

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
RULES GOVERNING THE SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AGENCY RESPONSES

Name: Lucas Harder, ASBA

Comment:

3.04-3.05: I would recommend flipping these two sections so that the definitions are in alphabetical order.

3.09: This definition is not used anywhere in the Rules.

5.02.1.1: This should end in a colon instead of a semicolon.

4.05: I would recommend adding “enrollment in home school” as a reason that the student would no longer be eligible for the scholarship as the student would then be attending a school that was not on the approved private school list.

5.04.3.1: The “m” is missing from “norm”.

Agency Response: Corrections made to 3.04, 3.05, 4.05, 5.02.1.1, and 5.04.3.1.

Name: Jennifer Wells, APSRC

Comment: 2018 should be 2019

4.01 Recommend adding “or a current foster-care placement” after “disability”

Recommend moving 4.01.4 up to 4.01.1.1.3 and add “or” after 4.01.1.1.2, because they are the same provisional subject matter

4.01.3 & 4.02 Recommend adding “if applicable.” Not all students will necessarily have a current school district.

Agency Response: Corrections made to current year and 4.01.

Name: Rebecca Miller-Rice, BLR

Comment:

(1) Section 3.05 -- Can you tell me from where the definition for "individualized service plan" came?

(2) Section 5.04.3 -- Should the "format prescribed" be "deidentified" as referenced in the relevant statutory provisions? See Ark. Code Ann. s 6-41-903(d)(1)(B), (d)(2)(B), (d)(3)(B), (d)(4)(A).

(3) Section 5.04.3.12 -- Should the report also contain the demographic data of all students who have applied for the Scholarship Program and the geographic location in the state of the students participating, as provided in Ark. Code Ann. s 6-41-903(d)(4)(A)(v)?

Agency Response: (1) This definition was derived from the IDEA regulations, 34 CFR 300.138(b). (2) Yes; corrected. (3) Demographic data is only available for students who receive a scholarship. A private school would not have access to data for students who apply but are not approved.