districts. Co-ops bring statewide efforts to the regional level, resulting in cost and time savings for both the state and the local districts.

Gregg Grant, Director

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

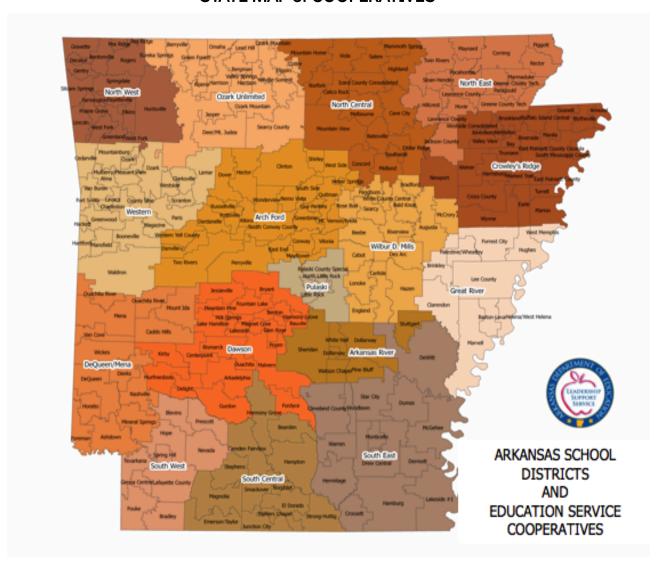
MISSION STATEMENT

Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative is committed to and strives toward academic excellence for all students by enhancing effective teaching, developing leadership, offering technical assistance, providing extensive support, and promoting state and regional initiatives to all 26 school districts.

GOAL STATEMENTS

- To ensure that all teachers in the Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative are provided opportunities for professional growth in "Best Practices" of Teaching to expand their skill base.
- To provide administrative training opportunities for instructional leadership for current and prospective administrators.
- To offer technical assistance to teachers and administrators in areas of concern.
 They include technology, curriculum, fiscal management, behavior, safety, special education, federal programs, and crisis management.
- To partner with member schools in compliance with Act 999 to implement the accountability process.
- To support and assist our district schools in state and regional initiatives.

STATE MAP of COOPERATIVES



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Arch Ford ESC Organizational Chart

HR Business Director Coordinator Office Print Accounts Shop Payable Early Childhood AR Computer Science Specialist Virtual CTE Facilities Purchasing Plant Coordinator Arkansas Consultation Operations Special Ed. AR Transition K-12 Behavior Non-Special Ed. Supervisor Traditional ALE/HUB Specialist Support Specialist SPED. Teacher Center ministrative Assistant Coordinator Professional Gifted & Tech Math Novice Teacher Development Talented

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Officers of the Board

Name Position School Dis		School District
Gregg Grant Director Arch Ford Education (Arch Ford Education Co-op
Shawn Halbrook President South Conway C		South Conway County
Dr. Andy Chisum Secretary Mayflower		Mayflower

Members of the Board

Name	Position	School District
Jeff Collum	Board member	Conway
Dr. Jamie Stacks	Board member	Wonderview
Phillip Young	Board member	Dardanelle
Mandi Edwards	Board Member	Perryville
Dr. Brandi Wallace	Board member	West Side Greers Ferry
Dr. Ginni McDonald	Board member	Russellville
Larry Dugger	Board member	Pottsville
Scott Spainhour	Board member	Greenbrier
Dennis Truxler	Board member	Quitman
Dr. Harry Alvis	Board member	Two Rivers
Kim Foster	Board member	Danville
Scott Jennings	Board member	Heber Springs
Dr. Joe Fisher	Board member	Guy-Perkins
Greg Bradford	Board member	South Side Bee Branch
Dr. Doug Adams	Board member	Vilonia
Josh Daniels	Board member	Dover
Taunya Parsons	Board member	Western Yell County
Zeb Prothro	Board member	Mt. Vernon-Enola
Jay Chalk	Board member	Clinton
Dr. Lori Edgin	Board member	Atkins
Heidi Wilson	Board member	East End
Dr. Mark Taylor	Board member	Hector
Logan Williams	Board member	Nemo Vista
Aaron Wiggins	Board member	Shirley

Teacher Center Committee

Each participating school district in the Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative will have one representative on the Teacher Center Committee as required by law with a balance of elementary, middle school or junior high, and high school personnel and assure that at least one-half, but not more than two-thirds, of the members are classroom teachers. Each Committee member shall be elected for a term of three years.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ROLE ASSIGNMENT	COMMITTEE MEMBER	TERM ENDS
DANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Administrator	Brittany Blankenship	2026
MT. VERNON/ENOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Administrator	Jennifer Raby	2026
NEMO VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT	HS Teacher	Cindy Cunningham	2026
QUITMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT	Administrator	Halisha Stacy	2026
SHIRLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	Administrator	Ann Clark	2026
AR SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND	Teacher Supervisor	Lori Cole	2026
SO. CONWAY CO. SCHOOL DISTRICT	MS/JH Teacher	Jennifer Koch	2026
HECTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	Administrator	Ryan Riley	2026
PERRYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Administrator	Kevin Campbell	2026
GUY-PERKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	Elementary Teacher	Amber Williams	2024
RUSSELLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Administrator	Andrea Schwartz	2024
SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Elementary Teacher	Stephanie Driver	2024
ATKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	MS/JH Teacher	Ms. Tyler Akers	2024
WESTERN YELL CO. SCHOOL DIST.	Administrator	Julie Lane	2024
POTTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Administrator	Shanna Bly	2024
MAYFLOWER SCHOOL DISTRICT	MS/JH Teacher	Stephanie Long	2024
VILONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	High School Teacher	Cara Cromwell	2024
NORTH LITTLE ROCK	MS/JH Teacher	Dewayne Noble	2024
EAST END SCHOOL DISTRICT	Administrator	Jeff Gifford	2025
HEBER SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	Elementary Teacher	Lisa Capps	2025
CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	Administrator	Tim Smith	2025
CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	High School Teacher	Lindsay Bradshaw	2025
TWO RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT	High School Teacher	Jennifer Garrison	2025
WONDERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	Elementary Teacher	Laura Reynolds	2025
DARDANELLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Elementary Teacher	Tiffany Alexander	2025
GREENBRIER SCHOOL DISTRICT	Elementary Teacher	Jennifer Lawrence	2025

WEST SIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT	MS/JH Teacher	Robin Carlton	2025
DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT	High School Teacher	Claire DeYoung	2025

2023-2024 Teacher Center Committee Meetings:

- November 3, 2023
 January 29, 2024
 March 13, 2024

Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative (ESC) Annual Report

DATE: May 23, 2024 LEA #: 15-20 ESC #: 1

ESC Name:	Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative
Address:	101 Bulldog Drive Plumerville, AR 72127
Phone Number:	501-354-2269
Director.	Gregg Grant
Teacher Center Coordinator:	Dr. Julie Workman
Names of Counties Served:	Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Perry, Pope, Van Buren, Yell
Number of Districts Served:	26
Number of Students:	41,902
Number of Teachers:	3,349

I. GOVERNANCE:

A.

How is the co-op governed?

_x_Board of Directors or **__**Executive Committee

How many members on the Board? 26

Executive Committee? 0

How many times did the Board meet? 10

Executive Committee? 0

When is the regular meeting? **4**TH **Thursday of the month**

Date of current year's annual meeting: September 28, 2023

B.

Does the co-op have a Teacher Center Committee? Yes

If yes, then:

How many are on the Teacher Center Committee? 28

How many members are teachers? 18

How many times did the Teacher Center Committee meet? 3

When is the regular meeting? November, January, March

C.

When was the most recent survey/needs assessment conducted? Dec 2023

D.

Have written policies been filed with the Arkansas Department of Education? Yes

II. STAFFING:

Please list (or attach a list of) all staff members of the co-op (including those housed at the co-op and paid through other sources), their titles and the salary funding sources for the positions. Place an asterisk (*) beside those who are housed at the co-op only and whose salary does not flow through the co-op's budget.

		ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE 2023-2024 EMPLOYEES			
First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Hire Date	Funding Source	New Hire
		S=State, F=Federal, M=Medicaid, P=Private Funding, B=Base Funds, D=District			
Steven	Adair	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	S	
Corey	Adaire	Content Specialist, Science	07/01/2019	S	
Erica	Adkins	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D	
Rebecca	Anderson	VA Administrative Assistant	10/15/2012	S	
Jenifer	Andrews	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2019	D	
John	Ashworth	VA Superintendent	06/30/2015	S	
Stephanie	Atkinson	Arch Ford Business Manager	02/02/1998	В	
Shana	Bailey	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F	
Diana	Barr	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/09/2021	D	
Robin	Baxter	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	01/23/2020	S	
Anita	Belew	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2020	D	
Mika	Bennett	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2018	D	

Brandie	Benton	VA Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction	07/01/2021	S	
Shawna	Berry	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/09/2021	D	
Jennifer	Bibel	ADE Transition Admin Asst.	07/01/2022	F	
Ivan	Bibiano	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/23/2021	D	
Leann	Biehslich	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D	X
Amy	Blanton	VA Proctor	08/10/2022	D	
Joanna	Blocker	EC Behavior Specialist	08/11/2008	D	
Tonya	Bloodworth	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/10/2015	S	
Bonnie	Boaz	ADE Transition Coordinator	07/01/2022	F	
Thomas	Bohler	VA Core Campus Principal	08/08/2016	S	
Jumaane	Boyland	DT Facilitator	02/05/2024	D	X
Kourtney	Bradley	Janitorial	08/05/2013	D	
Heather	Branum-Kindy	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/10/2015	D	
Jennifer	Brewer	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F	
Sarah	Briggler	EC Speech Pathologist	08/04/2023	D	X
Melanie	Brindley	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/17/2015	D	
Chaille	Brown	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D	
Magen	Brown	VA Proctor	08/05/2022	D	
Stephany	Brown	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2016	D	
Peter	Burgin	AE Behavioral Intervention	10/06/2022	D	
Marcus	Butler	DT Facilitator	08/08/2022	D	

Jeremiah	Byrd	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Samantha	Carpenter	VA Core Campus Assistant Principal	08/07/2013	S	
Jessica	Carter	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2018	D	
Jessica	Chapman	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D	X
Sharon	Chuculate	AAEA Financial Services Coordinator	07/01/2022	Р	
Candace	Churchwell	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/12/2020	D	
Anna	Clark	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2020	D	
Sandra	Cole	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2018	D	
Marion	Coleman	VA Design And Development	06/04/2021	D	
Haley	Copeland	EC Speech Pathologist	08/07/2017	D	
Susan	Corning	Sped Admin Asst	11/27/2006	D	
John	Coussons	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D	X
Debra	Сох	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Sandra	Crawley	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F	
Rebecca	Daniel	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/21/2023	D	X
Cody	Davenport	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	01/23/2023	D	X
Alan	Davis	VA Lead Technology Support Specialist	07/25/2022	D	
Daniel	Davis	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	07/01/2013	D	
Kelly	Davis	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	10/01/2022	F	
Lindsay	Davis	HR Coordinator	01/09/2012	В	
Shelly	Davis	Business Office Assistant	07/01/2016	В	

Joshua	Depner	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/27/2021	D	
Angela	Drennan	VA Special Populations Coordinator	07/01/2022	S	
Ashlee	Duryea	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D	X
Mary	Earnhart	Print Shop Manager	02/01/2005	D	
Gianella	Edelen	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/10/2015	D	
Micah	Edwards	CTE Instructional Facilitator	07/01/2023	F	X
Timothy	Eubanks	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	09/22/2020	D	
Jonah	Farris	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Leon	Fields	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D	X
Dianna	Flippo	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Mary	Foster	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D	
Keri	Francis	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2021	D	
Heidi	Freeman	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2014	D	
Melissa	Freeman	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/1996	D	
Amanda	Fulmer	VA Student Success Counselor	07/18/2022	S	
Jim	Furniss	ADE Computer Science Specialist	12/30/2016	S	
Sarah	Galvez	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2022	D	
Jacquelyn	Gardner	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2018	D	
Tyrene	Gardner	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D	
Matthew	Garrett	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	01/03/2023	D	X
Diana	Garrison	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	

Sarah	Garrison	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	07/01/2013	D	
Tracey	Garrison	Content Specialist, Math	07/01/2020	S	
Melissa	Gasaway	Content Specialist, Literacy	07/01/2022	S	
Erin	Gibson	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D	
Tammy	Glass	ADE Computer Science Specialist	07/01/2020	S	
Denise	Gonia	VA Content & Customer Service Specialist	07/07/2005	S	
Gregory	Grant	Arch Ford Director	07/01/2021	В	
Lisa	Grant	VA Proctor	08/08/2022	D	
Cecilia	Gray	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2020	D	
Christina	Gray	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	09/04/2018	D	
Beverly	Green	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/15/2022	D	
Cynthia	Green	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	07/01/2013	D	
Robert	Greeson	Certified Admin. Campus Supervisor	08/01/2022	D	
Kristen	Griffin	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D	X
Tina	Hailey	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/12/2020	D	
Janice	Hamilton	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	10/04/2021	D	
Bobbi	Haralson	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	03/07/2014	D	
Elizabeth	Harness	EC Asst. Director	05/31/1995	D	
Faith	Harness	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2020	D	
Brooke	Harris	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/09/2021	D	
Leslie	Harris	EC Speech Pathologist	08/17/2020	D	

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Jeff	Hart	Regional Program Director	08/12/2013	D	
John	Hart	ADE Computer Science Specialist	07/01/2020	S	
Sonia	Hartsfield	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F	
Micheal	Harvey	Custodian	09/03/2019	В	
Catherine	Heard	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/31/2020	D	
Bethany	Hill	Mentoring Program Specialist (Novice)	07/01/2021	S	
Donna	Hill	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Cassie	Hofford	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D	X
Jeremy	Hogue	ADE Transition Consultant	08/01/2023	F	X
Camille	Holt	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/28/2020	D	
Rachel	Holt	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2018	D	
Tyrell	Hood	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/09/2021	D	
Amanda	Howell	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/01/2017	D	
Justin	Howell	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/01/2017	D	
Cassandra	Jaqua	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2019	D	
Tracy	Jeane	EC Speech Pathologist	08/10/2015	D	
Carolyn	Jester-McClure	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	09/11/2023	D	X
Scottie	Johnson	Warehouse Office Support Specialist	02/01/2013	D	
Christopher	Jones	VA Adjunct	09/16/2020	D	
Ira	Jones	Classified Campus Supervisor	08/15/2016	D	
Cheyenne	Jordan	LEA Supervisor	07/01/2022	D	

Tara	Joslin	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	07/01/2013	D	
Angelea	Joyner	Behavioral Interventionist	08/01/2017	D	
Jennifer	Keenan	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/27/2020	D	
Claudia	Kemp	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/14/2023	D	X
Audrey	Kengla	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F	
Danny	Ketcherside	AE Dean of Students	07/01/2022	D	
Ashley	Kincannon	ADE Computer Science Specialist	07/01/2022	S	
Amanda	Kirby	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F	
Amy	Kirkpatrick	VA Director of Technology	08/07/2013	S	
Fallon	Koontz	Office Support Specialist	06/01/2017	В	
Tim	Kriesel	DT Behavioral Interventionist	08/22/2019	D	
Brandon	Labat	Classified Campus Supervisor	08/06/2018	D	
Ashleigh	Lamb	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2016	D	
Kathleen	Lancaster	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F	
Jessica	Lane	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	01/16/2024	D	X
Mike	Lar	VA Associate Director	07/01/2013	S	
Matthew	Law	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D	
Susan	Lee-Ward	LEA Supervisor	07/01/2002	D	
Brandi	Lewis	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/15/2022	D	
Mindy	Looney	VA Director of Operations	08/03/2017	S	
Adrian	Love	DT Asst. to Special Program Supervisor	08/13/2018	D	

Lindsey	Lovelady	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F	
Sean	Lutz	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D	
Stephanie	Lynn	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Warren	Maddox	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2021	D	
Mindy	Mann	Content Specialist, Literacy	07/01/2023	S	X
Angela	Mannis	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	01/12/2024	D	X
Rafeal	Marlow	AE Director	06/30/2014	D	
Jason	Martin	Certified Admin. Campus Supervisor	07/29/2019	D	
Sarai	Martin	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D	X
Keisha	Mattox	AAEA Communications/Tech	03/29/2021	Р	
Heather	McDaniel	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2020	D	
Paula	McDougald	VA Lead Course Design & Development Specialist	08/10/2015	S	
Christine	McInerney	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Tera	McInnis	VA Technology Support Specialist	08/05/2022	D	
Neil	McKnight	Sped School Psyc Spec	07/01/2023	D	X
Caylin	McMoran	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2019	D	
Candice	McPherson	VA Director of Design & Development	08/08/2016	S	
Allison	Mears	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F	
Ludivine	Miles	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2020	D	
Jennifer	Miller	DT Special Program Supervisor	08/13/2018	D	
Patricia	Miller	Warehouse Manager	10/24/2000	D	

Whitney	Milliken	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Rebecca	Mills	VA Curriculum & Instruction Specialist/AP Coordinator	07/01/2004	S	
Jennifer	Mobley	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D	
Alex	Moeller	ADE Computer Science Specialist	07/01/2020	S	
Tonika	Mooney Wade	DT Behavioral Interventionist	08/02/2021	D	
Cory	Mounts	VA OCFU Principal	07/01/2022	S	
Kathleen	Mowery	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2021	D	
Adam	Musto	ADE State Director of CS Education	07/01/2022	S	
Craig	Myers	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	09/11/2017	D	
Linda	Myers	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/09/2021	D	
Vandy	Nash	Mentoring Program Specialist (Novice)	07/01/2018	S	
Jennifer	Newton	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/02/2019	D	
William	Nolan	AE Cert Admin Campus Supv	11/27/2023	D	X
Karen	Norton	Instructional L & L Specialist	07/01/2019	D	
Rhonda	Nosal	EC Speech Pathologist	08/01/2001	D	
John	Pace	Certified Admin. Campus Supervisor	08/05/2019	D	
Danesa	Page	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D	
Amy	Patterson	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2017	D	
Hayden	Pearce	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D	X
Jennifer	Pense	VA Facilitator Coordinator	06/01/2008	S	
Mandolynn	Perry	Behavioral Interventionist	08/15/2022	D	

Gwan	Phifer	DT Behavioral Interventionist	12/05/2018	D	
Lorita	Philips	School Psychology Specialist	08/01/2022	D	
Elissa	Pitman	Lead School Psychology Specialist	08/08/2011	D	
Stephanie	Plafcan	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Rachel	Poor	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	09/18/2023	D	X
Nikkina	Porter	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	01/03/2024	D	x
Karen	Price	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/10/2018	D	
Lex	Pruitt	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/15/2016	D	
Kelli	Rainey	LEA Supervisor Manager	09/20/1999	D	
Tammy	Rainey	LEA Supervisor	02/03/2003	D	
Nicheyta	Raino	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	08/02/2018	F	
Jessica	Ramsey	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	07/01/2013	D	
Amanda	Rauls	VA Content Partnership and Marketing Specialist	07/02/2012	S	
Kimberlee	Reed	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/28/2020	D	
Susan	Reid	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	09/04/2018	D	
Stacy	Reynolds	ADE Computer Science Specialist	07/01/2022	S	
Ashley	Rice	Behavioral Interventionist	08/02/2021	D	
Lattie	Richardson	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2020	D	
Priscilla	Riedel-Cohan	School Nutrition Specialist	01/08/2020	D	
Emily	Roberts-Smith	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	07/01/2023	D	
Jill	Roberts	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/17/2015	D	

Lucinda	Robinett	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/09/2021	D	
Jody	Rogers	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/15/2022	D	
Γina	Rooks	EC Director	08/03/2015	D	
Candace	Russell	EC Finance Manager	07/01/2021	D	
David	Russell	Warehouse Assistant	03/01/2021	D	
Lisa	Russell	Technology Coordinator	05/21/2001	S/B	
John	Sage	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/09/2021	D	
Amy	Sanders	School Psychology Specialist	08/01/2022	D	
Rachel	Sanders	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/10/2015	D	
Tara	Sanders	Content Specialist, Math	07/01/2021	S	
Anna	Sayan	Sped School Psyc Spec	07/01/2023	D	X
Shirley	Scarbrough	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2014	D	
Boris	Scott	Behavioral Interventionist	08/12/2015	D	
Kimberly	Sexton	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/04/2014	D	
Julie	Shalmy	Receptionist	07/25/2022	В	
Sarah	Shamburger	AAEA Business Manager	11/15/2022	Р	
Lindsey	Shantanu	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2021	D	
Kristy	Shaw	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/10/2020	D	
Jennifer	Shock	School Psychology Specialist	07/01/2023	D	X
Jacob	Sisson	Mentoring Program Specialist (Novice)	07/01/2019	S	
Candace	Smith	Content Specialist, GT/AP	07/01/2017	S	

