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**Career Education and
Workforce Development Board**

Board Meeting

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Board Chairman
Michael Garner

September 20, 2016

*525 West Capitol Avenue
Auditorium
Little Rock, AR*

AGENDA

CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2016
1:00 P.M.

Call to Order..... Michael Garner, Chair

Agenda Item 1 – ACTION

Approve Minutes of July 12, 2016..... Michael Garner, Chair

Agenda Item 2 – ACTION

Arkansas Adult Education Program Policies Trenia Miles, Ed.D., Deputy Director
Adult Education
Bridget Bullard, Associate Director
Adult Education

Agenda Item 3 – INFORMATION

NACTEI Conference..... Monieca West, Federal Program Manager
Arkansas Department of Higher Education

Agenda Item 4 – INFORMATION

Skills Development Grants update Brian Rogers, Deputy Director
Office of Skills Development
Stephanie Isaacs, Associate Director
Office of Skills Development

Committee Reports

Director’s Report

Adjournment

MINUTES – MEETING OF THE
CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

July 12, 2016
1:00 p.m.

The Career Education and Workforce Development Board was called to order by Chairman Michael Garner. The meeting was held at the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, 525 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Mr. Michael Garner, Chair
Mr. Hugh McDonald, Vice Chair
Mr. Burton Weis
Mr. Jeff Standridge
Mr. Troy Keeping
Mrs. Jenifer Price
Mrs. Stacy Gunderman
Dr. Jerry Cash
Dr. Keith Vire
Mrs. Gina Radke
Mr. Scott Copas
Dr. Adam Arroyos

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Dr. Paul Beran
Dr. Brett Powell
Mr. Bill Stovall
Dr. Richard Abernathy
Mr. Mike Preston

ABSENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Johnny Key
Mr. Daryl Bassett

Mr. Michael Garner, Chair called the meeting to order.

ACTION ITEM 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2016

On a motion by Mr. McDonald and second by Mr. Keeping, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the minutes of June 14, 2016.

ACTION ITEM 2 – SELECTION OF CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Garner stated that we have now completed our twelfth meeting and so we need to appoint a new chair and vice chair for the new year. Mr. Garner asked if there were any recommendations from the board as to appointment of chair and vice chair.

On a motion by Mr. Copas and second by Dr. Vire the Career Education and Workforce Development Board approved by a majority vote that Mr. Michael Garner be the chair of the Career Education and Workforce Development Board.

On a motion by Mr. Copas and second by Mr. Standridge the Career Education and Workforce Development Board approved by a majority vote that Mr. Hugh McDonald be the vice chair of the Career Education and Workforce Development Board.

INFORMATION ITEM 3 – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
“SIGNIFICANT GUIDANCE” – NONTRADITIONAL STEPS

Dr. Charisse Childers stated that the purpose of the attachment in your board manual is to bring your attention to the federal guidance letter from the USDOE, Office for Civil Rights, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, received in our office on June 15, discussing the gender equity issue concerning Perkins funds. The action taken at the June 14th board meeting concerning Improvement Plans for subrecipients was discussed and voted to proceed. The action stated that all areas of improvement of the eight indicators, including Non Traditional, would commit at least 15% of the subrecipient's grant funds to address those deficient indicators. The Perkins Manual was revised to reflect this action beginning July 1, 2016. The inclusion of the Perkins funds being addressed towards gender equity (Non Traditional), will guide our subrecipients to ensure equitable access to CTE programs.

Mr. Standridge stated that he still does not have a good understanding of where we have deficiencies across those indicators by program and he would like to see the impact of our decision last month and then this information: here are the indicators, here are all the programs, and here is where we fall by program.

Mr. Standridge stated that he would like to see a follow up item by program across the state where we have issues.

Mr. Garner stated that the follow up item would identify by program by area their performance against target deficiencies.

Dr. Childers asked if the board would like this to be sent out after this meeting or presented at the next meeting. Mr. Garner stated that the follow up item would be sent out to the board members.

