

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Review: Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-201 *et seq.* notice is hereby given that the State Board of Career Education is considering adopting Rules and Regulations. The proposed rules and changes include the following subjects and issues: the Adult Education Funding Formula for adult basic academic education programs in the State of Arkansas for fiscal year 7-1-12 to 6-30-13 and revisions to the formula effective 7-1-13. These proposed rules, changes and amendments will be on public review at <http://ACE.Arkansas.gov> <<http://ACE.Arkansas.gov>> or may be seen in Room 303 of the Department of Career Education at Three Capitol Mall, Little Rock, during regular business hours from **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM from Tuesday, June 12, to Thursday July 12, 2012, 4:00 P.M.**

Written comments received no later than **Thursday, July 12, 2012, 4:00 P.M.** will be considered by the State Board of Career Education prior to their action. Address all written comments to Mr. James H. Smith, Deputy Director for Adult Education, Department of Career Education, Three Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201-1083.

A public hearing will be held at 525 W. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 1:30 P.M.

Permanent Proposed Rule

The State Board of Career Education hereby votes to begin the rule promulgation process for the rule for Adult Education funding for 2012-2013 to be 70% of the funding based upon program performance and 30% based upon contact hours with funding capped at 10% loss or gain as described in more detail on Attachment A. On July 1, 2013, the rule for Adult Education Funding will change to a formula of 80% performance, 20% contact hours with no cap on increase or decrease and a ceiling of \$950,000. Programs that currently receive over \$950,000 will be grandfathered in and capped at their current funding level and shall not receive any additional increases in state funds above this cap and all other changes detailed in Attachment B to this rule.

IT IS HEREBY APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF JUNE, 2012

Chairman,
State Board of Career Education

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Arkansas Adult Education Division Funding Formula
Program Year 2012-2013
State Funds (effective 7-1-13)

~~30~~ 20% of State Funds go towards Student Contact Hours:

- 3-year average of students' attendance hours for the last 3 full years of data

~~70~~ 80% of State Funds go towards Program Performance based on a 3-year average of students who enrolled:

- 1.0-2.5 2.0 points - Educational Gains (One [1] each Educational Functioning Level gain in Math, Reading, and/or Language)
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- 0.5-1.5 4.0 point - Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE)
- 0.5-1.5 points - Microsoft Information Technology Certificate
- 0.0-2.0 points – Other Educational, Employability, Certification, etc. activity approved

Enrolled students with these goals who separated during the program year:

- 2.0-3.0 points - General Educational Development Credentials
- 1.0-2.0 4.5 points - Entered Employment
- 1.0-2.0 4.5 points - Entered Postsecondary Education or Training

Programs that show a decrease in funding compared to 2011-2012 will receive a decrease of only 10% of the difference.

Programs that show an increase in funding compared to 2011-2012 will receive an increase of only 10% of the difference not to exceed a ceiling of \$950,000. Any program(s) exceeding the state funding ceiling are grandfathered at that level with no additional state funding gain.

~~The total dollar amount available in state funding is divided into two pots, 30% goes into Student Contact Hours, and 70% goes into Program Performance.~~

State Funding for 2012-2013 \$18,253,000 Total → —
30% = \$ 5,475,900
70% = \$12,777,100

The total number of Student Contact Hours (3-yr. ave.) = 2,271,084.17 hours

\$5,475,000 / 2,271,084.17 hours = \$2.4107429 per hour

The total number of Program Performance points = 47,511 points

\$12,777,100 / 47,511 = \$268.9293 per point

A program's funding amount for 2010-2011 is based on these per hour and per point figures.

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Arkansas Adult Education Division Funding Formula State Funds (effective 7-1-13)

20% of State Funds go towards Student Contact Hours:

- 3-year average of students' attendance hours for the last 3 full years of data

80% of State Funds go towards Program Performance (based on a 3-year average) of students who enrolled:

- 1.0-2.5 points - Educational Gains (one for each Educational Functioning Level gain in Math, Reading, and/or Language)
- 0.5-1.5 points - Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE)
- 0.5-1.5 points - Microsoft Information Technology Certificate
- 0.0-2.0 points - Other Educational, Employability, Certification,, etc. activity approved
- 2.0-3.0 points - General Educational Development Credentials
- 1.0-2.0 points - Entered Employment
- 1.0-2.0 points - Entered Postsecondary Education

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