Diane	Smith	VA Course Design and Development Specialist	08/05/2016	S
Shelia	Smith	ADE Behavior Support Coordinator	08/05/2013	F
Jessica	Sniff	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2019	D
Laura	Sorey	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/20/2015	D
Zackary	Spink	ADE Computer Science Specialist	07/01/2020	S
Bridget	Stahler	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/05/2016	D
Jenna	Stapp	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/01/2022	F
Tara	Stevenson	EC Speech Pathologist	08/09/2006	D
Amanda	Stewart-Linn	Accounts Payable	11/01/1999	В
Maegan	Story	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/03/2020	D
Sarah	Stratton	Content Specialist, Literacy	08/05/2019	S
Dustin	Summey	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	07/01/2015	D
Randi	Suyal	VA Implementation Specialist	08/15/2016	S
Darrell	Tessman	Facilities Coordinator	07/01/2020	D
Connie	Thomason	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F
Lori	Thone	Warehouse Assistant	04/24/2019	D
Melanie	Thrasher	AAEA Business Analyst	09/01/2022	P
Angela	Toll	LEA Supervisor	07/01/2002	D
Deshannon	Tolliver	Quality Assurance Specialist	08/11/2014	D
Dean	Trautman	Print Shop Assistant	07/12/2022	D
Heather	Trusty	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/02/2019	D

Nicky	Trusty	Regional Program Director	07/28/2014	D	
Mallory	Turner	Asst. Director of Operations	04/01/2022	S	
Carrie	Tuttle	ADE Transition Consultant	07/01/2013	F	
Kristy	Vickers	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Jamie	Waddle	EC Medicaid/eSchool Manager	07/01/2016	D	
Mary	Walter	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F	
_ana	Webb	AAEA Administrative Specialist	06/14/2023	Р	X
Thomas	Webb	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/29/2022	D	
Joy	Weindel	K-6 Curriculum Lead	08/15/2022	D	
Jason	Wells	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Kimberly	Wertenberger	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/15/2016	D	
Amy	Westerman	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2013	D	
Heather	Whitley	AE Behavioral Interventionist	03/14/2024	D	X
Amanda	Williams	ECH Paraprofessional	08/16/2021	D	
Robert	Williams	Warehouse Assistant	07/20/2021	D	
_ovail	Wilson	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D	X
Ashley	Winfrey	Facilities & Event Coordinator	08/05/2013	В	
_ori	Winfrey	SDV Office Support Specialist	05/20/1994	D	
Glenda	Workman	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2014	D	
Julie	Workman	Teacher Center Coordinator	07/27/2018	D	
Kyle	Yancey	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/23/2021	D	

Ronald	Young	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/23/2021	D
Angela	Zimmerman	CTE Coordinator	08/01/2006	S/F
		ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE 2023-2024 TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS		
First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Hire Date	Funding Source
		S=State, F=Federal, M=Medicaid, P=Private Funding, B=Base Funds, D=District		
Ryan	Acker	VA Teacher	08/08/2022	D
Nicholas	Adams	VA Adjunct	07/01/2019	D
Deborah	Ahillen	AE Teacher	08/06/2018	D
Christopher	Allen	AE Cert Admin Campus Supv	08/03/2020	D
Jonas	Anderson	VA Lead Technology Support Specialist	07/01/2020	D
William	Arrington	AE Cert Admin Campus Supv	08/01/2022	S
Benjamin	Aryee	AE Classroom Instructor	09/30/2022	D
LaKia	Aytch	Classified Campus Supervisor	01/06/2020	D
Chris	Bailey	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/02/2019	D
Lisa	Bailey	VA Reading Specialist	08/08/2022	D
Mark	Barnes	ADE Computer Science Specialist	06/14/2021	D
Brandon	Barnett	AE Classified Campus Supv	08/02/2021	D
Hermando	Barry	AE District Liaison	07/29/2019	D

Tia	Barry	AE Instructional Interven	01/23/2020	D
LoTanya	Bealer	AE Instructional Interven	11/29/2021	D
Jennifer	Belcher	VA Teacher	08/09/2021	D
Tyronza	Bibby	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D
Becky	Birch	AE Teacher	08/06/2018	D
Terence	Bobo	AE Behavioral Intervention	08/08/2016	D
Corey	Boby	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	10/12/2020	D
Норе	Bratton	AE Teacher	08/02/2018	D
Bret	Brown	AE Cert Camp Supv	08/01/2017	D
Kim	Brown	AE Cert Camp Supv	08/07/2017	D
Shermel	Brown	AE Teacher	08/08/2022	D
Nellie	Bullard	AE Instructional Interven	08/08/2022	D
Gina	Bunker	AE Classroom Instructor	08/02/2018	D
Tamara	Bush-White	AE Teacher	08/08/2022	D
William	Butler	AE Behavioral Intervention	03/01/2021	D
Julie	Butterworth	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	D
Mark	Byers	VA Adjunct	10/15/2021	D
Tony	Byers	AE Classified Campus Supv	08/22/2016	D
Elisa	Capetillo	AE Teacher	08/03/2020	D
Glenn	Caradine	AE Instructional Interven	08/02/2021	D
Carlos	Caver	AE Behavioral Intervention	01/02/2023	D

Crystal	Cawich	AE Instructional Asst	08/09/2021	D
Lajuan	Christon	AE Behavioral Intervention	08/22/2019	D
Sue	Cluck	VA Teacher	08/08/2022	D
Dallas	Coleman	AE Teacher	02/27/2023	D
Jordan	Coleman	VA Teacher	08/08/2022	D
Terrell	Collins	AE Classroom Instructor	07/18/2022	D
Sonya	Corbell	AE Cert Admin Campus Supv	07/29/2019	D
Kiley	Corbitt	VA Adjunct	01/01/2023	D
Cleytus	Coulter	AE Cert Camp Supv	08/01/2020	D
Eli	Cranor	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	S
Kimberly	Crudup-Walker	VA Adjunct	10/01/2021	D
Bettie	Cunningham Jones	AE Cert Camp Supv	08/06/2018	D
Loretta	Dalhover	AE Teacher	08/03/2020	D
Candice	Daniels	AE Instructional Interven	08/02/2021	D
Eric	Darden	AE Cert Camp Supv	07/29/2019	D
Heather	Davis	Sped School Psyc Spec	08/01/2022	D
James	Davis	AE Teacher	08/03/2020	D
Judy	Davis	AE Teacher	08/05/2019	D
Bridgett	Delancey	DT Behavioral Interventionist	09/15/2014	D
Daniel	Dempsey	AE Teacher	08/06/2018	D
Maegan	Dempsey	AE Instructional Asst	09/07/2021	D

Leandra	Dillard	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/10/2020	D
Patricia	Dollarhide	AE Teacher	08/09/2021	D
Devin	Dooley	Behavioral Interventionist	08/05/2019	D
Linda	Dudley	AE Instructional Interven	08/15/2022	D
Crystal	Eary	EC Speech Path	08/08/2011	D
Stephanie	Eddy	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/08/2022	D
Erik	Edington	AE Teacher	08/09/2021	D
Eileen	Ellars	AE Cert Admin Campus Supv	07/01/2020	D
Wanda	Failla	AE Classroom Instructor	08/04/2014	D
Renee	Fernimen	VA Teacher	10/01/2020	D
Ashley	Fox	VA Teacher	09/01/2021	D
Deana	Franklin	AE Teacher	08/15/2022	D
Stacy	Fulmer	EC Speech Path	08/02/2019	D
Lela	Furniss	AE Teacher	01/03/2022	D
LaTerra	Ganaway	AE Instructional Interven	08/08/2022	D
Anita	Geiger	AE Teacher	08/08/2022	D
Edward	Gibson	AE Pro Lead Behavior Spec	08/11/2014	D
Roger	Goins	AE Teacher	08/02/2021	D
Kelli	Golden	AAEA Chief Financial Officer	12/31/2020	Р
Brandi	Goodchild	AE Cert Camp Supv	08/05/2016	D
Christopher	Goodin	Certified Admin. Campus Supervisor	08/07/2023	D

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Crystal	Green	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/06/2018	D
Haley	Green	AE Classified Campus Supv	08/07/2017	D
Shannon	Haney	AE Teacher	08/08/2022	D
Andrea	Harris	AE Instructional Interven	09/06/2018	D
Paula	Heffington	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	02/03/2023	D
Jessica	Heidelberg	AE Classroom Instructor	08/29/2022	D
Jennifer	Hennessey	LEA Supervisor	08/01/2014	D
Stephanie	Howard	VA Teacher	08/09/2021	D
Natalie	Howell	AE Instructional Interven	07/26/2021	D
Mark	Iverson	AE Teacher	08/03/2020	D
Carla	Jester	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/08/2022	D
Debbie	Jones	AE Classroom Instructor	08/01/2019	D
Rosa	Jones	AE Teacher	08/10/2020	D
Stephanie	Jones	AE Teacher	08/08/2022	D
Kevin	Jordan	AE Cert Admin Campus Supv	07/01/2018	D
Kayla	Koontz	AE Instructional Interven	08/06/2021	D
Mary	Lajeunesse	Sped School Psyc Spec	08/03/2015	D
Hal	Landrith	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/02/2018	D
Dana	Lawrence	AE Behavioral Intervention	08/02/2021	D
Vanessa	Lawrence	EC OT/PT	09/01/2015	D
Leslie	Leber	ADE Computer Science Specialist	07/01/2020	D

Eric	Lewis	AE Cert Camp Supv	08/07/2017	D
Tamekia	Lewis	AE Classroom Instructor	08/05/2019	D
Todd	Lewis	Asst. Director AE/HUB	07/01/2017	D
Tonja	Lewis	AE/HUB Regional Program Director	07/01/2019	D
Anthony	Lowery	AE Behavioral Intervention	08/02/2021	D
James	Lowery	AE Classroom Instructor	08/02/2018	D
Kasey	Loyd	AE Cert Admin Campus Supv	08/02/2018	D
Regina	Maher	VA Adjunct	09/21/2020	D
Yvette	Mallett	VA Teacher	08/08/2022	D
Christy	Mancil	Program Lead Behavior Specialist	08/10/2015	D
Rusty	Manning	AE/HUB Regional Program Director	07/01/2019	D
Beth	Marshall	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/08/2022	D
Carey	Martin	AE Teacher	08/08/2022	D
Christy	Martin	AE Instructional Interven	08/29/2022	D
Tonya	May	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	10/06/2022	D
Adam	McGhee	AE Classroom Instructor	08/08/2022	D
Lindsay	McGhee	AE Teacher	01/03/2022	D
Sharon	McKinney	Content Specialist, Science	07/01/2021	S
Jennifer	McMahan	Content Specialist, Literacy	07/01/2017	S
Clayton	McMurray	AE Teacher	08/02/2021	D
Brandi	Mendez	AE Classroom Instructor	08/08/2022	D

Darrell	Middleton	AE Behavioral Intervention	08/05/2019	D
Courtney	Miller	AE Instructional Intervention	03/09/2020	D
Lori	Mitchell	CTE Coordinator	12/01/1996	S/F
Wiliam	Mizaur	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D
Douglas	Monday	AE Teacher	08/03/2020	D
Keith	Montgomery	AE Classroom Instructor	08/02/2018	D
Marvin	Moody	AE Classified Campus Supv	08/02/2018	D
Matthew	Myers	AE Cert Camp Supv	07/29/2019	D
Sierra	Nevens	BSS Admin Asst.	10/17/2022	F
Kalon	Noble	AE Classroom Instructor	11/29/2021	D
Susan	Noland	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D
John	Norris	VA Teacher	08/25/2020	D
Leonard	O'Neal	AE Instructional Interven	08/02/2021	D
Весса Јо	Parchman	AE Instructional Interven	08/08/2022	D
Ronetha	Pearson	AE Classroom Instructor	09/14/2022	D
Sarra	Petray	ADE Behavior Support Specialist	07/06/2021	F
Melissa	Pharr	AE Teacher	08/03/2020	D
Rachel	Pierce	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/06/2018	D
Kasey	Porchia	AE Class District Supv	08/11/2014	D
Tonya	Pryor	AE Classified Campus Supv	08/06/2018	D
Cynthia	Pumphrey	AE Cert Camp Supv	08/01/2017	D

Bren	Redifer	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/27/2021	D
Kristal	Reed	AE Teacher	12/12/2022	D
Debbie	Richey	VA Technology Support Specialist	07/01/2015	S
Bradi	Roberts	AE Teacher	11/15/2022	D
Kasie	Robinson	AE Instructional Interven	01/26/2023	D
Jacquelin	Rooke	Developmental Therapist	08/06/2020	D
Pamela	Scott	AE Instructional Interven	07/18/2022	D
Isaiah	Simmons	AE Instructional Interven	08/29/2022	D
Steven	Skelton	AE Classroom Instructor	01/15/2020	D
Donald	Smith	AE Cert Camp Supv	08/05/2019	D
Martha	Smith	AAEA Membership Coordinator	07/01/2018	Р
Mary	Smith	AE Cert Admin Campus Supv	08/01/2017	D
Jacqueline	Somers	AE Instructional Intervention	08/02/2021	D
Cassandra	Stamps	AE Teacher	08/05/2019	D
Jason	Stewart	AE Behavioral Intervention	01/19/2021	D
Jordan	Stich	AE Teacher	08/03/2020	D
Kevin	Strunk	AE Cert Admin Campus Supv	07/01/2021	D
David	Stuart	AE Cert Admin Campus Supv	08/01/2020	D
Dorothy	Stuart	AE Teacher	08/05/2019	D
Jordan	Summers	Mentoring Program Support Specialist (Novice)	07/01/2020	S
Jennifer	Swaim	AE Teacher	08/06/2018	D

Val	Teale	AE Teacher	08/06/2018	D
Mollie	Teas	Sped School Psyc Spec	08/03/2015	D
Jordan	Tribble	Certified Teacher-Assigned by Supervisor	08/07/2023	D
Amy	Turbeville	AE Teacher	08/03/2020	D
Heather	Tyler	AE Instructional Interven	08/09/2021	D
Raquel	Utsey	AE Instructional Interven	08/02/2021	D
Lou Ann	Vance	AE Teacher	08/08/2022	D
Jake	Vannada	AE Classified Campus Supv	11/17/2016	D
Kristen	Vannada	AE Behavioral Intervention	08/02/2021	D
Steven	Wallace	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/12/2013	D
Morgan	Warbington	CS Program Advisor	02/22/2022	S
Amanda	Ward	EC Speech Pathologist	11/07/2022	D
Jessica	Ward	AE Instructional Interven	10/06/2022	D
Jeffrey	Warden	AE Dist Director/Tech Cor	08/01/2017	D
Jennifer	Warden	AE Behavioral Intervention	08/02/2021	D
Desmond	Warren	AE Classroom Instructor	10/06/2022	D
Juliette	Watson	AE Classified Campus Supv	10/04/2022	D
Beverly	Webb	AE Teacher	08/09/2021	D
Rachel	Wells	AE Instructional Interven	11/11/2005	D
Tiffany	Wells	AE Instructional Interven	03/03/2020	D
Scott	Whitwam	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/06/2018	D

Terra	Whitworth	DT Facilitator	08/15/2022	D
Christmas	Wilbur	AE Teacher	08/02/2021	D
Digna	Wilkie	VA Teacher	08/12/2020	D
Brittney	Williams	AE Instructional Interven	08/02/2021	D
Phronda	Williams	AE Classroom Instructor	01/18/2022	D
Byron	Winn	AE Classroom Instructor	01/20/2023	D
Van	Witherspoon	AE Classified Campus Supv	08/09/2016	D
Eugene	Woodburn	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/08/2016	D
Steve	Wren	AE Teacher HUB/JAG	08/03/2020	D
Sarah	Wright	AE Instructional Interven	08/02/2021	D

III. TEACHER CENTER

Please attach a list of all inservice training/staff development workshops offered through the co-op, including month offered, topic, number of districts participating, number of participants and location of workshops. Place an asterisk (*) beside those which provided curriculum assistance. Include a cumulative total of participants. <u>Click here to access.</u>

A.

Does the co-op provide media services to schools? YES[] NO[X]
Approximate the number of titles in media center:
Does the co-op provide delivery to the districts? YES[] NO[X]
How many districts participate in the media program?
How many titles (including duplicate counts) were provided to schools during this current year?
Do districts contribute dollars to the media services YES[] NO[X]
How are media charges per district determined (formal or per ADM)?
Please describe:

Does the co-op operate a "make-and-take" center for teachers? YES[X] NO[If yes, then:
How many teacher visits have been made to the center? (Count all teachers who have visited the center, using duplicate counts for teachers who have visited the

center more than once). A Teacher Center is available for teacher use in an open

environment at our co-op. Teachers may access materials during regular co-op hours without formally signing in so there are no records of usage.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Please check administrative services offered through the co-op:

[X]	Administrators and Local Board Members Training
[X]	Annual Needs Assessment / Planning Assistance
[X]	Assessment Data Analysis
[X]	Bookkeeping assistance
[X]	Business Management training
[X]	Computer Technician
[X]	Cooperative Purchasing
[X]	CTE Coordinations / Perkins Consortium Administration
[X]	Curriculum Support
[X]	E-Rate Applications
[X]	ESC Works Support
[X]	Evaluation Procedures Assistance
[X]	Fingerprinting
[X]	Gifted and Talented assistance
[X]	Grant writing assistance
[X]	Instructional Facilitator Training
[X]	Instructional Leadership & Learning Specialist
[X]	Math/Science/Literacy/GT/Computer Science/Behavior Specialists
[]	Migrant program
[X]	Novice Teacher Mentoring
[X]	Numerous professional development opportunities for teachers
[X]	Planning assistance
[X]	Praxis Support
[X]	Printing
[X]	Special Education Services
[X]	Technology Training
[X]	Other (please specify)
[X]	Facilities Coordination

V. DIRECT SERVICES TO STUDENTS

Please check the student services provided through the co-op:

- [X] Gifted/talented programs: <u>26</u> participating districts
 - Quiz Bowl
 - Spelling Bee
 - Chess Tournament
- [X] Coding Competition
- [X] Itinerant teachers please list areas: Early Childhood
- [X] Occupational therapy and physical therapy
- [X] Speech therapist
- [X] Transition Assistance
- [X] Digital Instruction (Ex. MySchoolInfo, Ar ITunes, etc.)
- [X] Other (Please specify):
- [X] Nursing Services
- [X] ALE/Hub

VI. ANECDOTAL REPORTS

Please attach three or four descriptions of activities that demonstrate partnerships, agreements, or creative ways that the co-op has assisted local districts. The co-op personnel may write the reports, or the descriptions may be written by local schools served by the co-op. These reports may also include letters sent to the co-op or evaluations of a co-op activity.

Registered Apprenticeship

Arch Ford has partnered with the Department of Education to implemented the registered apprenticeship in two districts this year. Both Heber Springs School District and South Side Bee Branch had paraprofessionals who were in an educator preparation program that participated in the registered apprenticeship. As part of the program, these apprentices were able to complete job-embedded activities under the direction of their journeyworker (mentor teacher), who was trained in the NIET Lead Teacher pathway. The apprentices and jouneyworkers spent countless hours working together to grow the apprentices in the area of teaching by planning lessons, providing feedback, and working with students. Because of this partnership, both apprentices are on track to be hired as teachers in their districts, thus enlarging the teacher pipeline for rural districts.

Professional Learning Communities: Boardroom to Classroom

In support of the DESE's PLC Initiative, the Arch Ford Guiding Coalition has been participating in the Boardroom to Classroom training sessions monthly with Janel Keating from Solution Tree. As part of this process, Janel Keating guided educators in developing successful districtwide professional learning communities to ensure high levels of learning for every student. High-performing districts develop when collaborative teams at every level align their concepts, practices, and vocabulary. Aligning this work is a top-down, bottom-up cyclical process, starting with the district level and ending with collaborative teacher teams. This session provided district and school leaders with the tools and strategies needed to create a districtwide culture of continuous improvement. Co-ops are an integral part of this work and have been supporting districts involved in these sessions through Specialist support, and working with administrators who are implementing PLC processes.

To continue this work that was started in 2022, several changes were made this year. Jacob Sisson was moved from his role as a math specialist into the new role of PLC Support Specialist. In this role, he led the work with superintendents, district and building leaders, and teachers to help them implement PLC processes and analyze data. This work has helped Arch Ford to align with the requirements of LEARNS in the areas of superintendent targets, math and literacy interventions, as well as helping districts develop systems of support for ongoing data analysis.

Communities of Practice and HQIM Support

This year the CoP grant has funded a series of leadership sessions for principals, curriculum leaders, instructional facilitators, and lead teachers to help them understand how to effectively utilize HQIM in their schools in both English Language Arts and Math. Sessions were held both virtually and in person, and included onsite support for those leaders requesting it. Visits have included classroom walkthroughs, high-quality professional learning focused on what to look for in classrooms, and digging deeper into the programs and materials. Arch Ford selected two vendors from the approved Rivet list to conduct this work in the region, including Kids First and the Bailey Group and purchased over 100 days of support for leaders in our districts.

As part of this work, Arch Ford specialists have also received training and been providing training for our local Educator Prep Programs, including Arkansas Tech and UCA. This training has focused on ensuring that novice teachers are exposed to the HQIM most often used in our area, understand the importance of utilizing their HQIM, and how to use the resources. By preparing our future teachers in this area, we are impacting their classrooms for years to come!