INFORMATION ITEM 4 – LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Dr. Childers stated as required by A.C.A. 10-4-418, the audit reports and accompanying comments and recommendations for Arkansas Department of Career Education (590) and the Arkansas Department of Career Education – Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (520) are being presented to the board for review. The regular audits “Internal Control and Compliance Assessment” for both entities, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014, were presented to the Standing Committee on State Agencies, Legislative Joint Audit, Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, on June 9, 2016. The “Special Report – Review of Selected Federal Awards” for 590, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014, was presented to Legislative Joint Audit, Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, on March 4, 2016. The single audit for federal awards “State of Arkansas Single Audit Report – State of Arkansas Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs” for 520, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015, was presented to Legislative Joint Audit, Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, on June 10, 2016.

Dr. Childers provided the board members a summary of all of the audits in order to provide a better understanding of what follows in the next fifty pages.

Dr. Childers stated a summary of the legislative committee meetings held on March 4, June 9, and June 10 are:

- The Arkansas Department of Career Education “Special Report – Review of Selected Federal Awards” [Report] was presented to the Arkansas Legislative Audit, Legislative Joint Auditing Committee on March 4, 2016. The Report included findings from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 with the responses by management.

The following action was taken by the committee:

- The Report was approved by the committee with no further action required.
- The Arkansas Department of Career Education and the Arkansas Department of Career Education – Arkansas Rehabilitation Services “Internal Control and Compliance Assessment” [Report] by the Arkansas Legislative Audit was presented to the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee – Standing Committee on State Agencies on June 9, 2016. The Assessment included findings from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 with the responses by management from both business areas.

The following actions were taken by the committee:

- Arkansas Department of Career Education – the Report was approved by the committee and sent Finding 1 regarding the unappropriated “cash funds” to the Office of the Attorney General for further review of past expenditures related to travel and purchasing.
- Arkansas Department of Career Education – Arkansas Rehabilitation Services – the Report was approved by the committee and sent Finding 1 regarding the expenditures to 5Linx Enterprises, Inc. to the Pulaski County Prosecuting Attorney’s office for further review of the payments and any conflict of interest. The committee requested that Legislative Audit provide an update from the Prosecuting Attorney at the September 15, 2016 meeting. The agency will be required to attend.
- The Arkansas Department of Career Education – Arkansas Rehabilitation Services federal portion of the Statewide Single Audit – Year ending June 30, 2015 by the Arkansas Legislative Audit was presented to the Arkansas Legislative Audit, Legislative Joint Auditing Committee on June 10, 2016. The Report included findings from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 with the responses by management.

The following action was taken by the committee:

- The Committee referred the Report to the September 16, 2016 meeting due to the following, per Committee Chair, Senator Hickey: (1) a member of the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee who requested a special audit of Career Ed was not present at the meeting, (2) certain “witnesses” were not present, and (3) the Standing Committee on State Agencies deferred a report containing similar findings at its meeting the day before. The agency will be required to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. McDonald, Budget Committee Chair, provided the board members with a two-page summary of the proposed budget request for Fiscal Year 2018.

Mr. Joseph Baxter provided information concerning the Arkansas Rehabilitation budget and stated that there were no significant requests in the agency submission. We submitted some changes in our operating funds to eventually setup a Communications budget under the Communications Director where we moved around \$300,000 between funds and will eventually provide them with a \$500,000 budget.

Mr. Copas, Personnel Policy Committee Chair, provided the board members with a draft copy of the personnel memorandum, which will be addressed with the Governor and the Office of Personnel Management.

On a motion by Mr. Standridge and second by Mrs. Radke, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the memorandum as submitted with any changes that need to be made at the discretion of the committee.

Mr. Garner stated that it has been brought to his attention that the reason Mr. Bassett has rarely attended our meetings is because the Workforce Services board meetings conflict with our meeting which is held on the second Tuesday of every month. Looking forward, speaking specifically of August right now, we will cancel that meeting and look as some alternative dates: Move September meeting to the 20th of September and for the remainder of the year move our meetings to the second Wednesday of the month. Which would be October 12, November 9, and December 14.

