



Curriculum Support Services Updates

Arkansas Department of Education

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Curriculum Support Services

- Professional Development and Curriculum and Instruction are now one unit.
- Unit is organized into content and cross-curricular teams.
- The intention is that the ADE has a cohesive message related to PD and content.

Course Codes

- The Course Code Management System has been updated.
- Only minor changes will be made from this point forward.
- Double check your master schedules.
- Double check your licensure codes.

New Courses

- Quantitative Literacy
- Critical Reading I and Critical Reading II
- Creative Writing (One Semester and One Year)
- Debate IV
- Forensics IV

Computer Science

- All Computer Science Course Codes were deleted and replaced with new codes.
- Course information can be found on the Computer Science page of the ADE web site.
- Additional questions should be directed to Mr. Anthony Owen (Anthony.owen@arkansas.gov)

Course Approvals

- The online system has been working well.
- The ADE has processed and approved over 300 courses since May 1st.
- If you haven't submitted course approvals, please contact Thomas Coy as soon as possible.

Concurrent Credit

- Commissioner's Memo COM-18-02 related to free and reduced lunch and concurrent credit payments.
- Schools should enter into a written agreement with institutes of higher education.
- Please stop placing students who have not met the ACT readiness benchmarks.
- Stop awarding weighted credit for concurrent credit courses unless you have a course approval to do so.

Concurrent Credit

- Many additional ACE Concurrent Credit course codes were added this year.
- If using concurrent credit to replace a specific graduation requirement, use the concurrent credit code for that specific requirement.
- If using concurrent credit to award career focus credit, use the Other Concurrent Credit subject area codes.



Professional Development

- Child Maltreatment training is required for 2017-2018.
- Please consider using your education service cooperatives or your STEM centers for regional professional development.
- Keep a record of your professional development hours as ESC works is going away.

Instructional Materials

- Instructional materials symposium October 10th at the Hot Springs Convention Center.
- Symposium will focus on ELA and high school science.
- Consider using tools such as EdReports when considering the purchase of math and ELA materials.

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