Virtual Arkansas: Arkansas Military Service and Security Pathway Development

During the 2023-2024 school year, Virtual Arkansas partnered with the Arkansas National Guard and the Division of Career and Technical Education to plan and create standards for a new military CTE pathway to be made available to students throughout the state. After obtaining approval, Virtual Arkansas began the design and development of the Level I course, National Military Service and Security, which will be available for student enrollments in the Fall of 2024.

Virtual Arkansas: 5th Grade Geography Course Curriculum at no Cost

In support of the new social studies curriculum standards, Virtual Arkansas created the complete curriculum for 5th grade World Geography in digital format to be made available at no cost to schools and teachers around the state. Virtual Arkansas was made aware that there were limited curriculum resources available to support the development of this new course and utilized the expertise of the Virtual Arkansas design and development department to spearhead this project to ensure a high quality course was available to local teachers.

<u>Virtual Arkansas: Water Safety and Breast Feeding Lessons to Meet Legislative</u> Requirements

Arkansas Act 723 requires the provision of breastfeeding information in health courses, and Arkansas Act 101 requires the provision of water safety information to parents and guardians. In support of these requirements, Virtual Arkansas designed and developed a breastfeeding microcourse and a water safety lesson that has been made available at no cost to schools, students, and the general public.

VII. EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Act 610 of 1999 requires that each educational service cooperative report the following information:

NEW HIRES EMPLOYED, 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

	White	African American	Hispanic	Asian	2 or More races	
Male, FT	6	2	0	0	0	8
Male, PT	11	0	0	0	1	12
						20
Female, FT	18	1	1	0	0	20
Female, PT	25	1	0	0	0	26
						46

TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS, 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR:

	White	African American	Hispanic	Asian	2 or More races	
Male, FT	4	0	0	0	0	4
Male, PT	4	0	1	0	0	5
						9
Female, FT	14	1	0	0	0	15
Female, PT	4	0	0	0	0	4
						19

^{*}Does not include resignations/retirements effective at the end of FY24, report is published prior to this date

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR:

	White	African American	American Indian	2 or More Races	Decline to Answer	
Male	7	1	0	0	3	11
Female	27	2	1	2	0	32
						43

^{*}Seeking employment numbers based on BambooHR job postings from March 2023-May 2024

PROGRAM REPORTS

PROGRAM:	Accounting
FUNDING SOURCE:	Base, District, Federal Grants, State Grants
COMPETITIVE GRAN	f : Yes No <u>_x</u> _
RESTRICTED: Yes _	No

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS: Atkins, Clinton, Conway, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Heber Springs, Hector, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon/Enola, Nemo Vista, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Russellville, Shirley, South Conway County, South Side, Two Rivers, Vilonia, West Side, Western Yell County, Wonderview

PERSONNEL: Stephanie Atkinson, Business Manager, BSE

Amanda Linn, Accounts Payable, High School Diploma

Shelly Davis, Business Office Assistant

GOAL:

 To provide financial support to all programs and participating districts of the Cooperative

<u>Click here</u> for the Financial Board Report Ending FY24.

PROGRAM: Arch Ford Non-Traditional Learning

FUNDING SOURCE: Participating Districts

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes _____ No__X__

RESTRICTED FUNDING: __X___ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING: _____

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS: Benton, Conway, Dover, East End, eStem, Guy Perkin, Heber Springs, Hector, Jacksonville North Pulaski, Little Rock, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon, Nemo Vista, North Little Rock, Perryville, Pine Bluff, Pottsville, Pulaski County, Rosebud, Shirley, South Conway County, South Side Bee Branch, Vilonia, Westside, Wonderview

PERSONNEL:

ADKINS, ERIKA Certified Teacher
BARR, DIANA Certified Teacher
BIEHSLICH, LEANN Certified Teacher

BOYLAND, JUMAANE

BURGIN, PETER

BUTLER, MARCUS

Day Treatment Facilitator

Behavioral Interventionist

Day Treatment Facilitator

CHAPMAN, JESSICA Certified Teacher COLE. SANDRA Certified Teacher **Certified Teacher** COUSSONS, JOHN **Certified Teacher** DANIEL. REBECCA DAVENPORT, CODY Certified Teacher **Certified Teacher** DURYEA, ASHLEE Certified Teacher FIELDS, LEON **Certified Teacher** GARDENER, TYRENE Certified Teacher **GARRETT, MATTHEW** Certified Teacher GRAY, CHRISTINA **Certified Teacher GREEN. BEVERLY**

GREESON, ROBERT Certified Admin. Campus Supervisor

GRIFFIN, KRISTEN Certified Teacher HARALSON, BOBBI Certified Teacher

HART, JEFF Regional Program Director

HOFFORD, CASSIE

HOOD, TYRELL

HOWELL, AMANDA

Certified Teacher

Certified Teacher

JONES, IRA Classified Campus Supervisor
JOYNER, ANGELEA Behavioral Interventionist

KETCHERSIDE, DANNY Certified Admin. Campus Supervisor

KRIESEL, TIM

Behavioral Interventionist

LABAT, BRANDON

Classified Campus Supervisor

LANE, JESSICA Certified Teacher

LOVE, ADRIAN Assistant to DT Special Program Supervisor

MARLOW, RAFEAL D. Director of Non-Traditional Learning

MARTIN, JASON Certified Admin. Campus Supervisor

MILLER, JENNIFER Day Treatment Special Program Supervisor

MOONEY-WADE, TONIKA Behavioral Interventionist

NOLAN, WILLIAM Certified Admin. Campus Supervisor PACE, JOHN Certified Admin. Campus Supervisor

PEARCE, HAYDEN Certified Teacher

PERRY, MANDOLYNN

Behavioral Interventionist

Behavioral Interventionist

POOR, RACHEL Certified Teacher
PRICE, KAREN Certified Teacher
REID, SUSAN Certified Teacher

RICE, ASHLEY Behavioral Interventionist

ROGERS, JODY Certified Teacher

SCOTT, BORIS Behavioral Interventionist

SEXTON, KIMBERLY
SHAW, KRISTY
SOREY, LAURA
Certified Teacher
Certified Teacher

TOLLIVER, DESHANNON Quality Assurance Specialist

TRUSTY, HEATHER Certified Teacher

TRUSTY, NICK Regional Program Director

WEBB, THOMAS Certified Teacher

WEINDEL, JOY K-6 Curriculum Lead/Behavior Lead

WHITLEY, HEATHER Behavioral Interventionist

WILSON, LOVAIL Certified Teacher

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Division of Alternative Learning Services Statewide Alternative Learning Centers, Hub Programs, and Day Treatment Centers provide intervention services to students from participating districts referred to the programs who are in need of a non-traditional route to their education, who exhibit the qualifying characteristics to be considered as at-risk. The Hub Programs provide career-focused services to students who are recommended to participate in JAG (Jobs for Arkansas Graduates) and indicate the need for a flexible schedule to enable students to enter the workforce and/or participate in career- centers. The Day Treatment Centers partner with a mental health agency to provide education services to students recommended by their sending districts.

GOALS:

- To provide intervention services to at-risk students who are referred by districts to qualify for an alternative learning setting
- To provide a non-punitive educational setting for at-risk students to help them overcome or eliminate barriers to success in traditional settings
- To provide access to mental health access for all students and families
- To provide smaller class sizes to support at-risk students' needs

- To promote an instructional delivery methodology using high-yield strategies utilizing synchronous instruction
- To customize an approach by developing and implementing student action plans that are tailored to meet/exceed the goals set for each participating student
- To transition eligible students back to their sending districts who have overcome or eliminated the barriers that contributed to being referred to the alternative learning setting

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-2024:

- Conway HUB had two students receive State Diamond Student awards (2 of 10 given).
- Crossroads at Quitman receive 2 state awards as well as transitioned 2 seniors who are graduating.
- River Valley AE expanded to include the old Atkins campus and has excelled with student transitions and academic progress.
- Conway AE established a program for HS students to mentor elementary students.
- Conway AE established an advisory committee to help improve rules, policies and efficacy of the Conway AE programs.

STUDENT IMPACT DATA FROM 23-24:

- Vilonia/Conway HUB graduated 98% of senior class.
- ALE Graduated 96% of seniors program wide.
- HUB/AE assisted students in recovering over 100+ credits.
- AE JAG program helps increase students enrolling in post secondary education certifications.
- STAR Reading/Math scores grew significantly for K-4 students ranging from .5 to over 3 grade level increase.
- STAR Reading scores at Conway 9-12 improved 75% since January.

PROGRAM: Arch Ford Principal Prep Program

FUNDING SOURCE: Staff Development

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes___ No_x_

RESTRICTED FUNDING___x__

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS: Opportunity for recommendations for participation from all

districts in the region

PERSONNEL: Julie Workman, Ed.D.

Karen Norton, Ed.D.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Due to the anticipated need for additional building level administrators in the region in the near future and at the request of region superintendents, Arch Ford has continued to implement the Principal Prep Program for educators. Participants must be within 2 semesters of completion of a program of study in Educational Administration/Supervision. Region superintendents were given opportunity for input in the program design and intended outcomes. Superintendents from the Arch Ford region, principals from the region, Arch Ford Behavior Specialists and Co-op staff with backgrounds in administration facilitated the sessions. Sessions were held from September - March. Participation in this program is voluntary with superintendent recommendation. The AFPPP was created and continues to support aspiring administrators to become effective instructional leaders.

GOALS: The Principal Prep Program provides:

- Awareness of and ability to put into words through conversation what being an instructional leader looks like and sounds like and confidence to carry it through.
- Network of resources for support-includes people, programs, & other resources.
- Knowledge of how to develop culture in the school and build leadership capacity in others; shared/distributed leadership through well-developed PLCs.
- Knowledge of TESS and how to leverage TESS data for developing individual and school wide goals and providing individual and school wide professional development
- Understanding of the importance of the science of reading being demonstrated in all classrooms
- How to look at data on LEA Insights, including teacher value-added measures
- Basic understanding of school finance at the building level
- Knowledge and skill at building resumes and interviewing for building level positions

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-24:

This group had the opportunity to visit a local school district as part of their training.
 The district allowed participants to observe in a variety of classrooms to practice scripting for observations via the Danielson framework.

• A panel of superintendents held mock interviews to help participants hone their interview skills.

IMPACT DATA FOR 23-24:

• Currently, 3 participants from this year's AFPPP have been hired as an administrator for the 24-25 school year.

Arch Ford Principal Prep Program Overview and Dates

PROGRAM: Behavior Support Specialists

FUNDING SOURCE: Federal-Part B

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes____ No_X_

RESTRICTED FUNDING: __X___ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING:____

PERSONNEL:

Behavior Support Specialist Coordinator: Shelia Smith, Ph.D., L.P., BCBA-D Behavior Support Specialists:

Shana Bailey, M.S.

Jennifer Brewer, Ed.S.

Sandy Crawley, M.S.E

Kelly Davis, M.Ed., BCBA

Sonia Hartsfield M.Ed.

Audrey Kengla, M.S., CCC-SLP

Amanda Kirby, M.S.E.

Kat Lancaster, M.A., CCC-SLP, BCBA

Lindsey Lovelady, M.S., BCBA

Allison Mears, LPC., BCBA

Nicheyta Raino, M.Ed., BCBA

Jenna Stapp, M.A.T.

Connie Thomason, M.Ed., BCBA

Mary Walter, Ed.S., SPS

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS: Statewide

GOAL: In an effort to support the DESE vision, mission, and goals, the Arkansas Behavior Support Specialists build local district capacity by providing educators with support and services needed to implement evidenced-based behavioral practices that meet the needs of all students.

BX3 PROJECT

GOAL:

• BX3 is a capacity-building project that provides coaching to school behavior teams working to develop tiered systems of positive behavior supports for all students.

BX3 Cohort 3- Building level teams		
	Horatio Elementary Hurricane Creek Elementary - Bryant	

Bald Knob High School
Bryant Elementary

Guy-Perkins Elementary

Happy Hollow Elementary- Fayetteville

McRae Elementary - Searcy

Mena Middle School

Mena High School

Oscar Hamilton Elementary - Foreman

Pottsville Jr High

University Heights Elementary - Nettleton

BX3 Cohort 4 - Building level teams

Caddo Hills High School

Arkansas Arts Academy High School

Magnolia Middle School

Sidney Deener Elementary

Westside Elementary - Searcy

Southwest Middle School - Searcy

Ahlf Jr High - Searcy

Janie Darr Elementary - Rogers

Arkadelphia High School

Prairie Grove Elementary School

Lake Hamilton New Horizons -

Washington Elementary - Fayetteville

Lincoln Middle School

Cedarville Elementary

Glen Rose Elementary

Flippin Elementary

Beebe Elementary

Bob Folsom Elementary - Farmington

The Academies of West Memphis

Rector Elementary School

Westbrook Elementary - Harmony Grove

Bayyari Elementary - Springdale

North Heights Community School -

Texarkana

Beebe Middle School

Bearden Elementary

Trice Elementary - Texarkana

Benton Jr High

Elmdale Elementary-Springdale

Louise Durham Elementary- Mena

Manila Elementary

Lakeside Middle

Health, Wellness and Environmental

Studies-Jonesboro Public Schools

K-8 Connect - Springdale

LISA Academy-Rogers & Bentonville

Indian Hills Elementary - North Little Rock

Newport Elementary

East End Elementary

Lakeside Primary -

Oark Campus-Jasper

Allbritton Elementary- Hamburg

Earle High School

Perritt Primary School - Arkadelphia

Wonder Jr. High- West Memphis

College Hills Harmony Leadership

Academy-Texarkana

Lafayette County Elementary

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Arkansas Behavior Support Specialists (BSS) affiliated with the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary education (DESE) - Office of Special Education lead the state-wide initiative, the BX3 (Behavior eXtreme 3 - Training, Coaching, Empowering) Project. This BX3 project is designed to build capacity by providing coaching to building-level behavior teams that are working to develop tiered systems of positive behavior supports for all students. BX3 assists building level teams in developing and monitoring at least one SMART goal based on their assessment on the Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI). Additionally, the BX3 teams create and update an action plan focused on meeting their individualized SMART goal(s). The BSS offer at least 6 coaching sessions (one per month) for each BX3 team. Professional learning opportunities are offered as needed based on the SMART goal(s) and action plan.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-24:

- Cohort 3 continued with 14 building-level teams across the state
- Accepted Cohort 4 with 45 building-level teams across the state
- 99% of participants in Cohort 3 agreed to strongly agreed that the coaching session on the topic covered was beneficial.
- 99% of participants in Cohort 4 agreed to strongly agreed that the coaching session on the topic covered was beneficial.
- 99% of participants in Cohort 3 agreed to strongly agreed that the BX3 Coaches helped their team plan action steps toward meeting their SMART goal(s).
- 99% of participants in Cohort 4 agreed to strongly agreed that the BX3 Coaches helped their team plan action steps toward meeting their SMART goal(s).
- 99% of participants in Cohort 3 agreed to strongly agreed that the interactions with and methods used by BX3 coaches were positive and acceptable.
- 99% of participants in Cohort 4 agreed to strongly agreed that the interactions with and methods used by BX3 coaches were positive and acceptable.
- 98% of participants in Cohort 3 agreed to strongly agreed that they feel confident in carrying out the steps in their action plan.
- 99% of participants in Cohort 4 agreed to strongly agreed that the interactions with and methods used by BX3 coaches were positive and acceptable.

CIRCUIT

GOAL:

- To provide technical assistance and support to local school district administrators and school personnel in the development and implementation of evidence-based behavior supports for students receiving special education services
- To provide professional development to local school district administrators and personnel on evidence-based behavior supports

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Behavior Support Specialists (BSS) provide technical assistance in the area of behavior to all school districts within the state. The BSS receive requests for technical assistance through the CIRCUIT on-line referral system. Once a request for services is received, the BSS works in conjunction with the Special Education Supervisor of the referring school district to identify and provide needed support for students with disabilities. Services include:

- On-site coaching and consultation, student observation, record review and written recommendations with follow up and training as needed
- Coaching student team on Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) and Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) development
- Provide professional learning opportunities on evidence-based interventions

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-2024:

 Provided on-site coaching and consultation, student observation, records review, conference attendance, assistance with functional behavior assessment, safety and behavior intervention planning for student teams for 80 CIRCUIT referrals across all Education Service Cooperatives

Professional Learning Opportunities

GOAL:

 To provide professional development to local school district administrators and personnel on evidence-based behavior supports

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Behavior Support Specialist (BSS) position provides professional learning opportunities on evidence-based behavior practices via in-person, virtual, and online learning modules available to all school districts in all Education Service Cooperatives.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-2024:

- Offered 24 sessions of the 5 Essential Components of School-Wide Behavior Supports professional developments to building-level teams
- Added 10 Behavior Breaks which are short instructional videos to equip educators and parents with strategies that can be implemented quickly to improve student engagement and success. https://arbss.org/behavior-breaks/
- Offered over 150 professional learning opportunities in person or virtually to school districts in all Education Service Cooperatives with over 2979 participants

ADDITIONAL BSS HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-2024:

- Partnered with DESE to support THRIVE Leadership Academy Cohorts 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 through June 30, 2024 to improve the implementation of positive behavior supports in school buildings. Provided 21 professional learning opportunities to THRIVE participants
- Served on DESE Leadership Team for Arkansas THRIVE

- Served on the Arkansas Early Childhood Behavior Support Cadre'
- Presented Positive Behavior Supports: A Variety of Options and FBA Overview at SEAS Conference
- Presented THRIVE Arkansas: Promoting Positive Behavior Supports, Mental Health and Wellness with DESE at LEA Academy
- Presented The Behavior Side of RTI with DESE- OCSS for New Administrators
- Presented Inclusive Education ToT: Behavior with DESE-OSE
- Presented Overview of Arkansas BSS with DESE-OSE as part of New LEA Training
- 4 BSS attended the Southeastern School Behavioral Health Conference
- 1 BSS attended the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders
- 1 BSS attended the 18th Annual Thompson Center Autism Conference
- 1 BSS attended the LRP Institute Convention

PROGRAM: Career and Technical Education

FUNDING SOURCE: Division of Career and Technical Education and

District allocations of Carl D. Perkins Federal Funds

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes ___ No _X_

RESTRICTED FUNDING___X NONRESTRICTED FUNDING____

PERSONNEL: Angie Zimmerman, CTE Coordinator, M.S.E.

Micah Edwards, CTE Instructional Facilitator Specialist, M.S.E.

Participating Districts: 23

Atkins Clinton Danville
Dardanelle Dover East End
Greenbrier Guy-Perkins Heber Springs
Hector Mayflower Mt.Vernon/Enola

Nemo Vista Perryville Pottsville Quitman Shirley South Side

South Conway County Two Rivers Western Yell County

West Side-Greers Ferry Wonderview

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Career and Technical Education Department has the responsibility to develop and coordinate the Carl D. Perkins Program. This includes proposal writing for consortium schools, managing the budget, and providing accountability information to the Division of Career and Technical Education. It is our goal to serve as a liaison between our member schools and the Career and Technical Education state staff in the collection of data; evaluation of programs; assistance to new instructors; and continuing staff development for all career and technical education instructors. Staff development includes such initiatives as; Best Practices in CTE, Student Motivation and Engagement, Meeting the Needs of All Learners, Classroom Management and Instructional Strategies in the CTE Classroom. The Career and Technical Education Department will continue to encourage the development, implementation, and improvement of Career and Technical Education Programs by supporting curriculum changes that move students along to current industry standards and purchasing equipment to teach the new-advanced technology.

GOALS:

 To provide Career and Technical Education instructors quality staff development to enhance student achievement

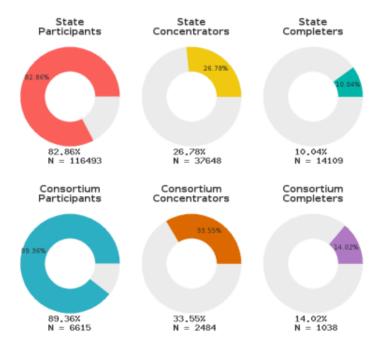
- To encourage the development and implementation of advanced technologies in the improvement of Career and Technical Education Programs.
- To serve as a liaison between the Division of Career and Technical Education and our Perkins Consortium members, providing up-to-date information and providing CCTE accountability data for our member schools

Major Highlights and Student Impact Data of the 23-24 School Year.