Mr. Garner recognized Dr. Brett Powell for his service on this board and congratulated him on his new position as Vice President of Finance and Administration at Henderson State University.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Charisse Childers briefed the board on activities within the agency. The complete report will be sent to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Garner adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Career Education and Workforce
Development Board

Mr. Michael Garner, Chair
Career Education and Workforce
Development Board



Department of
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Asa Hutchinson
Governor

Charisse Childers, Ph.D.
Director

September 20, 2016

TO: Career Education and Workforce Development Board

FROM: Charisse Childers, Ph.D., Director
Trenia Miles, Ed.D., Deputy Director
Bridget Bullard, Associate Director

SUBJECT: ACTION ITEM – ARKANSAS ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
POLICIES

INFORMATION/RATIONALE:

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) as outlined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128) has been revised; therefore, the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division proposes to revise its policies for alignment with federal and state requirements.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, a marked-up copy of the policies and procedures will be placed on public review for 30 days.

Upon completion of the 30-day comment period, the policies will be brought to the Career Education and Workforce Development Board for approval to be sent to the Legislative Council for review and approval.

ADULT EDUCATION

Program Policies



Arkansas Department of Career Education

Effective Date:

December 25, 2015 [December 14, 2016](#)

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Subject: Effective and Efficient Evaluation Calculations

POLICY According to Arkansas Act 1280 of 2007, Section 30, "All funds that become available for adult education shall first be distributed to those administrative units determined to be operating effective and efficient adult education programs, under criteria established by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board. The criteria shall include the relative efficiency of administration of the program in the counties served and achievement of the federal performance indicators."

To be considered effective and efficient, local adult education programs and literacy councils receiving adult education funds will be required to meet or exceed the percentage of the federal negotiated core indicators as determined by the Deputy Director of Adult Education. Programs not meeting percentage requirement in the first year will be required to submit an improvement plan. The improvement plan will address each core indicator of performance that was not met and will include measurable objectives for correcting deficiencies during the following year. State program advisors will provide technical assistance to each program submitting an improvement plan and closely monitor programs during the year. Core indicators of performance are defined in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Title II, the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA); however, using the core indicators as criteria for effective and efficient evaluations and imposing a minimum score is a state decision.

Programs that do not meet the percentage requirement of their negotiated core indicators of performance for a second consecutive year will be assigned a state technical assistance team to assist the program in addressing its deficiencies. The team members may include but not be limited to state and local staff, administrators, teachers and students. Quarterly progress reports will be submitted by the program being monitored to the Adult Education Division describing the progress being made to bring the program into compliance with core indicators. Programs not achieving percentage requirement of their negotiated core indicators of performance for three consecutive years will be submitted to the Career Education and Workforce Development Board for appropriate action prior to continuation of funding.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Relevant sections of law and regulation: Arkansas Act 1280 of 2007, Section 30; and federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128), Title II, The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Sections 116 and 212.

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 1991

REVISED DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Service Delivery Area

POLICY: Adult education programs receiving state or federal funding for a designated service area or county are not to cross into counties or other designated service areas where there is an established adult education program without a written memorandum of understanding between the programs. The Adult Education Division must approve this agreement annually.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Funding for local adult education programs is based on census data intended for a designated area or county. Funds must be spent in the designated area or county for which the funds were provided. To ensure that each service area or county receives adequate adult education services and to avoid duplication, it is essential that each local program stay within its designated area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Distribution of State Funds

POLICY: According to Arkansas Act 1280 of 2007, Section 30, “All funds that become available for adult education shall first be distributed to those administrative units determined to be operating effective and efficient adult education programs under criteria established by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board. The criteria shall include the relative efficiency of administration of the program in the counties served and achievement of the federal performance indicators. The Career Education and Workforce Development Board shall promulgate rules and regulations for the distribution of funds in accordance with criteria to be determined by the Board. In distribution of funds to local units the board shall consider the literacy rate in each county and performance in meeting state and federal performance indicators. For the purposes of this section, the term ‘literacy rate’ shall be determined by the number of adults completing less than the twelfth grade as reported by the most recent decennial federal census. Unallocated funds will be redistributed based upon need as determined by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board.”