- Our Perkins consortium performed above the State targets on the following Perkins V Performance Indicators:
 - Four- Year Graduation Rate +10.9%
 - Five- Year Extended Graduation Rate +6.95%
 - Reading Language Arts +19.11%
 - Mathematics +19.34%
 - Science +20.68%
 - Postsecondary Placement +9.62%
 - Nontraditional Concentration +27.51%
 - Industry Certifications +46.09%
- Applied for New Program Start-up Grants for Atkins Commercial Photography,
 Dardanelle Work Based Learning, Greenbrier Digital Cinema, Heber Springs Digital
 Cinema, Morrilton Supply Chain and Logistics and Sports Medicine, and Pottsville
 Computer Science.
- Applied for and received a Perkins Innovation Grant in the amount of \$24,020.00 for 5 top of the line welders for Agriculture programs for Greenbrier High School.
- Applied for and received a Perkins NonTraditional Grant in the amount of \$20,000 for Women Welders for Pottsville High School.
- Obtained CTE Completer Data for 23 high schools and provided each Completer with a CTE Completer Certificate (958 CTE Completers)
- Provided professional development in the areas of Best Practices in the CTE Classroom, Instructional Strategies, Canva, Student Motivation and Engagement, Classroom Management, Agriculture Mechanics, CTE Novice Teacher, PLC in CTE, Technology Tools for CTE Instructors.
- 4 of our Family Consumer Science Programs qualified for FCCLA Nationals
- 6 of our Business Programs qualified for FBLA Nationals
- Prepared, budgeted and managed the Perkins Consortium with 23 member districts with a total allocation of \$445,750.94.

2023 CTE SUMMARY REPORT

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOP

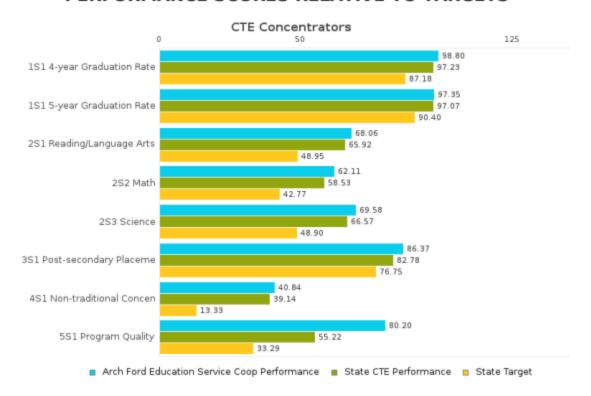




A <u>comprehensive program</u> <u>report</u> is available for more detailed information on all performance measures.

Enrollment includes Grades 9-12 students.

PERFORMANCE SCORES RELATIVE TO TARGETS



PROGRAM: Con	nmunity Health Nurse and Promotion Specialists
FUNDING SOURCE: Arkaı	nsas Department of Health
COMPETITIVE GRANT:	Yes NoX
RESTRICTED FUNDING	NON-RESTRICTED FUNDINGX

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS: ASB, Atkins, Clinton, Conway, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Heber Springs, Hector, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon/Enola, Nemo Vista, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Russellville, Shirley, South Conway County, Southside Bee Branch, Two Rivers, Vilonia, Westside Greers Ferry, Western Yell County, Wonderview. (*Provided coverage to Guy Fenter ESC schools in the absence of GFESC CHNS)

PERSONNEL: Tracy Starks, RN BSE, Community Health Nurse Specialist (*Note: The Northwest Community Health Promotion Specialists (2) also cover all counties in Arch Ford, OUR, Guy Fenter, and NWAR ESCs)

PROGRAM SUMMARY: Provide technical assistance and resources to schools and communities to promote, improve, and support the health of students, staff, and community members.

GOALS:

- Provide tobacco prevention and cessation technical assistance and training to districts and communities.
- Assist districts in adopting tobacco -free policies and implement prevention and cessation best practices.
- Provide injury prevention resources and training.
- Assist districts in adopting policies for promoting and implementing best practices for nutrition and physical activity.
- Provide resources and training in the areas of nutrition, physical activity, mental health and wellness, and other emerging health issues.
- Provide assistance and resources to assist districts to strengthen school wellness committees, while meeting state and federal mandates.
- Inform schools and communities of health issues and current public health policy.
- Certify school nurses and conduct mandated health screenings
- Provide school nurses with professional continued education related to school health.
- Inform schools and communities of school health resources, available training, and grant opportunities.
- Promote research-based, best practice comprehensive health education curriculum to school nurses and school staff.

- Provide presentations for students, staff and community members regarding health, tobacco, obesity prevention, injury prevention and related health issues.
- Provide information about health care resources.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS and IMPACT DATA OF 2023-2024

- Provided mandated training in the required area of professional development hours
 of Suicide Prevention and Mental Health, including Youth Mental Health First Aid, QPR
 and Youth Suicide Prevention Education, and Resiliency Programs for educators,
 administrators, counselors, nurses, SROs, and ancillary staff reaching 243 staff from
 Arch Ford Schools.
- Collaborated with the Criminal Justice Institute and State Drug Director's office to
 provide Naloxone kits for all public access AEDs in all high schools and junior high
 schools, and provided training for nurses and SROs related to this for compliance
 with Act 811. Provided over 50 middle, junior and high schools with naloxone kits
 through this collaboration.
- Provided health related presentations to over 6500 students in Arch Ford Districts.
- Provided oral health education, including toothbrushes and toothpaste, to over 3000 students in Arch Ford Schools.
- Offered state mandated and continuing education training to 98 school nurses. Provided required trainings and technical assistance for 16 new school nurses.
- Assisted with on-site school mass flu clinics at Arch Ford schools providing flu vaccines to over 275 students and staff.
- Provided CPR to over 70 school nurses and staff and 145 students.
- Collaborated with the ALE HUB program to provide Opioid and Naloxone rescue education training for staff, along with assisting place AEDs on the ALE stand alone campuses.
- Collaborated with Arkansas Children's Hospital to host monthly professional development for nurses and staff around health topics.
- Collaborated with the Arkansas Dept of Health Injury and Violence Prevention office to provide training and resources in the area of opioid prevention and emergency rescue efforts for schools and communities.
- Certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid, QPR Suicide Prevention Education, Resiliency for All, NOT and In-depth Tobacco Cessation Programs, Poverty Coaching, CPR/First Aid, and Early Childhood Brush Curriculums training to offer professional development and resources for Arch Ford districts.
- Provided resources for administration and teachers in the areas of mental health, tobacco cessation, suicide prevention and crisis followup, opioid awareness, addiction, and eating disorders education.
- Provided technical assistance and resources to all districts in the Arcih Ford (and Guy Fenter) Educational Cooperative(s) related to health needs, implementation of health related mandates, and student specific assistance.

Program: Computer Science

Funding Source: Arkansas Department of Education Grant – Act 220 of 2017

Competitive Grant: Yes **Restricted:** Yes

Participating Districts: Statewide

Personnel:

Name: Adam Musto Name: Alex Moeller

Position: Director of Computer Science Position: Statewide CS Specialist

Degree: M.S. and M.A.T **Degree:**

Name: Ashley Kincannon Name: Jim Furniss

Position: Statewide CS Specialist **Position:** Statewide CS Specialist

Degree: Degree:

Name: John Hart Name: Stacy Reynolds

Position: Statewide CS Specialist **Position:** Statewide CS Specialist

Degree: MLIS **Degree:** MSE

Name: Zachary Spink Name: Tammy Glass

Position: Statewide CS Specialist **Position:** Statewide CS Specialist

Degree: MSE Degree:

Goals:

The ADE DESE Office of Computer Science's established goals and associated tasks for computer science education implementation in Arkansas are divided into five categories:

- **1. Standards, Curriculum, and Pathways -** Successful implementation of computer science education in Arkansas requires the development and periodic revision of a comprehensive and vertically articulated set of K-12 computer science curriculum standards and courses, the local creation of well-developed curriculum that supports student learning, proper alignment of the K-12 expectations and opportunities to industry needs, and appropriate K-20 pathway development for students seeking formal computer science education beyond high-school.
- **2. Educator Development and Training** Successful implementation of computer science education in Arkansas requires the ADE and its partner organizations to anticipate and address the needs of the Arkansas educational system with regards to knowledgeable and

informed computer science teachers. ADE in collaboration with the Arkansas Educational Cooperatives and other partners must support quality computer science educator development and training opportunities for all Arkansas Educators and Administrators.

- **3. Licensure** Successful implementation of computer science education in Arkansas requires the ADE and its partner organizations to anticipate and address the needs of the Arkansas educational system with regards to licensed and endorsed computer science teachers. ADE will continue and further research and implement, when appropriate, flexible licensure pathways and practices, based on legislation and regulation.
- **4. Outreach and Promotion** Successful implementation of computer science education in Arkansas requires the active use of a broad range of mediums, digital tools, and human networks to properly communicate about the Arkansas Computer Science Education Initiative and respond to the needs and concerns of Arkansas students, educators, community members, and industry leaders.
- **5. Program Growth and Student Success -** Successful implementation of computer science education in Arkansas requires encouraging broad school implementation, supporting lighthouse schools to expand their programs, increasing statewide teacher capacity, growing student interest, and increasing stakeholder interest and support using innovative programs and outreach initiatives.

Program Summary:

Education Service Cooperatives, in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education, administers the Computer Science Support Program for grades K-12 (Support for Integrating the Embedded K-8 Standards; Middle School Introduction to Coding: Grades 5-8; and High School CS). In the interest of providing Arkansas educators with access to quality computer science (CS) professional development (PD), the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Office of Computer Science provided grants for ten Computer Science Specialists beginning in 2017. The computer science specialists each serve the CS PD needs state-wide for all ESCs, and Public School Districts. Assistance is provided to local school district educators through PD services including sessions (ADE developed & customized based on needs assessments) at the Cooperative as well as support on-site in living the mission and striving for the vision of Computer Science Instruction in Arkansas.

Vision

All Arkansas students actively engaging in a superior and appropriate computer science education

Mission

To facilitate Arkansas's transition to becoming and remaining a national leader in computer science education and technology careers

PD Offered:

- Computer Science: Teaching K-4
- Computer Science: Intro to Block Based Coding
- Computer Science: Teaching 5-8
- Computer Science: Transition to Text Based Coding
- Middle School Intro to Coding: Learn to Text Based Code (Formerly Coding Block)
- Teaching Middle School Intro to Coding (Former Coding Block Resources)
- High School Computer Science and Certification Preparation
- High School Computer Science and Certification Preparation 4 days
- Physical Computing training (Raspberry, Arduino, etc.)
- App in A Day
- AP Computer Science Principles Student Day
- AP Computer Science A Student Day
- Introduction to Unity and Virtual Reality
- Creating Embroidery Designs with Turtlestitch
- Intermediate Artificial Intelligence
- Intermediate Mobile Application Development
- Intermediate Robotics
- Intermediate Cybersecurity
- Intermediate Python
- Intermediate Game Design
- Intermediate Java
- Intermediate Networking
- Intermediate Data Science
- Advanced Python
- Advanced Java
- Advanced Networking
- Advanced Cybersecurity
- Advanced Data Science
- Advanced Artificial Intelligence
- Advanced Robotics
- Advanced Mobile Application Development
- Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles
- Advanced Game Development and Design
- Administrator Supporting Computer Science Education in Their Schools

Conferences Presented at:

- State TSA Conference
- Arkansas Association for Career and Technical Education

Events/Committees/Projects Assisted with:

 National Computer Science Education Week – Scheduled daily activities with local districts - December 2023

- CS Education Week Activities December 2023
- Solar Eclipse Data Hunt January-April 2024
- TSA State Conference March 2024
- Support of Robotics Competitions (VEX, FIRST) March 2024
- Great Arkansas History Video Game Coding Competition March 2024
- Allstate Coding Competition April 2024

Major Highlights of the Year.

- Growth and Development in Accessibility in Computer Science
- Mentoring students across the state in Unity game development.
- Assisted with regional Stakeholder Meetings
- Provided training to annual ADE Counselor sessions
- Provided CS training to over 1595 education professionals and 7125 students.
- Lead Judge and Coding Challenge Creator for All-Region and Allstate Coding Competition.
- Administration statewide site visits for implementation of ACT 414
- Continued growth, development, and support of TSA
- Computer Science Completer Cords
- State of Computer Science Education Report Code.org
- Partnered in the creation of new computer science related CTE courses

ONGOING SUPPORT:

- Specialists are in the process of revamping trainings for the upcoming summer
- Specialists have increased the number of intermediate and advanced offerings as well as developed and will deliver 2 new trainings this summer. This is in addition to the other 25 trainings to be taught this summer.
- Specialists are currently working to visit all 260 districts to help support their implementation of ACT 414. This work will continue through the remainder of the year and summer.
 - For districts who already have computer science programs in place,
 specialists are working to identify ways to grow and develop their program to fit their needs.

PROGRAM: Consolidated Purchasing Services

FUNDING SOURCE: Base Fund: Local-Pass through participating districts

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes____ No \underline{X}

RESTRICTED ____ NON-RESTRICTED X

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS:

Atkins, Clinton, Conway, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Heber Springs, Hector, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon, Nemo Vista, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Russellville, Shirley, S. Conway County, South Side, Two Rivers, Vilonia, West Side Greers Ferry, Western Yell Co., Wonderview. All other schools in Arkansas are eligible, with most participating. Several other states also participate, including: Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. (250+ Districts in all)

PERSONNEL: Tricia Miller Purchasing Supervisor- Associate Degree/Business

Scottie Jo Johnson Assistant Purchasing Supervisor- High School Diploma

Robert Williams Delivery- BSE Degree/ Elementary

David Russell Delivery Manager- High School Diploma

Lori Thone Warehouse Manager- BSE Degree/ Mathematics

GOAL:

- To assist large and small school districts in increasing their purchasing power.
- To make the purchasing program accessible to all educators.
- To maintain warehouse inventory for purchases throughout the year.
- To assist schools in getting supplies in a timely manner.
- To continually increase buying power to provide schools with lowest possible prices year round.
- To provide easy shopping, either by fax, on-line or in-house.
- To provide superior delivery services other than common carriers

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Arch Ford Education Cooperative Purchasing Department was established in 1985 when 30 school districts pooled their resources in order to bid for quantity discounts on a few items. While consolidated purchasing is no longer a new concept, Arch Ford paved the way for Arkansas schools to reap the benefits of cooperative purchasing. Not only does this help in the area of monetary savings, but it also maintains the schools compliance with Arkansas

Bid Laws. Entire warehouse inventory is competitively bid, which allows smaller schools without purchasing personnel to benefit from quantity based pricing.

Another advantage afforded to Arch Ford cooperative schools is free delivery. The purchasing department has scheduled deliveries at least twice a month to cooperative schools. The Arch Ford delivery staff is glad to take the supplies to any location within the school instead of dropping it at the front door like most common carriers.

The Purchasing Department has over 28,000 square feet of inventory storage space. This has allowed inventory expansion and the introduction of new products as they become available and requested. Given the current market on copy paper, this amount of space allows the purchase of enough paper, approximately 8400 cases, to provide Arch Ford cooperative schools with paper at a level price throughout the year. In addition, the Purchasing Department will deliver whatever amount of paper a facility is physically capable of storing, eliminating the schools' need for excess storage areas.

Major Department Highlights for 2023-2024

Updated catalog to include pictures, and sent letters about the addition and how to navigate the catalog to place an online order.

We offer curbside pickup for supplies.

Purchasing department delivers to schools, churches, and other non profits free of charge

Arch Ford Purchasing carries school, office, custodial and paper supplies.

The Purchasing Department supports schools in a variety of ways, including:

- Monetary savings on items ranging from 20% to 50%
- Will pack individual teacher orders or bulk campus orders.
- Will invoice orders to the district's specifications, either one "bulk" invoice and total, or individual invoices by teacher. This allows bookkeepers to monitor the individual teacher accounts more efficiently.
- Competitively bid all inventory annually to maintain compliance with Arkansas Bid Laws.
- All Back-to-School orders delivered before the first day of school
- Service continued to districts during the Covid 19 era.
- Eclipse glasses were made available for school districts to purchase.

PROGRAM: Cooperative Print Shop

FUNDING SOURCE: Base Funds/Local Purchase of Services

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes____ No X

RESTRICTED FUNDING____ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING_X__

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS: Atkins, Clinton, Conway, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Hector, Heber Springs, Mayflower, Mount Vernon/Enola, Nemo Vista, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Russellville, Shirley, South Conway County, South Side Bee Branch, Two Rivers, Vilonia, Westside Greers Ferry, Western Yell County, Wonderview.

PERSONNEL: Mary Earnhart - Print Shop Manager

Dean Trautman - Print Shop Assistant

GOAL:

To equip the print shop with the latest printing technology and machinery available in order to provide more timely and cost effective printed materials for our school districts.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Arch Ford Education Print Shop provides cost efficient printing for education-based organizations within and outside the Arch Ford Cooperative region.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-2024:

- Printed and laminated thousands of pieces of educational learning materials.
- Printed Math and ELA spiral bound student workbooks.
- Printed and laminated numerous posters for classrooms, hallways and tournaments.
- Printed programs for Basketball, Baseball and Softball tournaments
- Upgraded several machines and added a wide format vinyl cutter.
- Printed handbooks and had them ready before the first day of school.
- Design and print special orders according to the customers needs.
- Fast and efficient turnaround times.

PROGRAM: Digital Learning - Virtual Arkansas (2023-2024 Academic Year)

FUNDING SOURCE: ADE Grant – Act

COMPETITIVE GRANT: No

RESTRICTED: Yes NON-RESTRICTED: ___

PARTICIPATING ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE DISTRICTS:

Districts	Served (Yes or No)
ARK. SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND	Yes
ATKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
DANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
DARDANELLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
EAST END SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
GREENBRIER SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
GUY-PERKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
HEBER SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	No
HECTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
MAYFLOWER SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
MT. VERNON/ENOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes

NEMO VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
PERRYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
POTTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
QUITMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
RUSSELLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
SHIRLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
SOUTH CONWAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
SOUTH SIDE SCH DIST(VANBUREN)	Yes
TWO RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
VILONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes
WEST SIDE SCHOOL DIST (CLEBURNE)	Yes
WESTERN YELL CO. SCHOOL DIST.	Yes
WONDERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes

CENTRAL OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

John Ashworth: Virtual Arkansas Executive Director; EdS, MS, BS

Dr. Brandie Benton: Virtual Arkansas Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Ed.D, MSE, BSE

Mindy Looney: Virtual Arkansas Interim Director of Operations; BS, MBA

Candice McPherson: Virtual Arkansas Director of Design and Development; MS, BS

Amy Kirkpatrick: Virtual Arkansas Director of Technology; MS, BS

Jason Bohler: Core Campus Principal; MA, BA

Tye Bibby: Concurrent Credit Campus Principal; MS, BA

Christie Lewis: CTE Campus Director; BBA, MS

Dr. Nic Mounts: Off-Campus and Fully Online Program Principal; Ed.D, MS, BS

MISSION: Our mission is to equip, engage, and empower Arkansas schools, students, and teachers by providing equitable access to superior online education.

VISION: Leveraging local, national, and global partnerships to advance student and educator success through innovative technologies and services.

CORE VALUES: Teamwork, Relationships, Integrity, Quality, Innovation

GOALS:

Virtual Arkansas exists to provide affordable and equitable educational access and opportunities for Arkansas students, teachers, and schools. According to *Act 2325 of 2005*, distance learning opportunities were employed:

- To help alleviate the teacher shortage
- To provide additional course-scheduling opportunities for students
- To provide an opportunity to access an enriched curriculum
- To develop and make available online professional development

Virtual Arkansas has specific goals that drive its operations. These goals are outlined in the chart below, along with the most recent results:

Goals	2023-2024 Results
Help Address the Arkansas Teacher Shortage	 VA made courses available in all critical academic licensure shortage areas VA provided access to 107 full-time Arkansas-certified teachers for local schools
Provide a Wide Range of Courses for Arkansas Students	 VA provided access to 214 total courses; 151 courses with a VA teacher These courses provided opportunities to 33,977 Content + Teacher enrollments and 7,506 Content Partnership enrollments
Ensure Educational Options for Economically Disadvantaged Students	 VA courses were made available to all high-poverty districts and were utilized by 95% of all Arkansas school districts with a 70% or higher FRL population VA offered preferred automatic concurrent credit registration for high-poverty districts. 100% of high-poverty schools that submitted the necessary paperwork for enrollment during the early registration period were granted seats in the classes for

	which they registered - 17,654 Content+Teacher enrollments came from schools with a 70%-100% FRL population
Ensure Educational Options for Rural Students	 59% of all Virtual Arkansas Content + Teacher Enrollments were from districts designated as rural VA provided educational options and opportunities to all rural districts and was utilized by 97% of all districts designated as rural 85% of all Concurrent Credit enrollments were from districts designated as rural
Provide Educational Options for Students with Scheduling Conflicts	 All VA courses can be taken at any time during the day which provides flexibility in scheduling local course options to avoid scheduling conflicts This is particularly important for smaller districts, as they have many courses only available during certain periods of the day
Increase the Number of Students Completing Career Focus Programs of Study and Participating in Work-based Learning	 49 CTE Content + Teacher courses were provided to 6,218 CTE enrollments VA provided opportunities to students throughout the state in 6 full completer programs and 12 partial completer programs

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Virtual Arkansas is a supplemental State Virtual School (SVS) that partners with local Arkansas schools, the Arkansas Department of Education, and the local Education Service Cooperatives to provide 7th-12th grade online courses, resources, and services to Arkansas schools, teachers, and students who might not otherwise have access to these resources and opportunities. This initiative is guided by Act 2325 of 2005: An Act to Provide Distance Learning.

www.virtualarkansas.org

We are not an online high school or a diploma-granting institution, but a resource for supplementing education for students through their local school.

Virtual Arkansas is comprised of five campuses:

- Core Campus High School: Arch Ford Educational Service Cooperative
- Core Campus Middle School: Arch Ford Educational Service Cooperative
- CTE Campus: Dawson Educational Service Cooperative
- Concurrent Credit Campus: Southeast Educational Service Cooperative
- DYS Campus: Arch Ford Educational Service Cooperative

Major Highlights of the 2023-2024 School Year - Virtual Arkansas

- National Award; Virtual Arkansas awarded the Digital Learning Collaborative Unsung Super Star Award for the Department of Youth Services campus.
- Provided 100% virtual student options for local schools through the Off-Campus and Fully Online program.
- Conducted heart dissection labs with Anatomy & Physiology students.
- Provided parent orientation webinars and informational webinars throughout the school year.
- Recognized as a national leader, including the third highest number of Quality Matters externally reviewed and quality assurance certified courses in the nation.
- Partnered with the Department of Youth Services (DYS) to provide high-quality online courses and opportunities to adjudicated youth.
- Partnered with ADE's Computer Science Unit to design and develop three additional Computer Science courses.
- Virtual Arkansas launched the pre-educator Arkansas Teacher Residency Certified Teaching Assistant Concurrent Credit pathway and partnership to provide concurrent credit pre-educator options to students throughout the state.
- Spearheaded the state effort to include a new Arkansas Military Service and Security Pathway for students interested in a military future.
- Deputy Superintendent was a member of the national committee that developed a crosswalk of the National Standards of Quality (NSQ) of Online Teaching and the Charlotte Danielson framework of teaching.
- Engaged in a large-scale assessment improvement initiative to align assessments with new standards and the new ATLAS assessment.
- Executive Director served the role of Board President for the Virtual Learning Leadership Alliance (VLLA), a partnership of 20 state virtual programs dedicated to advancing quality online learning.

Virtual Arkansas Impact Data (Based on 2022-2023 School Year)

- Have saved Arkansas school districts over \$71,000,000 over the last ten years
- Saved Arkansas school districts over \$9,000,000 during the 2023-2024 school year
- Have served over 282,000 enrollments over the last 10 years
- Virtual Arkansas Students had an 89% Pass Rate
- 14,907 Unique Arkansas Students Engaged in 33,977 Content + Teacher Enrollments
- 30.334 Credits Earned
- 75% of Virtual Arkansas teachers have a Master's degree or above
- 151 Content+Teacher courses available to students throughout Arkansas
- Concurrent Credit students Earned 8,132 College Concurrent Credit Hours
- 85% of Concurrent Credit enrollments from rural districts
- Career and Technical Education: 6,218 enrollments over two semesters
- 6 full completer CTE programs and 12 partial completer programs offered to Arkansas students

- 2,353 Computer Science enrollments
- 2,006 Advanced Placement Enrollments
- 97% of all Arkansas Rural Districts Served by Virtual Arkansas
- 59% of all Virtual Arkansas Content + Teacher Enrollments From Districts Classified as Rural
- 94% of all Arkansas public school districts served

PROGRAM: Director's Office/Administration

FUNDING SOURCE: Base Funds

RESTRICTED FUNDING _X____ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING _____

PERSONNEL: Gregg Grant, Director, M.S.E. Ed.S.

Stephanie Atkinson, Business Manager, B.S. Amanda Stewart-Linn, Accounts Payable

Lindsay Davis, HR Coordinator, B.S.

Ashley Pruitt, Facilities and Functions Coordinator, B.A.

Shelly Davis, Business Office Assistant, M.S.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The director has general supervisory responsibility for all cooperative programs. He is responsible to the governing board for recommendations on personnel, program changes, new programs, and routine daily management and operations. A primary responsibility centers upon his attending statewide meetings for the purpose of keeping the school boards and superintendents informed on matters relating to the legislative, state board, or other policy making bodies. He serves as liaison to the State Department of Education for member districts.

FINANCES:

The program funds are divided into State, Local, and Federal Programs. State and Local Programs are those programs that are either funded by state grants or revenue received from local school districts. Each program's funding operation is expected to support the program activities.

PROGRAM: Early Childhood Special Education

FUNDING SOURCE: Federal and State Grant / ADE

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes ___ No _X_

RESTRICTED _X_ NON-RESTRICTED ___

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS: Atkins, Clinton, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End, Greenbrier, Guy Perkins, Heber Springs, Hector, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon/Enola, Nemo Vista, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Shirley, South Conway County, South Side/Bee Branch, Two Rivers, Vilonia, Western Yell, Westside, Wonderview.

PERSONNEL:

Tina Rooks, Early Childhood Special Education Director (Ed. S)

Beth Harness Early Childhood Assistant Special Education Director (M.S.E.)

Jenifer Andrews, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (M.S.E.)

Mika Bennett, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (M.S.E.)

JoAnna Blocker, Early Childhood Behavior Specialist (M.S.E.)

Melanie Brindley, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (B.S.E.)

Haley Copeland, Speech Pathologist (M.S. CCC-SLP)

Sara Beth Briggler, Speech Pathologist (M.S. CCC-SLP)

Melissa I. Freeman, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (B.S.E.)

Jackie Gardner, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (M.S.E.)

Leslie Harris, Speech Pathologist (M.S. CCC-SLP)

Cassandra Jacqua, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (B.S.E.)

Tracy Jeane, Speech Pathologist (M.S. CCC-SLP)

Brandi Lewis, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (M.S.E.)

Caylin McMoran, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (M.S.E.)

Jennifer Newton, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (M.S.E.))

Rhonda Nosal, Speech Pathologist (M.S. CCC-SLP)

Lattie Richardson, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (M.S.E)

Candi Russell, EC Finance Manager

Jill Roberts, Early Childhood Special Education (M.S.E.)

Rachel Sanders, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (B.S.E.)

Tara Stevenson, Speech Pathologist (M.S. CCC-SLP)

Maegan Story, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (B.S.E.)

Amanda Williams, Para Professional (B.S.E)

LeAnne Waddle, EC Eschool/Medicaid Manager

GOALS:

- To identify children ages three to five in need of special education services through screenings and evaluations
- To provide developmentally appropriate special education services for identified preschool children ages three to five through an Individual Education Program
- To enhance teacher awareness of current best practices through high quality professional development
- To provide supports for child care providers in the delivery of services for children with special needs

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Arch Ford Early Childhood Program is a mandated special education preschool program for children with disabilities who are aged three to five. The services are offered in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act on behalf of the local school districts.

A child may be eligible for special services if he/she is experiencing difficulties which interfere with normal development in the following areas: speech/language, vision, hearing, motor skills, behavioral/social skills or cognition/readiness skills. Services include screenings, evaluations, specialized preschool instruction, speech/language therapy, physical/occupational therapy and other appropriate services. Services are provided and delivered through a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and are delivered in public school based classrooms, public or private preschools or daycares, Head Start centers, itinerantly at the local school building or through home based instruction when necessary. This delivery model allows for interaction with peers who are developing normally as well as coordination with other agencies,

Special Education due process procedures are followed for all children in the Early Childhood Program. The program is monitored by the Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education Division. The Program receives state and federal funding based on December 1 Child Count. There is no cost to the family for services, however, Medicaid and private insurance are billed when appropriate.

Major Highlights of 2023-2024 School Year and Impact Data:

- Provided early childhood special education services for over 677 preschoolers in the 2022-2023 school year, as our numbers continued to grow after the December 1 Child Count.
 - o 371 Developmental Delay
 - o 232 Speech Language Impairment
 - o 0 Multiple Disabilities
 - o 71 Autism
 - 0 Orthopedic Impairment
 - 2 Visual Impairment

- o 3 Hearing Impairments
- o 8 Other Health Impairments
- 2 Traumatic Brain Injury
- o 14 Functional Behavior Analysis
- 18 Behavior Plan/Safety Plans
- 2 Threat Assessments
- o 2 Suicide Risk Assessments
- Maintained interagency collaboration with
 - Head Start
 - o Department of Human Services
 - Arkansas Better Chance
 - Child care providers
 - o Related service providers
 - School districts continue building relationships
 - o UAMS Institute for DigitalHealth and Innovation Brain Injury Program
 - o Arkansas Brain Injury Support Program
 - Mental Health Pediatric UAMS Project Play Behavior Help'
 - o DESE EC Special Education
 - o Easter Seals Outreach
 - UALR Community-Based Parenting Program University of Arkansas Little Rock/MidSOUTH College of Business and Health & Human Services
 - o UAMS Triple P Zoom Parenting Program
 - o Basic Inclusion Project for EC Special Education Inclusive Practices
 - o NCPMI Pyramid Model Behavior Support State Project

Stakeholders Collaborate with Behavior Specialist & Partnerships With EC Arch Ford to program individualize the Individual Education Plans for the 668 students with disabilites

- Amy Goddard, Amber Watson, Certified Traumatic Brain Injury Specialist/Trauma Rehabilitation Resources Program Institute for Digital Health & Innovation, UAMS
- Arisa Health Counseling Services for Mental Health
- Dr. Sheila Smith, Arkansas Behavior Support Specialist
- Estle Reeves, TeachTown Program, Meta Play Autism Curriculum
- Dianna Griffe, Easter Seals Outreach Programs
- Jamie Leigh Huett, Love your Brain Yoga/Mindfulness for students
- Angela Traweek, Friendship Community Services
- Brandi Mitchell, Mitzi Henderson, Connections Behavioral Health
- Amy Causey, Early Intervention 0-3 Division of Developmental Disabilities Services and Children Services, Early Childhood Child Care Licensure, TEFRA, Waiver
- Tosha Smith, Project Play UAMS
- Dr. Nikki Edge, Arkansas Infant Association Mental Health

- Dr. Chad Rogers, Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care
- Diana Vardy and Brenda k Reynolds, Welcome the Children Inclusive U of A
- Christine Linn, MYTE Trainer for Parents, UAMS
- Haley Shearer, School Based Mental Health, Easter Seals Outreach
- Fabiola E Amburgy, DESE EC Special Education Coordinator
- Cyndi Campbell, EC Behavior Support Specialist, Ozark Unlimited Education Cooperative
- Kate Garofas,EC Behavior Support Specialist, Northeast Education Cooperative
- Lindsey Burkett, EC Behavior Support Specialist, Arkansas River and Southeast Cooperative
- Becky Ballard EC Behavior Support Specialist, Guy Fenter Education Cooperative
- Cherly Green, EC Behavior Support Specialist Dequeen Mena Ed Coop
- Danita Pitts DESE EC State Special Education Coordinator
- Amy Goddard, DESE Arkansas Traumatic Brain Injury Support
- Alesa Lambert, DESE EC Special Education Coordinator

General EC Education Partnerships with EC Arch Ford

- Ted Beck, Behavior HELP, Arkansas Department of Human Service
- University of Arkansas Community College At Morrilton (UACCM) Advisory Board at Morrilton for ParaProfessional and Child Development Associate Dearee
- UAMS Partnership with Welcome The Children with Vilonia and Greenbrier ABC Programs with inclusive practices and implementation
- Contracted with Arkansas Children's Hospital EARS program for direct Audiology Services to benefit children by providing hearing screenings and evaluations and purchased Welch Allyn Vision and Welch Allyn hearing machines to dial in on students for child find with suspected vision and hearing loss
- Partnered with Arkansas Early Childhood Association (AECA) to collaborate on autism, behavior, and trauma with Headstart on the state level to create a video about awareness.
- Trained early childhood and school age staff on Kindergarten transition procedures and conducted training and implemented child find law for all seven counties and districts along with coaching and live consultation.
- Partnership with DESE through inclusive grant Building Arkansas Strong Through Inclusive Classrooms (BASIC) Training and Coaching Project
- Partnered with DESE with Arkansas Traumatic Brain Injury Support for both early childhood and school age for seven counties served to serve students and families with resources and pd as well as consulting on traumatic brain injury.
- UALR Project with Triple P Program, Parenting, Positive, Program for families

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The professional development has been provided to empower our internal staff as well as empower the school districts and families we serve.

Early Childhood Special Education professional development, wellness, mental health, behavior supports enhanced school improvement for all 26 districts within our cooperative region, EDIT centers, private childcare centers, faith based, etc who participate in our seven counties over 230 childcare facilities.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS FOR 23-24:

- PD 2023-2024: A Needs Assessment was conducted to determine what support was needed for our families. A partnership with UALR Community-Based Parenting Program University of Arkansas Little Rock/MidSOUTH College of Business and Health & Human Services. Triple P Parenting Program was awarded as a grant to provide training and professional development to staff and families. The Triple P ${ extstyle -}$ Positive Parenting Program is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world, backed up by more than 35 years of ongoing research. Triple P gives parents simple and practical strategies to help them build strong, healthy relationships, confidently manage their children's behavior and prevent problems developing. Triple P is used in more than 30 countries and has been shown to work across cultures, socio-economic groups and in many different kinds of family structures. The behavior specialist was accredited as the trainer through the Triple P Program to facilitate training for the seven counties. All Early Childhood Special Education staff are trained through the seminars Triple P Program and series of trainings provided to general education teachers and families we serve. Bernie Freytag, author, artist: wellness day for professional development to highlight staff wellness, team building, Poverty Training provided by the Arkansas Health Department Nurses, Meta Play, STAR Profile, TeachTown Autism programming instruments
- Brain Support Service: Early Childhood Special Education department and Arkansas School Support for Traumatic Brain Injury DSES partnered to serve and assist Arch Ford student preK-12th grade. This partnership will provide brain support for the Arch Ford ESC web page, REAP Return to Learn program training, brain injury training, regional network, medical, community and school provider connection. This will support the students and the school districts in the Arch Ford region and educate and make aware the importance of brain health and brain healing. The brain support will serve all brain injuries mild, moderate to severe with the intent to return to learn with proper healing and adjustments.
- NCPMI Pyramid Model Behavior Project: DESE Pyramid Model project to build Arkansas EC Behavior Support services through training, coaching and provided national best practices using TPOT observation and Practice Based Coaching Strategies
- BASIC Inclusive Project: DESE Inclusive Practices Grant Building Arkansas Strong Through Inclusive Classrooms (BASIC) Training and Coaching Project provided

national best practices coaching and consulting training and coaching monthly to teach inclusion in a preschool setting in Heber Springs School District with partnering with EC Arch Ford Educational Service Cooperative to provide an inviting inclusive classroom and to provide leadership to continue growing the inclusion to all classrooms. This grant provided new and fresh ideas on how to teach classroom staff how to build functional routines and procedures and work for 100% success and growth for all students with providing therapy in inclusive settings and increasing both collaboration and consultation models. This grant has been expanded to Westside Greers Ferry School District, Vilonia School District, and Greenbrier School District. WE completed year 2 with Heber Springs. We completed year 1 with Greers Ferry, Vilonia, and Greenbrier School Districts.

- Welcome the Children/Partners for Inclusive Communities (Partners) is Arkansas' University Center on Disabilities. Welcome the Children partnership provided additional training with our Early Childhood Special Education team for Vilonia and Greenbrier school districts. We provided additional support in inclusive therapy, classroom strategies, cultural diversity, and enhancing communication in the classroom. The inclusive of all children with disabilities ratings were completed for the two school districts analyzed, program and strategies given to promote additional inclusion. Training for parents has been provided at Vilonia School District for both parents and ec staff on topics related to special education. Topics related to special education has been provided to Greenbrier School District ABC Programs.
- Implemented Inclusive Practices Strategies in classrooms across the Cooperative
 The Early Childhood Staff has implemented inclusive practices by developing
 collaborative partnerships with our classroom teachers to deliver our specialized
 preschool instruction and therapy within the Least Restrictive Environment of the
 classroom when it is appropriate. We have developed systems to document our
 student progress across their natural environments to include valuable input from
 their classroom teacher as well as their family. By incorporating their individualized
 needs and instruction into their classroom, our students are included in all classroom
 activities and are encouraged to carry over their learned skills into their natural
 environment.
- Arch Ford Early Childhood is leading statewide EC Behavioral Support Specialist
 Team meetings with representatives from each cooperative and is collaborating with
 UAMS Project Play, A-State BehaviorHelp by meeting quarterly in different regions of
 the state for training.
- Autism resources provided to all school districts and teachers due to the number that has significantly increased in our Arch Ford region.
- EC SPED central website for services updated along with resources for families and mental health wellness updated on website. Categories to easily maneuver for families and school districts, child care centers, EDITS, etc. A central location for evidence based resources for Autism, Wellness, Positive Behavior Services, Reasons for Referral, etc.
- Suicide Crisis Threat Assessment Protocol discussed at the K Transition meetings to make school districts aware of the policy and procedures to immediately to meet the needs of the school districts and student needs.

- Our Behavior EC Special Education department creates a Safety Plan and provides a
 holistic behavioral approach to help the general educators, special education team,
 and school districts. A Behavior Intervention Plan and Functional Behavior
 Assessment is a requirement as a foundation for addressing the underlying issues or
 challenges that are leading to the unsafe behavior.
- Kindergarten Transition Coordination meeting for all school districts provided with training, scheduling, and instruction for due process procedures. Guest speakers to speak to showcase statewide service available for the students with disabilities
- ESY services are being provided for ec special education students that include speech, developmental, PT, and OT therapy for students that have regressed due to illness and 14 factors.
- EC Behavior Specialist provides the following presentations at the Arch Ford Campus Decrease Behavioral Challenges To Improve The Student's Overall Life Skills, Inclusive Practices University of Denver Strategies Morgridge College of Education, NCPMI Pyramid Model Behavior Support and Coaching, Love Your Brain Movement and Appropriate Behavioral Strategies to help the students and teachers co-regulate, Triple P Program: The Power of Positive Parenting, Raising Competent Confident Children, Raising Resilient Children, REAP/Return to Learn, Traumatic Brain Injury or Acquired Brain Injury: The Keys of Effective Adjustments Effective Instructional Strategies, and Supports for the Learner and School Districts
- Continued partnerships with University of Central Arkansas (UCA) and provided partnership for future speech pathologist graduates for speech pathology in Conway.
- EC Special Education Director served on the UACCM Advisory Board at Morrilton for ParaProfessional and Child Development Associate's Degree programs.
- Inclusive Practices were started nine years ago in the EC Special Ed Program in baby steps, and we have made great strides in coaching and providing a national inclusive practice model and will continue to grow in those practices.
- Purchased new laptops for all staff to improve efficiency for staff to be able to have technology with a fast processing speed to produce special education paperwork
- Updated to the latest SEAS Attain for all special education paperwork and will be implemented in training for new school year
- Purchased sound equipment and tv's to set up a space for ec special education to be able to conduct meetings by zoom for future plc trainings for all sites and for staff to collaborate with stakeholders.

PROGRAM: Gifted and Talented

FUNDING SOURCE: Local and State Grants from ADE

PERSONNEL: Candace Smith, Gifted and Talented Specialist, Advanced Placement

Specialist; Holds District III Director position for AAGEA Board

RESTRICTED FUNDING_X__ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING_X_

Participating Districts:

Arkansas School for the Blind, Atkins, Clinton, Conway, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Heber Springs, Hector, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon/Enola, Nemo Vista, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Russellville, Shirley, South Conway County, South Side, Two Rivers, Vilonia, West Side, Western Yell County, Wonderview

PROGRAM GOALS:

- To deliver appropriate educational services to students in grades K-12 who possess talents and gifts evidenced by the interaction of above average intellectual ability, task commitment, motivation, and creative ability to help students realize their potential.
- To ensure the identification of gifted and talented students who possess high potential or ability and learning characteristics and educational needs which require qualitatively differentiated educational experiences and/or services in grades K-12.
- To ensure that G/T and AP teachers and Coordinators are provided with support and opportunities for professional growth.
- To provide administrative training for G/T Coordinators in instructional leadership.
- To offer technical assistance to G/T Teachers and Coordinators in areas of concern including curriculum, technology, and state standards for G/T education.
- To provide professional development to help schools meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students
- To be a liaison with the OGTAP/DESE, schools, parent and professional groups, public and private agencies, and to conduct public awareness and advocacy programs.
- To organize student activities that will benefit all students in cooperative area schools.
- To provide Advanced Placement information and training to AP and Pre-AP teachers and Advance Placement coordinators.