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Procedures set forth in Arkansas Act 1280 of 2007, Section 30, govern distribution of all state adult education funds.

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 1991

REVISED DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Termination of an Award to a Local Grantee: Voluntary

POLICY: According to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR 80.44, “ awards may be terminated for convenience in whole or in part in the following manner: 1) by the state or awarding agency with the consent of the grantee or subgrantee, in which case the two parties must agree on the termination conditions, which include the termination date or portion to be terminated; 2) by the local grantee or subgrantee on written notification to the awarding agency, setting forth the reasons for termination, the effective date, or portion to be terminated. If in the case of partial termination, the awarding agency (Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division) determines that the remaining portion of the award will not accomplish the purposes of the award, the awarding agency may terminate the entire award.”

A grantee that chooses to relinquish responsibility as the local education agency (LEA) for an adult education or literacy council program must provide written notification to the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division at least 90 days prior to termination. The Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division, with notice to the Career Education and Workforce Development Board, will be responsible for selecting a new provider for the local adult education program. A statewide competition may be used to bid out the new eligible area(s).

Upon termination, inventory purchased with adult education funds must be returned to the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division, who reserves the right to transfer equipment to the new local education agency or other current providers.

Employees are not included in an administrative transfer of grant funds. The hiring of staff, from a previous LEA, will be at the discretion of the new grantee, but must follow the *Salaries of Adult Education Personnel* policy.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Provide guidance on the termination of local grants and to ensure state and federal guidelines for grants are followed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016

Subject: Termination of an Award to a Local Grantee: Involuntary

POLICY: Monitoring is action taken by the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division to ensure that the grantees or subgrantees are using Federal and state awards for authorized purposes in compliance with the laws, regulations, and provision of contracts or grant agreements and that performance goals are achieved. Subgrantees are subject to all applicable Federal laws and regulations that the grantee must follow. According to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR 80.43, if a grantee materially fails to comply with any term of an award, whether stated in a Federal statute, regulation, assurance, State Plan or application, notice of award, or elsewhere--the state or awarding agency may do one or all of the following, as it deems appropriate:

- Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the non-Federal entity or more severe enforcement action by the awarding agency.
- Disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance.
- Wholly or partially suspend or terminate the current award for the grantee's or subgrantee's program.
- Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 CFR part 180 and Federal awarding agency regulations.
- Withhold further awards for the program.
- Take other actions that may be legally available.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: In order to maintain effective adult education and literacy council programs, the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division is responsible for program monitoring and corrective action for noncompliance with identified program requirements, program accountability standards, and financial propriety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016

Subject: Direct and Equitable

POLICY: Direct and equitable access to all federal funds will be provided to local educational agencies, community-based organizations of demonstrated effectiveness, volunteer literacy organizations of demonstrated effectiveness, institutions of higher education, public or private nonprofit agencies, libraries, and public housing authorities, nonprofit institutions that have the ability to provide literacy services to adults and families; or consortia of the agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, or authorities described according to Section 203 (5) of Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128), Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA). In order to provide direct and equitable access to all adult education federal funds provided under Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128), the Adult Education Division shall award funds on the basis of competitive applications submitted by eligible recipients. Direct and equitable access includes: (1) all eligible providers have direct and equitable access to apply for grants or contracts under this section; and (2) the same grant or contract announcement process and application process is used for all eligible providers in the State.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE:

Relevant sections of federal law and regulation: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128), Title II, The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Sections 231(C) and 203(5).

EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Correctional/Institutional Federal Funding

POLICY: Grants for correctional/ institutional education shall be awarded and used according to the guidelines as stated in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128). Not more than ~~8.25~~ 20% of federal funds allotted to a state for adult education activities shall be used for corrections education and education for other institutionalized adults.

Local program operators will be charged with the responsibility of designing, developing, and implementing instructional programs. Various activities will be undertaken which will be designed to include--but not be limited to--basic education, special correctional and institutional education programs, and English literacy programs.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE:

Relevant sections of federal law and regulation: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128), Title II, The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Sections 222 (a) and 225.