PROGRAM SUMMARY: Assistance is provided to local school district administrators and gifted and talented district coordinators and teachers through consulting and training services including meetings at the Co-op, visits to schools, and staff development in-service training. Supervision is provided to assure that services to students are delivered, school records are accurate, and school GT Action plans are in compliance. The specialist serves as the liaison with ADE/OGTAP office and works closely with the state AGATE (Arkansans for Gifted and Talented Education) and AAGEA (Arkansas Association of Gifted Educational Administrators) organizations to develop public awareness and student programs. The

Specialist provides professional learning opportunities to support the delivery of G/T services during the year including the following programs:

- DESE Required Secondary Course Content
- GT Coordinator Monthly Meetings
- AP Coordinator Training
- Quiz Bowl Coaches' Training
- Other training may include (as determined by district needs/requests):
 - o Affective Needs of the Gifted
 - o Differentiation
 - Gifted Identification
 - o Curriculum writing
 - o Poverty
 - o Emotional Poverty (I & II)
 - o Better Balance= Better Life
 - o Trauma-Sensitive Classrooms
 - o Growth Mindsets
 - o Project-Based Learning
 - o Social/Emotional Needs of the Gifted
 - o Book Studies

Major Highlights of 2023-2024:

- G/T Coordinators met eight times this year for DESE updates and instructional leadership training.
- Advanced Placement Coordinators met for DESE updates.
- Provided Secondary Course Content trainings to provide certification to teachers to ensure compliance for GT Rules and Regulations for many school districts.
- Attended fall AAGEA and AGATE Conferences.
- Specialist holds an elected position as AAGEA Board District III Director.
- Coop Specialist held a practice tournament, regional tournament, and final Elementary Quiz Bowl Tournaments.
- Shared information to G/T teachers via emails, texts, calls, Facebook page and through the GT Arch Ford website.
- Provided resources and support for G/T teachers in meeting the needs of secondary G/T students.
- Provided Zoom meetings to allow GT coordinators more one-on-one time to collaborate and strengthen their program and curriculum.
- Promoted Advanced Placement and Pre-Advanced Placement courses and program
- Held seven ACT Prep "Boot Camps" for secondary students and collecting data.
- Facilitated access to "On to College" ACT Prep Program for participating districts.
- Annual Elementary and secondary Chess Tournament and first ever Elementary and Secondary Chess Workshop in the Fall.
- WITS (Writers in the Schools) Poetry Workshop for 3-12th grade students.

PROGRAM: Homeless Consortium

FUNDING SOURCE: ARP II Funds

PERSONNEL: Candace Smith, Gifted and Talented Specialist, Advanced Placement

Specialist

RESTRICTED FUNDING_X__ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING____

Participating Districts: Bigelow, Danville, Nemo Vista, Perryville, Shirley, Western Yell County

PROGRAM GOALS:

• To deliver appropriate educational services to students in grades K-12 who are experiencing homelessness.

- To ensure that all districts receive up to date information in regards to the identification, requirements, and resources in order to support students and families who are experiencing homelessness.
- To ensure that district personnel are provided with support and opportunities for professional growth.
- To provide administrative training for Homeless Liaisons in instructional leadership.
- To provide professional development to help schools meet the educational needs of students experiencing homelessness.
- To be a liaison with the State Coordinator of Homeless Education/DESE, schools, parent and professional groups, public and private agencies, and to conduct public awareness and advocacy programs.
- To provide professional development and opportunities for Homeless Liaisons, educators, Administrators, and district personnel to learn about the characteristics, challenges, and resources available to students and families experiencing homelessness.

PROGRAM SUMMARY: Assistance is provided to local school district programs:

- DESE Required Monitoring
- Homeless Liaison Quarterly Meetings
- Needs assessment to determine how to structure the consortium and quarterly meetings
- Resources are provided to enhance support for Liaisons.
- Other training may include (as determined by district needs/requests):
 - o Book Studies
 - Identification support
 - o Community Resources

Major Highlights of 2023-2024:

- Specialists raised awareness of the definition of "homelessness" throughout the year and her other roles during mini conference breakout sessions and other venues.
- Homeless Liaisons met four times this year for DESE updates and instructional leadership training.

PROGRAM K-12 Mathematics Program

FUNDING SOURCE: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, K-12 Mathematics

Specialist Grant

COMPETITIVE GRANT: YES__ No X

RESTRICTED X NON-RESTRICTED_

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS:

Heber Springs, Quitman, West Side Greers Ferry, Nemo Vista, South Conway County, Wonderview, Conway, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon–Enola, North Little Rock, Vilonia, East End Bigelow, Perryville, Atkins, Dover, Hector, Pottsville, Russellville, Clinton, Shirley, South Side Bee Branch, Danville, Dardanelle, Two Rivers, Western Yell

PERSONNEL: Tara Sanders K-5 Mathematics Specialist, MSE

Tracey Garrison 6-12 Mathematics Specialist, MA, Ed.S

GOAL:

To promote and support effective, research-based mathematics practices for all students by providing professional learning opportunities and technical assistance to math educators, leadership, and community stakeholders in the area of standards-based mathematics curricula, instruction, and assessment.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative, in partnership with the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, administers the Mathematics Program for grades K-12, established by ACT 1392 of 1999 for the improvement of mathematics instruction throughout Arkansas. Assistance is provided to schools through professional learning programs, demonstration lessons, teacher observations, technical assistance, and teacher/administrator conferences in order to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics through increased content understanding and improved instructional strategies across the curriculum. The 2023-2024 professional learnings consist of:

• QuEST (Quantitative Essentials for Students and Teachers) Year 2:

The state-wide professional development focus for mathematics is AR Math QuEST (Quantitative Essentials for Students and Teachers), a two-year learning opportunity for mathematics educators grades K-12. AR Math QuEST is a journey for ambitious teaching that promotes equity and engagement of all students in meaningful mathematics learning experiences of reasoning and problem solving. AR Math QuEST empowers educators and families to help students develop positive identities as doers of mathematics to increase student achievement. The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)'s Mathematics Teaching Practices and the Standards for Mathematical Practice are the research-based foundation for

exemplary teaching and learning. Participants engaged in 3 Professional Development Sessions and a minimum of one Planning-Observation- Reflection classroom visit (coaching cycle) each semester.

- Districts Participating: Greenbrier, Two Rivers, Dover, West Side, Vilonia, Mt. Vernon-Enola.
- Professional Development Series (3 days)
 - ARMathQuEST: Year 2 35 Participants
 - o Classroom Planning/Observations/Feedback Total 70 visits
 - o Fall Coaching cycle 35 visits
 - Spring Coaching Cycle 35 visits
- o Teachers Receiving Support 35 Participating
- 2023-2024 Arch Ford Teacher QuEST Statistics
- Student Centered Mathematics K-3 (Cognitively Guided Instruction): This research based framework utilizes best teaching practices and is designed around how elementary school children learn concepts of number, operations, and early Algebra. The goal of this training is for teachers to learn how to utilize this framework to inform their mathematics instruction. Teachers learn to analyze and write mathematically demanding math tasks and mathematical notation in order to assess and further students' understanding of concepts and skills. Attention is also focused on how to recognize student responses in terms of cognitive development, mathematical understanding, facilitate discussions that will provide a window into children's thinking, strengthen children's ability to reason and problem solve about arithmetic, and build students' capacity for algebraic reasoning. CGI can be utilized independently or utilized alongside an HQIM because it also supports teacher in implementing high leverage teacher practices.
 - Two Year 2 Cohorts with Fall/Spring Follow Up (50 Participants)
 - 3 Summer Days, 2 Fall Days, 1 Spring Day
 - Embedded Days to Observe CGI Lessons
 - HQIM Support
 - 2023-2024 Arch Ford CGI PD Statistics
 - CGI Refreshers for Individual Districts that went through CGI previously
 - Fluency and Numeracy Concepts Embedded

HQIM Illustrative Mathematics Regional districts utilizing the high quality instructional materials *Illustrative Mathematics K-12* were provided support for implementing at both Year 1 and 2 levels. In addition, tailored support for specific districts around centers, assessment, routines, and planning were provided throughout the year. Summer days concentrated on planning/pacing, vertical alignment, common formative assessment, accelerated learning and differentiated instruction opportunities. The following sessions were attended throughout the year.

• Illustrative Mathematics Year Overview (1 day)

- Illustrative Mathematics Year In Depth Training (2 days)
- On-site training was provided to 3 districts
- On-site support with planning was provided to 1
- Custom PD and Support for school districts on centers, assessment, implementation, routines, and strategies.

Mathematics Content Professional Development: The following is a list of PD opportunities outside of state initiatives and special projects provided by mathematics specialists. Content grade band PD was developed both as a statewide initiative (using targeted data) and from local cooperative (survey) needs.

K-12 PD Sessions:

- o TOT ATLAS Assessment Overview for Math (70 participants)
- Arkansas Math Standards Support Document Overview (16 participants)
- All Things Illustrative Mathematics(K-5) (27 participants)
- Addressing the Challenges of Teaching Math to Students with Characteristics of Dyscalculia and/or Dyslexia (54 participants)
- All Things Illustrative Mathematics (K-12): 2-Day Session (59 participants)
- All Things Illustrative Mathematics(6-12): 1-Day Session (5 participants)
- Arkansas Revised Math Standards Overview for K-5 (18 participants)
- Building and Strengthening Numeracy in 6-12 Math (23 participants)
- Redefining Fluency: It's not just fast and accurate (18 participants)
- Engagement, Discussion, and Differentiation Strategies for Illustrative Math, Eureka, Reveal and Beyond!
- Elevate Math Fluency (June 2024)
- o Math DOK Matters: Increasing the Rigor of your Classroom (June 2023)
- Building Numeracy: Addition (June 2024)
- o Building Numeracy: Subtraction (June 2024)
- o Building Numeracy: Multiplication (June 2024)
- o Building Numeracy: Division (June 2024)
- o <u>Building Numeracy D</u>ata
- o Redefining Fluency: It's not fast and accurate (June 2023)

HQIM Selection Support

- 25 participants K-12 received support in selecting a High Quality Instructional Material for mathematics instruction.
- School districts receiving PD on how to use their district needs assessment to select the HQIM that supports the needs of their students and teachers: Dardanelle,

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-2024:

- QuEST Year 2 PD Approximately 20 teachers attended training and fulfilled requirements to complete their QuEST training.
- QuEST On-site/virtual support Planning & Observation Tools

- Increased support and awareness to High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) with local schools and administrators including the development of classroom walkthrough surveys
- Coaching Cycles Specialist provided ongoing coaching cycles using the TNTP model with regional schools throughout the year.
- Math Specialists began training in Cognitive Coaching to implement along with TNTP coaching.
- Increased teacher knowledge of the most important numeracy strategies during the Building Powerful Numeracy for Middle and High School Students professional development.
- Worked with multiple school districts to improve implementation of HQIM through walk throughs, team meetings, coaching cycles, etc.
- Supported districts in disaggregating standards and choosing essential standards for math.
- Provided personalized on site PD to support content mastery in math for elementary teachers.
- Provided on site support for instructional facilitators and interventionists in how to use their HQIM to provide interventions.

Appointments & Publications

Tara Sanders

- Served on the Arkansas Dyscalculia Response Team
- Elected President of the Arkansas Association of Math Leaders.
- o Appointed to the ACTM Board of Directors as the AAML Delegate.
- Spoke at NCSM National Conference to highlight teacher practice support in Arkansas.
- Wrote the ACTM Journal article called, "Numeracy: Making Math Usable, Doable and "Figureoutable"
- Served on the planning committee for the ACTM Pre Conference.

PROGRAM: Literacy

FUNDING SOURCE: Arkansas Department of Education, Learning Services Division

K-12 Literacy Unit

COMPETITIVE GRANT:	Yes	No <u>x_</u>
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RESTRICTED FUNDING___X NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING_____

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS: Atkins, Clinton, Conway, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End Bigelow, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Heber Springs, Hector, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon/Enola, Nemo Vista, North Little Rock, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Russellville, Shirley, South Conway County, South Side Bee Branch, Two Rivers, Vilonia, West Side Greers Ferry, Western Yell County, Wonderview

PERSONNEL:

Mindy Mann, Literacy Specialist, MSE Melissa Gasaway, Literacy Specialist, MSE

GOALS:

- To ensure that all students in participating districts are meeting the state standards in literacy by:
 - enhancing teacher awareness and implementation of current best practices and scientific reading research through high quality professional development and support
 - o helping participating secondary schools focus on close reading through in-house professional development and support.
 - o helping participating schools begin the SOR walk through process.
 - o Support districts in implementing High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM)
 - o Participate in coaching cycles

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

All literacy professional development has shifted to focus on the science of reading, supporting teachers in deepening their understanding of foundational reading skills and development, as well as implementing the science of reading in daily instruction.

RISE K-2 is a professional development training that provides educators with an in-depth knowledge related to the science of reading, evidence-based instructional strategies, and making data-based decisions for all students.

RISE 3-6 is a professional development training designed specifically for educators of grades 3-6. This training offers participants the opportunity to learn about the science of reading and how

to provide effective core instruction, as well as how to support struggling readers through explicit and systematic instruction for word recognition, vocabulary, and comprehension.

SOR (Science of Reading) Trainings developed by DESE are provided in the topics of decoding, encoding, phonological awareness, morphology, and content-area reading.

HQIM (High Quality Instructional Materials) is the state's initiative to provide high quality materials for teachers to use aligned to the Science of Reading and legislation.

Writing has been another focus this year. Some participating school districts as well as individual teachers have read and begun using strategies from *Writing Revolution* in their classrooms.

Growing secondary readers has been a focus at the secondary level. Many participating schools have received professional development on the high impact strategies and have received ongoing support.

Coaching cycles were implemented with teachers based on individual needs. Observations, modeling, and planning were key components in the coaching cycles.

Major Highlights of 2023-2024:

The Literacy Department has supported schools in a variety of ways including:

- Curriculum Alignment
- Team Meetings/Professional Learning Communities
- Formative Assessments
- Summative Assessments
- Data Analysis
- Dyslexia Informative meetings and disaggregation of district dyslexia data
- Lesson Planning
- Research-based Best Practices for instruction
- Intervention support
- Support for Instructional Facilitators and Administrators
- SOR (Science of Reading) trainings (Pathway D)
- Facilitating and supporting teacher meetings
- Intensive support for D and F rated schools
- High impact practices for grades 7-12
- Support with developing Essential Standards
- Support with understanding how to choose new curriculum through EdReports and building networks between schools
- Support with understanding the dyslexia regulations

PROGRAM: Local Facilities Partnership Funding

FUNDING SOURCE: Combined Participating Local School Districts

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes ____ No __X_

RESTRICTED FUNDING _____ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING __X___

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS:

Atkins, Clinton, Conway, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Heber Springs, Hector, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon-Enola, Nemo Vista, North Little Rock, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Russellville, Shirley, South Side, Trumann, Two Rivers, West Side, Western Yell County, Wonderview

PERSONNEL:

<u>Position</u> <u>Name</u>

Facilities Coordinator Darrell E Tessman

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Facilities Coordinator primarily serves as the liaison between school districts and the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation to assist in preparing and submitting the six year Facilities Master Plan and Partnership Project Applications.

PROGRAM GOALS:

- Complete and submit the Facilities Master Plan for each district in even numbered years and update the Facilities Master Plan for each district in odd numbered years.
- Represent districts, when requested, during the Preliminary Master Plan Review with Facilities Division during odd numbered years.
- Process payment requests to the Facilities Division for partnership projects.
- Audit district's CMMS accounts for required state mandated inspections and notify districts of outstanding inspections before June 30th.
- Schedule competent asbestos and safety instructors in order for districts to meet OSHA requirements. Classes are provided during the summer.
- Provide technical support for CMMS corrective and preventative maintenance work orders.
- Assist districts in preparing/presenting partnership project appeals to the commission if needed.
- Assist districts with issues concerning local and state facility agencies.
- Understand and disseminate current/updated laws and regulations pertaining to school facilities.
- Assist districts in the construction bidding and RFQ process.
- Assist districts in creating/submitting Safety Grant applications.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-2024:

- Continued success in submitting quality partnership project applications and master plans.
- Hosted asbestos training by Environmental Enterprise Group.
- Hosted Safety training by Risk Management for custodial and maintenance.
- Hosted CMMS training provided by Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation.
- Assisted legislators in facilities knowledge for bills.
- Involved more in the bidding and RFQ process with school districts.

PROGRAM: Novice Teacher Mentoring System

FUNDING SOURCE: ADE Grant

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes___ No_x_

RESTRICTED FUNDING__X_ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING____

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS: All with the exception of Quitman

PERSONNEL: Karen Norton, Ed.D.

Bethany Hill, M.Ed. Jacob Sission, MSE Vandy Nash, MSE

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Arch Ford's Novice Teacher Mentoring Program is designed to provide a novice teacher the support, assistance, and encouragement of multiple layers of support including access to a district assigned support person, District Project Director, principal, Co-op specialists, a Mentoring Director, two Mentoring Support Specialist and a School Support Specialist. The skill set of the specialist team include; understanding how to support HQIM implementation, identifying essential standards, supporting classroom management and behavior interventions. Each layer of support for the novice teacher provides opportunities for them to learn the skills he or she needs to become an effective, knowledgeable teacher. There are 668 novice teachers in the Arch Ford Esc region for the 23-24 school year.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	TOTALS
201	241	226	668

Year 1 Novice Support:

Novice teachers in the first year of their career attended three days of professional development. The first two days were spent training novices to be first day ready. Topics included classroom management plans, classroom procedures, TESS, professional growth plans and ethics. The third professional development day for year 1 novice teachers was focused on John Wink's Hierarchy of Student Excellence.

Year 2 and 3 Novice Support:

Novice teachers in their second and third years were supported through school visits, the mentoring team reached out via phone, email or by scheduling a site visit to any novice when there was a need noted on the monthly heart check and/or when an administrator reached out for support.

Communication:

A novice teacher website was utilized to provide current information for all stakeholders associated with novice teacher mentoring, including assigned support people, Project Directors, administrators and novice teachers. A private Facebook group was utilized to provide support and networking opportunities. A monthly newsletter developed by the Arch Ford Mentoring Team was shared with all novice teachers through email and social media. A monthly heart check Google Form was shared with all novices to help ensure the mentoring team was aware of any needs or concerns. When a concern or need was noted, one of the mentoring team members reached out to the novice and developed a plan of support.

Types of Support:

Support was provided for novice teachers who needed help with passing a Praxis exam. This support included resources, small groups and one-on-one tutoring as well as providing a subscription to 240 Tutoring or study.com based on their needs. Saturday study sessions were also held to provide additional support for the Foundations of Reading Test. The Mentoring Team conducted on-site visits, in districts as well as virtual check-ins throughout the year to provide individual support and coaching for novice teachers. Arch Ford Content Specialist also provided virtual and face-to-face support on an as needed basis. Individual coaching cycles were conducted with multiple teachers based on request either from the teacher or the principal.

GOALS:

- Provide training and support to novice teachers to increase teacher retention
- Establish norms of professionalism
- Increase effective teacher performance, which will lead to improved student achievement
- Provide licensure assessment support

On the Arch Ford mid-year novice teacher survey administered in December 2023, 94% of the novice teachers were committed to staying in the profession.

<u>Advisory Committee Review of Data - October, 2023</u> Advisory Committee Review of Data - March 2024

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 23-24 and IMPACT DATA:

- There are 668 novice teachers in the mentoring program
- Mark McCleod provided professional development rooted in classroom management strategies
- Mentoring Team visited every school in the region to touch base with novice teachers
- Majority of novice teachers are returning to the profession in 24-25
- Year 1 Mini-Conference was held to meet the diverse needs of our novice teachers
- Mentoring Specialists, School Support Specialist and the Mentoring Director served as guest lecturers in multiple undergraduate classes at regional EPPs to develop relationships with future teachers

 27 teachers participated in the Lead Teacher Designation Program through NIET. Grant funds made this opportunity possible. By achieving this designation, these teachers will help support the Apprenticeship models and year long residencies in their schools. PROGRAM: Professional Development/Teacher Center

FUNDING: Combined Local School Districts and ADE

PERSONNEL: Julie Workman, Ed.D., Teacher Center Coordinator

Karen Norton, Ed.D., Mentoring Program and ArPEP Director Lori Winfrey, B.S., Professional Development Support Specialist

RESTRICTED FUNDING <u>x</u> NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING <u>____</u>

PROGRAM GOALS:

- To provide professional development for administrators, teachers, and other district personnel to increase student achievement and effective school reform
- To support school improvement initiatives generated by the Arkansas Department of Education
- To enhance program integration through effective communication and technical support

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TEACHER CENTER

This office has the responsibility of looking at the "Big Picture" of K-12 professional development that supports and enhances school improvement for all 26 districts within our cooperative region and 3 additional districts who participate from outside our region.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2023-24:

- Summer PD 2023: A Needs Assessment was conducted to determine what sessions and support needed to be offered during the summer. The first survey was given only to administrators in December of 2023. In addition to these surveys, Arch Ford specialists conducted their own surveys to determine needs for the summer. Based on the results of the Needs Assessment, sessions were planned for the summer of 2023. We provided over 57,000 hours of professional development credit in June and July. A summary of Summer 2023 can be found here.
- Support for D and F Schools and Level 3: During the 23-24 year, we had 2 districts in need of additional support in the area of reading based on the percentage of students in the lowest category in reading. Both districts have been in Level 3 support for the past two years, and continue to need additional support in implementing the science of reading. The TCC and Literacy team worked with the Administration in each district to analyze data and determine next steps to increase achievement in reading. Literacy specialists continued throughout the year to visit districts and provide onsite support according to the plan created by DESE. The TCC met with DESE and the districts quarterly (Level 3) to update the team on progress, discuss possible next steps, and continue plans for increasing reading achievement of students. Literacy specialists were assigned to D and F schools this year based on

- new requirements from LEARNS. They were expected to spend 80% of their time each week in their assigned schools, and provided extensive support to teachers and administrators in the area of foundational reading instruction.
- High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM): One of the DESE initiatives that has taken center stage this year has been to support districts as they purchase HQIM. Arch Ford Specialists have received training in EdReports, and are regularly called upon to lead districts through identifying a curriculum that meets their needs. As part of this initiative, specialists have also received training in some programs, including Illustrative Math and Wit and Wisdom, which are widely used by schools in the region. As part of this initiative, the Arch Ford Specialists will continue to grow their knowledge in HQIM to be able to support our schools effectively. All content specialists provided support in the area of HQIM this year in the areas of literacy, math, and science. To support this work, Arch Ford utilized the Communities of Practice grant from DESE to provide additional support for leaders in the area of HQIM.
- Phonics First, Structures and Take Flight: To support the needs of districts utilizing certain programs, Arch Ford has hosted training sessions throughout the year for some programs. Three of those for literacy include Phonics First, Structures, and Take Flight. Phonics First and Structures are widely used as phonics, dyslexia intervention and word study programs in the region, and require a full week of onsite training for teachers. Arch Ford hosted three weeks of Phonics First this year and two weeks of Structures training to meet the needs of districts. Take Flight is a dyslexia intervention program from the DESE-approved list that is a two-year training process. Arch Ford hosted Year 1 and Year 2 of Take Flight in the summer of 2023 through the DESE-funded CALT program, and continued with the 4 follow-up dates during the year.
- Handle with Care: To meet the needs of districts and satisfy requirements of Act 1084 of 2022, Arch Ford hosted an additional 3 days of Handle with Care Training of Trainers in September 2023. This allowed districts who had lost their trainer or wanted to train additional staff to get trained and bring their districts into compliance with Act 1084.
- Job Alike Groups: To support personnel from districts in the Arch Ford region, meetings are regularly scheduled for staff to meet with others in similar positions. Groups include: Curriculum Coordinators, Federal Program Coordinators, G/T Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, ESOL Coordinators, HR Admins, Counselors, LMS, SpEd Supervisors, and Principals. These meetings provide an opportunity for Co-op staff to share updates relevant to the group as well as allow for time for school personnel to collaborate and network with others in similar positions. As needed, DESE staff are invited to the meetings to share updates, lead discussions, and answer questions. An important part of job alike groups this year has been incorporating data discussions into each meeting following the same protocol as superintendent meetings, and also working to support the implementation of LEARNS.

The Professional Development team at Arch Ford continues to support school improvement efforts through training in standards and assessment, Science of Reading, extensive math

trainings such as Cognitive Guided Instruction (CGI) and QuEST, classroom management, high yield instructional strategies, instructional technology, TESS, LEADS, and instructional leadership.

PROGRAM Professional Learning Communities Support

FUNDING SOURCE: 0.5 Base Fund: Local-Pass through participating districts

COMPETITIVE GRANT: YES__ No X

RESTRICTED _ NON-RESTRICTED _X_

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS:

Heber Springs, Quitman, West Side Greers Ferry, Nemo Vista, South Conway County, Wonderview, Conway, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon–Enola, North Little Rock, Vilonia, East End Bigelow, Perryville, Atkins, Dover, Hector, Pottsville, Russellville, Clinton, Shirley, South Side Bee Branch, Danville, Dardanelle, Two Rivers, Western Yell, Academics Plus

PERSONNEL: Jacob Sisson K-12 PLC and Mentoring Specialist, MSE

GOAL:

To promote and support effective, research-based systems of support for all students by providing professional learning opportunities and technical assistance to K-12 educators, leadership, and community stakeholders in the area of response to intervention and Tier 1 instruction.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative, in partnership with the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, administers the Professional Learning Communities for grades K-12, established by ACT 1392 of 1999 for the improvement of multi-levels systems of support. Assistance is provided to schools through professional learning programs, building and leadership meetings and training, onsite team support, teacher observations, technical assistance, and teacher/administrator conferences in order to improve the response to intervention models of the district. Partnerships within and outside of the cooperative are utilized to provide training and technical support as needed. The 2023-2024 professional learnings and supports consist of:

Superintendent Data Focused Leadership Meetings

- Agenda items for each Superintendent meeting during 2023-2024 reflected laser focused analysis and collaboration on student data K-8 Mathematics and Literacy. The focus areas were determined as critical in being outlined by AR LEARNS. Data points were collected each month by each district and disaggregated to examine regional trends and grade level growth.
 - 7 Collaborative Superintendent Meetings were held (10.26, 11.30, 1.25, 2.22, 3.28, 4.25, 5.23)
 - Average reporting of districts: 27
 - Regional Data Analysis: 2024 Winter K-8 Math and Literacy Results

• District Level Leadership Data Meetings

- Regional district leadership meetings were provided to Arch Ford Curriculum/Federal Coordinators and Principals. Focused meetings consist of laser focused collaboration on math/literacy data collected from across the region. Tier 1 best practices, Valued Added Measure, and AR LEARNS topics related to instructional data were also discussed. Data points were collected regionally and disaggregated by the teams to examine regional trends and current grade level progress.
 - 8 Curriculum/Federal Coordinator Meetings with focused data conversations were held (9.13, 10.19, 11.16, 1.18, 2.15, 3.27, 4.11, 5.16)
 - 2 Arch Ford Regional Data Focus Talks Meetings for Administrators held 11.5 (46 attendance) and 3.11 (22 attendance)
 - Example: Regional Data Analysis: 2024 Winter K-8 <u>Math and Literacy</u>
 Results and Principal Leadership Data Results

Regional Professional Development

- Regional professional development was provided by both Arch Ford personnel and in partnership with funding from the Education Renewal Zones to contract presenters. Sessions were extended to both regional and statewide emphasizing critical areas of focus for professional learning communities. The following sessions were provided within this calendar year.
 - PLC Guiding Coalitions for Cooperatives (2.6.24) 74 attendance
 - Grading from Inside Out/Proficiency Scales (2.22.24) 62 attendance
 - The Role of District Leadership Team- In between the Boardroom to Classroom (4.5.24) 51 attendance
 - Regional PLC PD Data Results

District Support

Professional Learning Communities School Based Support Data:

- 300 Educators received one or more on-site school based PLC support opportunities in the areas of curriculum alignment, team meetings, instructional planning, essential standards, formative assessment, data disaggregation regarding ACT Aspire and interim data, student engagement, accelerated learning, and intervention.
- School Districts Receiving ongoing PLC support include: Dover (District),
 Pottsville (6-12), Vilonia (District), Clinton Junior High, Shirley (District), South
 Conway County School (District), Conway (Career Center), Western Yell (High)

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-2024:

- Arch Ford dedicated a specialist position (Jacob Sisson) to the service of PLC.
- Partnered with ERZ's to support Professional Development on PLC topics.
- Arch Ford <u>PLC Capstone</u> highlighting growth in PLC endeavors this year.
- Superintendent and District Leadership data focused meetings utilized ongoing throughout the year.

PROGRAM: School Nutrition Services

FUNDING SOURCE: Local

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes___ No_X_

RESTRICTED FUNDING____ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING__X_

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS: Ashdown SD, Atkins SD, Clinton SD, East End SD, Greenbrier SD, Hector SD, Jacksonville North Pulaski SD, LISA Academy, Mount Vernon-Enola SD, Nemo Vista SD, Perryville SD, South Conway County SD, South Side SD (Bee Branch), Strong-Huttig SD, and Western Yell County SD.

PERSONNEL: Priscilla Riedel-Cohan, MS, RDN, LD, SNS

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A local consortium to provide operational support to Child Nutrition Programs in the Arch Ford service area as well as to other interested parties in the State of Arkansas. Service areas include compliance, finance, general management, menu management, procurement, staffing, and training.

GOALS:

- To encourage compliance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
- To support healthy financial management practices at the local level.
- To provide general management guidance and tools for the efficient and effective operation of the local Child Nutrition Program.
- To implement menu management resources for continued program innovation and improvement.
- To foster sound procurement practices through model processes and cooperative purchasing efforts.
- To support the professional development of Child Nutrition Program personnel through strategic and progressive quality training programs.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS AND IMPACT DATA FOR 2023-2024:

- <u>Compliance Solutions.</u> Provided support to East End SD, Greenbrier SD, Perryville SD, South Conway County SD, and South Side (Bee Branch) SD for Arkansas Department of Education Child Nutrition Unit Administrative Reviews and Procurement Reviews where requested.
- <u>Finance Solutions.</u> Encouraged school districts to utilize every available federal grant
 program for purposes of expanding revenue streams and supporting increased costs
 in the Child Nutrition Program. This included USDA's Supply Chain Assistance grants,
 Local Food Purchasing Agreement (LFPA) grants for locally-purchased food from
 historically underutilized farms, and the Healthy Meals Incentives (HMI) grants,
 including. School Food System Transformation Challenge (SFSTC) grants. Assisted

- school districts in implementation of their expenditure plans with ADE as requested and helped write procurement materials for new purchases as needed.
- <u>Management Solutions..</u> Offered policies and procedures as well as job descriptions for school foodservice management. Supported school districts in transition between Child Nutrition Directors.
- Menu Management. Expanded on Mosaic Back-of-the-House (BOH) with updated menu templates and local recipes for use in menu management as well as production management on the day of food preparation at the local level. Explored opportunities using other menu management systems, including Health-e Pro and NutriStudents K-12, and menu marketing systems, such as Nutrislice, Corporate demonstrations were scheduled for members. Developed local branded concepts with themed menus and materials for implementation in SY 2024-2025.
- Procurement Solutions. Added Harrisburg SD, Nettleton SD, and Pocahontas SD to cooperative purchasing efforts as it relates to Further Processing of USDA Foods. Those rollover agreements for SY 2024-2025 were completed in February 2024. Assessed existing cooperative purchasing efforts for new solicitations scheduled to be placed for bid in May 2024 and June 2024, including, but not limited to, full-line distribution and foodservice cleaning and sanitation supplies. Additional rollover agreements for cooperative purchasing to be completed in June 2024 include farm fresh beef, foodservice paper and plastic products, fresh pizza delivery, and milk products and fresh juice. Discussions are in progress with interested school districts for cooperative farming of fresh vegetables beginning Fall 2024.
- <u>Training Solutions</u>. Coordinated the second annual Training, Networking, and Team Building (TNT) conference for school nutrition professionals throughout the Arch Ford service area and across the state. A total of over 120 individuals representing 17 different School Food Authorities (SFAs) participated in 13 different training topics in 19 sessions over the 2-day event.
- Workforce Development Solutions. Continued the development of training materials and online Canvas courses for our Workforce Education and Development (WED) program. The projected launch date is October 2024.

PROGRAM: Science K-12

FUNDING SOURCE: Arkansas Department of Education, K-12 Science Specialist Grant

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes____ No_X_

Participating Districts: Academics Plus, Atkins, Clinton, Conway, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End Bigelow, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Heber Springs, Hector, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon-Enola, Nemo Vista, North Little Rock, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Russellville, Shirley, South Conway County Morrilton, South Side Bee Branch, Two Rivers, Vilonia, West Side Greers Ferry, Western Yell County, and Wonderview.

RESTRICTED FUNDING X Non-restricted Funding Non-restricted Funding

PERSONNEL: Corey Adaire, M.A.T, K-12 Science Instructional Specialist

GOAL:

The objective of the science program is to enhance teachers' content knowledge and professional practices through research-based professional development and classroom technical support, while also promoting the importance of science literacy among all Arkansas students.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The science program at Arch Ford Educational Service Cooperative was created to offer teachers professional development opportunities and classroom support. Professional development sessions aim to deepen teachers' content knowledge, introduce innovative instructional practices, assist in developing science units aligned with the current Arkansas Science Standards, and improve their pedagogical skills. Collaboration with state specialists and governmental agencies facilitates the creation of state-based initiatives and professional development focused on science and content literacy, accessible to all teachers. Science academic coaching provides on-site classroom support, including modeling, lesson planning, and technical assistance with science equipment. Targeted support for schools is delivered through Professional Learning Communities, which engage teachers and facilitators in regular training sessions, collaborative activities, classroom observations, and support with science implementation. Additionally, standards-based lessons designed for teachers promote student-centered inquiry and cross-curricular connections to math and literacy, fostering independent, goal-directed learning.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-2024:

Coaching:

The Arch Ford Science Specialists dedicated over seventy percent of their time to coaching teachers, including novice educators, with the goal of enhancing student learning in science. This intensive coaching process focused on the implementation of 3-Dimensional Performance Expectations, which encompass crosscutting concepts, science and

engineering practices, and disciplinary core ideas. By working closely with teachers, the specialists provided tailored support, modeling effective instructional strategies, and offering feedback to refine teaching practices. These efforts aimed to foster a deeper understanding of scientific principles and improve instructional quality. The 3-Dimensional Performance Expectations are designed to promote a holistic approach to science education, encouraging students to think critically, engage in hands-on activities, and connect scientific concepts to real-world applications. This comprehensive framework not only boosts science literacy but also prepares students to tackle complex problems, thereby increasing their overall proficiency in science.

High Quality Instructional Materials:

This year, a significant priority in science education has been the evaluation, selection, and deployment of high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) across districts. The introduction of the ATLAS science test, which rigorously evaluates students based on standards, has driven districts towards adopting structured curricula to better support teachers. Coaching cycles have emphasized the implementation of HQIM, with the science specialist dedicating extensive time to assist schools in this effort. As part of this initiative, teachers are receiving training in various curricula, including Amplify for grades K-5 and 6-8, BSCS for Biology, and Open Sci Ed for grades 6-8.

Learning Wellness Outdoor Classroom Grant:

AFESC Science Specialists secured a grant of nearly \$80,000 from the Blue and You Foundation to establish a community garden and outdoor learning center. The primary goal of the Learning Wellness project is to enhance the future health of Arkansas children by providing a model program for 26 districts. The garden is flourishing and has inspired schools to start their own gardens. Collaborating with the County Extension Office at UACCM and the Faulkner County Master Gardeners, the project is growing local vegetables and flowers, which will be distributed to participants at Arch Ford this summer.

Partnership with Arkansas Game and Fish: FINS Program:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, through the FINS program, aims to promote a culture of conservation and stewardship among school-age children. Teachers received support through training and grants to establish fishing programs in their schools.

Stream Team:

AFESC Science Specialists have coordinated professional development sessions focused on water quality studies using macroinvertebrates, establishing Stream Teams in cooperation with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Partnership with Arkansas Geological Survey:

AFESC science specialists collaborated with the Arkansas Geological Survey to offer geology content training and field trips for teachers in the AFESC region, continuing through the summer of 2023-24.

Support for VEX Robotics:

This year, AFESC science specialists assisted schools in creating and sustaining VEX Robotics teams and collaborated with Arkansas Tech University and the Russellville School District to host VEX Robotics local and state championships, involving over 200 teams statewide. They also designed and delivered professional development sessions to help area teachers develop their teams.

Professional Development:

In 2023-24, AFESC specialists provided over 200 hours of professional development tailored to the needs of AFESC schools, based on surveys and requests. These research-based sessions focus on implementing the Arkansas K-12 Science Standards across all grades, including both state-initiated and cooperative needs-based professional development created and delivered by AFESC science specialists.

Paul Andersen:

AFESC partnered with WDMESC to bring educational consultant and YouTube creator Paul Andersen to the region for professional development in science instructional practices. Andersen, known for his widely-viewed science tutorials, has trained thousands of students, teachers, and administrators globally. Over 100 teachers attended his professional development session at Arch Ford in June 2023. Due to its success, Andersen will return to Arch Ford in summer 2024 for another full-day training for K-12 science teachers.

PROGRAM: Special Education

Special Education Supervision

School Psychology Specialists/Educational Appraisal

FUNDING SOURCE: Local School districts

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes__ NO_X_

RESTRICTED FUNDING___X____ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING_____

PERSONNEL:

Kelli Rainey Sp.Ed. Supervisor, Coordinator/Manager, MSE

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SPED SUPERVISION & SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALISTS/APPRAISAL PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS:

Atkins, Bauxite, Clinton, Danville, Dardanelle, East End, Guy-Perkins, Hector, Mayflower, Nemo Vista, Perryville, Pottsville, Two Rivers, Western Yell County, Wonderview

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALISTS/APPRAISAL PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS:

Quitman, West Side Greers Ferry, Heber Springs

GOAL:

Special Education Supervisor Supervision:

- Provide technical assistance and support to local school district administrators and staff in assessing, developing, implementing and evaluating special education programs and related services for the purpose of improving student achievement.
- Provide technical assistance and support to local school district administrators and staff in developing leadership skills.
- To assist and support participating school districts in the provision of a Free Appropriate Public Education for suspected and identified students with disabilities, and in meeting state and federal mandates for services to these students.

School Psychology Specialists/Educational Appraisal

- To assist local districts in the identification of students with disabilities by conducting DESE/ADE required school psychological assessments/required evaluations.
- To provide local districts with support in identifying and programming for students in need of Behavior Intervention Plans.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Special Education Supervision

Special Education Supervision provided to participating districts by Arch Ford Cooperative is designed to meet the DESE/ADE requirement of Local Education Agency (LEA) Special Education Supervisors on a service contract basis by allowing multiple districts to "share" the cost of personnel and support for the LEA Supervisor. All five (5) of the AFESC LEA Supervisors have individual areas of expertise and are accessible and available to all participating districts increasing district access to a range of quality and skill to support their students and staff. Each of the participating districts is assigned a "lead" LEA Special Education Supervisor who ensures that the district meets the DESE/ADE and Federal Special Education mandated requirements in the following: budgeting, financial reporting, child data submission, DESE/ADE SpEd Reporting, Program Evaluation and Development, Staff Development and Training, Student Assessment and Evaluation, Student Data Analysis, assist districts with Medicaid Eligibility and Billing, Child Find Activities, DESE/ADE SpEd Monitorings, Cycle/Personnel Reporting, Fiscal and Academic Distress support plus student achievement/improvement and parent involvement and intervention. Access to the SpEd Supervisory group assists both the assigned supervisors and local district staff in the activities that are required.

School Psychology Specialists/Educational Appraisal

Participating School Districts have access to a School Psychology Specialist or a Licensed Psychological Examiner (an individual qualified to administer and interpret specific assessments) for conferences and evaluations, and to assist in developing and monitoring Behavior Intervention Plans. The AFESC employs six (6) school psychology specialists/psychological examiners to assist participating districts to control their costs through 'cooperative' interaction. District staff schedules needed services through a cooperative staff member who assigns a specialist to each case.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS AND IMPACT DATA FOR 2023-2024:

Special Education Supervision

Successfully completed DESE/ADE Special Education Monitoring in four (4) districts

- Conducted AFESC Service Area Provider Meetings for SpEd Supervisors to assist with networking around best practices for school districts and service providers for students with disabilities.
- Assisted paraprofessionals and school districts with the paraprofessional training Modules for participating school districts.
- Held the Annual Child Find Committee meeting on September 15th, 2023 for the participating school districts
- Handle With Care "Trainer of Trainers" training was held at Arch Ford on September 18th, 20th, 21st, & October 12th of 2023
- The five (5) Special Education Supervisors made regular visits during the school year
 totaling more than 723 school site visits to the 15 participating districts. The supervisors
 met not only with district administrators but also with the district's special education staff
 which consisted of a total of 284 certified and non-certified special education staff which
 served over 2,614 identified students with disabilities. The supervisors provided
 technical assistance, as needed, to the Special Education staff at the Arch Ford ALE
 campuses.
- The five (5)Special Education Supervisors have conducted a total of 33 staff development sessions over the course of the year to include Special Education Due Process 101 which assisted new teachers and existing teachers that needed a refresher on how to complete due process paperwork.

School Psychology Specialist/Educational Appraisal

- Conducted 762 Comprehensive Psychological Evaluations for local school districts
- Conducted 78 Autism Evaluations
- Conducted 79 Functional Behavior Assessments
- Attended Conferences for 17 students.
- Consultations: 769
- Assisted with and helped develop Behavior Plans for students with behavioral issues, along with technical support for these students
- Presented 1 staff development training Disability Awareness & Interpretation of Psycho- Educational Evaluations
- Examiners attended a cumulative total of 33 professional development trainings
- Met with Local Special Education Supervisors and other service providers at AFESC on an as needed basis to discuss issues of mutual concern for the school districts.

PROGRAM: SPECIAL EDUCATION - Arkansas Transition Services

FUNDING SOURCE: Grant from the SEU of ADE

COMPETITIVE GRANT: Yes_ NO X_

RESTRICTED FUNDING___X___ NON-RESTRICTED FUNDING____

PERSONNEL:

Bonnie Boaz Arkansas Transition Services: Transition Coordinator

Carrie E. Tuttle Arkansas Transition Services: Transition Consultant
Jeremy Hogue Arkansas Transition Services: Transition Consultant
Jennifer Bibel Arkansas Transition Services: Administrative Analyst

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS: Arch Ford Co-op: Academics Plus, Arkansas School for the Blind, Atkins, Bauxite, Clinton, Concord, Conway, Conway Human Development Center – Developmental Disabilities Services, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End, Greenbrier, Guy Perkins, Heber Springs, Hector, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon/Enola, Nemo Vista, North Little Rock, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Russellville, Shirley, South Side Bee Branch, South Conway County, Two Rivers, Vilonia, Western Yell County, West Side Greers Ferry, Wonderview Northcentral Arkansas Co-op: Batesville, Calico Rock, Cave City, Cedar Ridge, Highland, Izard County Consolidated, Mammoth Springs, Melbourne, Mountain Home, Mountain View, Norfork, Salem, Southside – Batesville, Viola

Wilbur D. Mills Co-op: Augusta, Bald Knob, Bradford, Beebe, Cabot, Carlisle, Des Arc, England, Hazen, Lonoke, McCrory, Midland, Pangburn, Riverview, Rosebud, Searcy, White County Central

GOAL:

Transition Consultation

 Provide technical assistance and support to local school district administrators and staff in assessing, developing, implementing and evaluation of transition within special education programs for the purpose of improving student's post-school outcomes.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Arkansas Transition Services is a consultant group in affiliation with the Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Secondary and Elementary Education, Office of Special Education, that provides training and technical assistance related to secondary transition to special education teachers, other relevant school staff, and relevant agency personnel in Arkansas. Our services are not only related to ensuring secondary transition requirements in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) are in place, but also include building capacity of local transition teams, and information and assistance on research and evidence-based

practices that improve transition programs and post-school outcomes for students with disabilities. We are available to assist at no cost to public schools in Arkansas.

Our efforts to build capacity in the districts through thorough reviews of plans, followed up with report findings and recommendations for additional training are on-going as well as training and technical assistance offered in the virtual capacity. We have continued our Indicator 13 Checklist Walk-through that includes teachers reviewing plans as we take them through the Indicator 13 checklist, an interactive tool to meet compliance with Indicator 13. This has been an effective and proactive practice in which many districts have participated and we strongly believe played a factor in the state's increase in compliance for Indicator 13.

Arkansas Transition Services continues to work with an OSEP funded project, the National Technical Assistance Center for Transition: the Collaborative, (NTACT: the C). NTACT: the C provides information, tools, and supports to assist multiple stakeholders provide effective services and instruction for students and out of school youth with disabilities. Each year, at least two ATS representatives attend the NTACT: the C sponsored Capacity Building Institute as a state team, along with Arkansas Rehabilitation Services representatives, Career and Technical Education representatives, higher education representatives, and teacher representatives. After four years of being an intensive state with NTACT, we are now an intensive scaling up state, which means our work with NTACT: the Collaborative continues as we build upon our knowledge, experiences, and efforts to scale up the number of evidence-based practices in schools around the state. ATS also works with adult service providers around the state to share concerns and possible strategies to better connect with schools and their students. We continue to work collaboratively among districts, agencies and ATS, and help with Transition Fairs to increase the knowledge of agency services around the state. Agencies are also invited to participate in IEP meetings and on local transition teams.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS of the 2023-24:

Arkansas Transition Services Statewide Events:

Arkansas Transition Services (ATS) has been spending this year out in schools consulting and providing live statewide and regional professional learning opportunities. ATS also has a YouTube channel and a website (www.arkansastransition.com) as a resource to get our information out across the state.

State Level

- ATS continues to produce videos that are housed on both our YouTube channel and website that focus on specific areas of Transition. These are resources that can be accessed at any time.
- Arkansas Transition Services, Career and Technical Education, and Inclusion
 Films is continuing to partner to provide The Inclusion Film Camp for students with disabilities. We had 47 students participate in Film Camp this year.
- Arkansas Transition Services is continuing its work to encourage schools to
 implement The Predictors Implementation Self-Assessment (PISA) tool. This tool
 allows schools and/or districts to take a closer look at their transition programs
 and identify predictors of positive post-school outcomes supported by
 evidence-based practices. The tool then allows for action planning to include
 those predictors and evidence-based practices for program growth or
 improvement. ATS has been using the PISA to help districts focus on Inclusion in
 General Education.
- CIRCLES (Communicating Interagency Relationships and Collaborative Linkages for Exceptional Students) obtained a Federal Grant and ATS has been helping recruit more schools to participate in this program. CIRCLES is a multilevel model that involves three levels of interagency collaboration: Community Level Team, School Level Team, and IEP Team. The approach supports youth with disabilities who may need support from multiple adult service agencies to experience successful post-school outcomes. We have 30 schools participating in a CIRCLES study, with fifteen fully implementing CIRCLES and fifteen participating in the Assessment group where they provide transition assessments and whose results will be compared to the CIRCLES group.
- Arkansas Transition Services and the DESE-Special Education Unit Monitoring & Program Effectiveness team are continuing to collaborate to educate each group on specific requirements and procedures and to improve monitoring outcomes in transition related indicators through reviewing state and federal requirements.
- ATS continues to support teachers in implementing the self-determination assessment, Self-Determination Inventory.
- College Bound Arkansas 2024 will be held June 3-5, 2024, on the University of Central Arkansas Campus. This is an on-campus experience that offers sessions for students, parents, and professionals, that focus on the following areas: self-advocacy, transitioning, assistive technologies, mental health and college survival. This provides students with an opportunity to explore the expectations of college and

- what support could be available to help them succeed. College Bound Arkansas 2023 had 17 students and 9 parents/professionals attend.
- ATS held its statewide Transition Cadre for teams from across the state in Little Rock on February 28th, 2024. The meeting was a collaboration among Arkansas Transition Services, the Office of Special Education, Finance Department, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Division of Career and Technical Education and presenting school districts, Greenwood, Springdale, Wynne and Benton. 95 participants from across the state came to learn more about Work Based Learning and build action plans to improve or establish these programs at their schools.
- ATS also works with adult service providers around the state to share concerns and
 possible strategies to better connect with schools and their students. We continue to
 work collaboratively among districts, agencies and ATS, and help with both on-site
 and virtual Transition Fairs to increase the knowledge of agency services around the
 state. Agencies are also invited to participate in IEP meetings and on local transition
 teams.
- Post School Outcomes Data Collection Pilot In May 2022, Arkansas Transition
 Services recruited six school districts to participate in a three year pilot for
 post-school outcomes data collection. This will be the final year of this project. The
 hope is to show a better response rate when school personnel ask former students
 questions about what they are doing for work, training, and education one year after
 high school.

Education Cooperative Activities:

- Made on-site school visits to provide Technical Assistance and Support working directly with LEA's, designees, teachers and paraprofessionals.
- Provided materials for Transition Fairs that were attended by hundreds of educators, students, and service providers.
- Answer questions via phone/text and email on a daily basis
- Attended Local Special Education Supervisor meetings to discuss issues of mutual concern for the school districts and to offer training and Technical Assistance to my districts.
- Presented at the International DCDT Conference on College Bound Arkansas

Professional Development Activities:

- Attended regular Arkansas Transition Services staff meetings via Zoom
- Attended required SEU meetings to be brought up to date on new regulations, programs and initiatives.
- Attended the International Division on Career Development & Transition (DCDT) Conference in Little Rock, AR
- Attended the International Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference in Louisville, KY

PROGRAM:	<u>Technology</u>		
FUNDING SOURCE:	Arkansas Dej	oartment of Ed	ucation Grant – Act 842 of 1995
COMPETITIVE GRAN	T:	Yes <u>X</u>	No
RESTRICTED: X	NON-RESTRI	CTFD	

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS:

AR School for the Blind, Atkins, Clinton, Conway, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, East End, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Heber Springs, Hector, Mayflower, Mt. Vernon-Enola, Nemo Vista, North Little Rock, Perryville, Pottsville, Quitman, Russellville, Shirley, South Conway County, South Side, Two Rivers, Vilonia, West Side, Western Yell, and Wonderview.

PERSONNEL: Lisa Russell, Technology Coordinator (BSE)

GOAL:

The goals of the Arch Ford Technology Department include the following:

- Foster the implementation of student-focused education and the preparation of all students for college, career, and community engagement
- Create technology-infused learning spaces that serve as a model for educators
- Create a stable and robust infrastructure that supports the needs of the ADE and the cooperative
- Work with districts and schools to increase access, understand, and use digital resources
- Assist districts in preparations for cybersecurity and technology mandates
- Prioritize services for districts and schools identified as needing the most support

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Arch Ford Technology Coordinator provides professional development opportunities, supports the Arch Ford technology infrastructure, and assists member schools and educators in the use of technology, software, and resources. One of the goals of the coordinator is to support schools and specialists in the implementation of student-focused learning environments. This goal is accomplished by providing professional development that models online professional communities as well as demonstrating best practices for existing and emerging classroom technologies that can prepare students for college, career, and community engagement.

Professional Development would not be possible without the ongoing technological support of the cooperative; therefore, it is the coordinator's responsibility to maintain and support current technology, the local network infrastructure, and provide support for state testing requirements. The coordinator maintains the technology equipment for all departments, nine conference rooms, setup and shutdown of workshops,

Technology coordinators are members of the state's Cyber Incident Response Team to support and assist cooperatives and schools if/when a cyber incident should occur. In addition to implementing security measures, stakeholders are educated on data privacy, social media safety, digital literacy, and cyber incident responses.

2023-24 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Technology Coordinators from Arch Ford member schools attended four meetings
 that provided updates and resources from the ADE Research and Technology
 department, the Division of Information Systems (DIS), as well as other state entities.
 Training and information sessions were provided on the newest resources, current
 acts and laws related to technology, cybersecurity, tools, and technologies for school
 districts.
- Library Media Specialist workshops for Arch Ford member schools were held each semester. Agenda items included standards and law updates, resources, technology tools, and library best practices provided by representatives from the University of Central Arkansas, Arkansas Tech University, Arch Ford specialists, and the cooperative technology coordinator.
- Technology-infused professional development opportunities focused on the use of technology to support the student-focused classroom. Training included *Using Google Classroom for Learning, Tech Tools to Engage Learners, Google Workspace tools,* and *Virtual Field Trips, TextHelp Technology Tools for Inclusive Practices, Digital Tools for Assessment* workshops.
- Maintained existing technology so that Arch Ford may continue to provide support to member school districts.
- Provided school support by troubleshooting technical issues and assisting local technology coordinators with e-rate.
- Provided data security emergency support for all Arch Ford member schools in the case of a data security breach.
- Provided training and support with an online learning management system for school transportation directors and bus drivers.
- Provided awareness training to parents and students about social media safety and cyberbullying.
- Provided training for using state-provided assistive technology tools.
- Received training and certified as a Certified Cybersecurity Rubric Evaluator and CyberPatriot Tech Caregiver.

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

FUNDING SOURCE: Arkansas Department of Education

Program Name: Communities of Practice Grant (CoP)

Detailed below are descriptions of special projects or programs in which state funding provided services regionally or statewide, giving opportunity for this cooperative to participate, although the cooperatives serving as fiscal agents for the projects varied.

Competitive Grant	Yes□	No⊠			
Goals and Description:					
Building Communities of	Practice (CoP)	is focused are	ound Identifyin	ng Learning Loss an	id
Accelerating Learning using High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM). DESE, in					
partnership with a national partner, will bring together groups of Arkansas system leaders					

(district and school teams). The Community of Practice will explore the leadership practices necessary to implement math and/or literacy instruction and learning supports that meet the

moment, while staying focused on long-term recovery and acceleration goals.

This year the CoP grant has funded a series of leadership sessions for principals, curriculum leaders, instructional facilitators, and lead teachers to help them understand how to effectively utilize HQIM in their schools in both English Language Arts and Math. Sessions were held both virtually and in person, and included onsite support for those leaders requesting it. Visits have included classroom walkthroughs, high-quality professional learning focused on what to look for in classrooms, and digging deeper into the programs and materials. Arch Ford selected two vendors from the approved Rivet list to conduct this work in the region, including Kids First and the Bailey Group and purchased over 100 days of support for leaders in our districts. This grant has recently been renewed for the 24-25 school year, which will allow for schools to continue to have support in the area of HQIM.

Program Name: Arkansas Professional Educator Pathway (ArPEP)

Competitive Grant Yes□ $No \boxtimes$ Goals and Description: The Arkansas Professional Educator Pathway (ArPEP) is an affordable two-year, work-based training, alternative education route to obtaining an Arkansas standard teaching license for college graduates or career changers holding at least a bachelor's degree. ArPEP's goal is to prepare learner-ready teachers to meet the growing demand of the teacher pipeline in Arkansas. The primary objective of ArPEP is to train future educators on how to build classroom communities, design effective lesson plans, implement evidence-based instructional strategies, and use assessments to facilitate student learning. The ArPEP facilitators will prepare educators who understand what accomplished beginning teaching looks like in a classroom, and more importantly, demonstrate how effective teachers design lessons, provide instruction, build classroom communities, and utilize assessments to facilitate student learning.

Arch Ford began this program in the summer of 2022 with 13 teachers in our Year 1 cohort. In the spring of 2024, 13 ArPEP Year 2 candidates submitted their edTPA portfolios. Several scores are still pending. Currently 9 have received passing scores.

In the summer of 2023 another round of year 1 candidates began the ArPEP journey. There are 17 candidates in this cohort and they will transition to year 2 in June, 2024. Two candidates will join this group as a year 2 making the total number of this cohort 19.

The ArPEP application is currently open for the 2024-25 year 1 cohort. There are 38 applications with 16 fully admitted to the year 1 program. Application deadline is May 31, 2024.

<u>Program</u>	Name:	<u>Praxis</u>	Support

Competitive Grant Yes□ No⊠

Goals and Description: Arch Ford received a \$20,000 grant to provide Praxis support for teachers who are struggling to pass their licensing exams. We utilized this grant to provide personalized study plans and study materials, to allow them time to work towards their goal. We also held review study sessions for the Foundations of Reading test using this grant. As part of this grant, we provide reimbursement of test fees for those who attend study sessions or utilize the free materials and then pass their exam. Through this grant, 28 teachers have been reimbursed for successfully passing their required Praxis exam and meeting the Arch Ford requirements for reimbursement.

Program Name: NIET Lead Teacher Designation Cohort

Competitive Grant Yes□ No⊠

Goals and Description: Arch Ford received a grant form the Department of Education to pay for 27 teachers to complete the Lead Teacher Designation process through the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching. This is a rigorous, evidenced-based program that will prepare these teachers to serve as a Journeyman for the Apprenticeship Program should their district decide to participate. Completion of this program will also add the Lead Teacher Designation certification to their teaching license. The ultimate goal of this designation is to open up mentoring and leadership opportunities for these teachers and to build capacity within their school districts. Teachers chosen for the program were from the following Arch Ford schools: Academics Plus, Atkins, Clinton, Dardanelle, Greenbrier, Guy-Perkins, Mayflower, Nemo Vista, North Little Rock, Perryville, Russellville, Southside Bee Branch and Vilonia.

<u>Program Name: District School Board Member Training</u>

Competitive Grant Yes□ No⊠

Goals and Description: Each year Arch Ford ESC schedules and provides training for local district school board members. The sessions are scheduled in the fall of the school year and provide six hours of the mandated annual training required of school board members. Two evenings with 3 hours of training per evening are typically offered. Training topics range from audit issues, financial management of school districts, board-superintendent relations,

board-community relations, legislative issues, state and federal mandates, curricular topics and student achievement. The trainings offered in conjunction with Arkansas School Board Association Conferences allow school board members to achieve the total hours of training mandated by Arkansas Statute. The session, held in November, focused on District finances. ArchFord ESC partnered with ASBA and Danny Paul Lovelady to give board members a district specific look at finances for each of their respective districts. In April, APSRC provided another Board Training session for districts with a focus on roles and responsibilities of board members.

Program Name: Arkansas School Bus Driver Training Competitive Grant Yes No X

Goals and Description: Recent Arkansas changes now require drivers who wish to drive a school bus add a school bus endorsement to their CDL/CLP. They must pass a special knowledge examination on safety considerations when transporting passengers in a school bus and must pass skills tests in a school bus. In cooperation with other regional cooperatives, AFESC purchased online training courses for the safety considerations knowledge exam as a service to our districts. With this program, we support the drivers and transportation directors with setting up accounts, enrolling in the courses, and overall technical assistance.

<u>Program Name: Virtual Arkansas Computer Science Digital Curriculum Development</u> Competitive Grant Yes____ No X

Goals and Description: Virtual Arkansas will design and develop three (3) year-long Computer Science courses to further advance and support Computer Science education in Arkansas and provide teachers and students across the state access to a variety of Computer Science courses that can be used in an online or blended learning format. The three courses that will be designed and developed include: Data Science Level 3, Game Design and Development Level 2, Game Design and Development Level 3. Through this multi-year partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education, Virtual Arkansas serves over 2,000 enrollments per year from students all over the state.

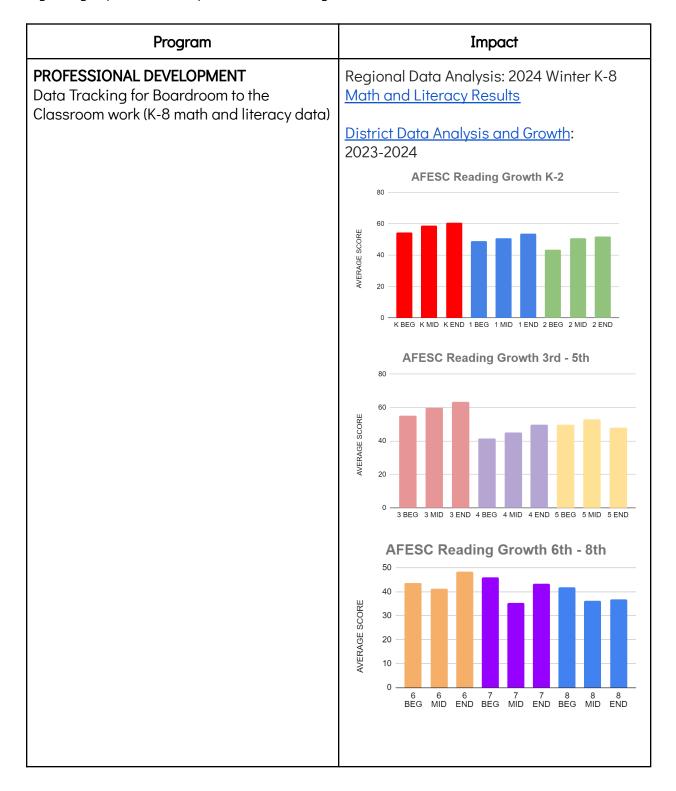
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

Click here to access the Arch Ford 2022-23 Professional Development Activities Report.

Arch Ford User Satisfaction Survey Results for 2023-24

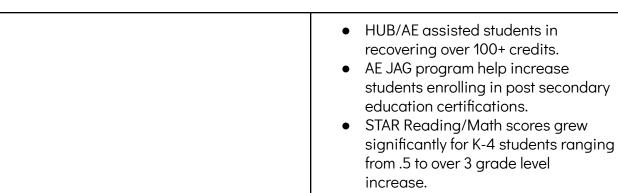
ESC IMPACT ON STUDENT PERFORMANCE

In accordance with Act 802, the following data have been collected from Arch Ford Districts regarding impact of the cooperative on student growth.



CTE Our Perkins consortium performed above the State targets on the following Perkins V Performance Indicators: Four-Year Graduation Rate -+10.9% - Five-Year Extended Graduation Rate - +6.95% Reading Language Arts -+19.11% - Mathematics - +19.34% - Science - +20.68% - Postsecondary Placement -+9.62% - Nontraditional Concentration - +27.51% - Industry Certifications -+46.09% **2023 CTE SUMMARY REPORT** ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOP State Participants State Concentrators State Completers 10.04% N = 14109 26.78% N = 37648

	PERFORMANCE SCORES RELATIVE TO TARGETS CTE Concentrators 125 151 4-year Graduation Rate 151 5-year Graduation Rate 251 Reading/Language Arts 252 Math 253 Science 253 Science 253 Science 253 Science 254 859 257 86 37 351 Post-secondary Placeme 257 86 37 351 Post-secondary Placeme 257 86 37 351 Program Quality 352 352 80 20 STate Target Obtained CTE Completer Data for 23	
	high schools and provided each Completer with a CTE Completer Certificate (958 CTE Completers) 2,484 Concentrators in CTE Pathways Total Industry Certifications: ADD AFTER SCHOOL IS OUT Total PD Sessions-26 Total PD Participants-725	
VIRTUAL ARKANSAS	The Arch Ford member district pass rate was 98.0% for the 2023-2024 school year.	
EARLY CHILDHOOD/SPECIAL EDUCATION	LEA APR Performance Report indicated 100% timely and accurate reporting, 100% Timely Evaluations, 100% Indicator 12 EC Transitions, and 23.05% for inclusive ec special education which is above the state target of 22.83%. 90.06% of parents indicated support on family surveys which is extremely close to the state target	
NOVICE MENTORING	94% of novices indicate they will remain teaching in the classroom	
ALE/HUB/NON-TRADITIONAL LEARNING	 Vilonia/Conway HUB graduated 98% of senior class. ALE Graduated 96% of of seniors program wide. 	



• STAR Reading scores at Conway 9-12 improved 75% since January.