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 1991

REVISED DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

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REVISED DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016

Subject: Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges

POLICY: Adults enrolled in Arkansas adult education programs will not be charged tuition or fees. Adults enrolled in adult basic education will not be required to purchase any books or any other materials needed for participation in the program.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The Arkansas State Unified Plan states the strategy to serve those populations most in need will focus on populations as listed in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128), Title II, The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Section and 116 and 224.

EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Purchase/Disposal of Equipment

POLICY: Equipment can be purchased by local adult education programs with adult education funds disbursed by the Adult Education Division. Prior to purchasing any equipment with adult education funds, written approval must be secured from the Adult Education Division. The local education agency (LEA) will only use the equipment for the purpose(s) for which it is acquired or for other allowable adult education use.

Once equipment is purchased, inventory procedures as stated in the most current revision of the Adult Education Inventory Control Form are to be followed by local programs. Since the inventory record is of a permanent nature, numbering should continue consecutively, year after year, rather than starting a new series each year. All equipment that is purchased with adult education funds will remain the property of the state Adult Education Division.

Equipment inventories should be updated as equipment is purchased. Current program inventories will be submitted annually to the Adult Education Division ~~at the end of each program year.~~

Inventory must be disposed of using the Adult Education Inventory Transfer/Disposal Form. Procedures for inventory transfer/disposal should be in line with the LEA transfer/disposal institutional policies and noted on the form.

[Termination of funding to an LEA requires an immediate submission of a final inventory list and equipment purchased with Adult Education Division funds must be transferred back to the Arkansas Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division.](#)

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Programs must have authorization to purchase equipment as needed. In order to track location and use of equipment purchased with adult education funds, proper inventory procedures must be followed.

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Subject: Recruitment and Retention Plans

POLICY: Programs receiving state and federal adult education funds will develop and implement recruitment and retention activity plans annually. A special effort will be made to recruit and serve those most in need as defined by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128) as low-income students, individuals with disabilities, single parents, displaced homemakers, and individuals with multiple barriers to educational enhancement including those with limited English proficiency. Recruitment/retention activities will include – but not be limited to – a close working relationship with other agencies serving persons eligible for adult education services and efficient utilization of local media. Student retention can be enhanced by follow-up on absenteeism.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE:

Programs receiving state and federal adult education funds must develop and implement recruitment activities so students are aware of available services. In order to ensure that students make substantial learning gains and meet their goals, they must remain in programs long enough to accomplish these gains and goals. While this is a state-imposed requirement, it relates to various definitions and activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128), Title II, the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Section 203 and Section 224.

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REVISED DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Enrollment Policy: Minimum Age Adult Education

POLICY: Arkansas Code Annotated (ACA) § 6-18-201(a), concerning the age for compulsory attendance for school enrollment, is that “Under the penalty for noncompliance as shall be set by law, every parent, guardian, or other person residing within the State of Arkansas having custody or charge of any child age five (5) through seventeen (17)... shall enroll and send the child to a public, private, or parochial school or provide a home school for the child....”

Under special circumstances, persons 16 or 17 years of age may be enrolled in adult education programs.

Public schools shall not release a student making application to the school district for a waiver until the adult education program agrees in writing to serve that student. A local school district may grant a waiver of attendance requirement to any student age 16 or 17 to enroll in an adult education program only after all of the following requirements have been met:

- 1) The student makes formal application to the school district for a waiver to enroll in an adult education program;
- 2) After formal application and prior to any further action on the application, the student shall be administered either a current National Reporting System (NRS) and State-approved assessment test under standardized testing conditions by a designated K-12 public school official or adult education personnel;
- 3) If administered the TABE test (Level A, current form, Survey or Complete Battery), the student shall score 8.5 or above on all sections. If administered the official GED practice test, the student must score a minimum of ~~150~~ 145 on each section ~~and a minimum composite score of 600~~. If administered another NRS-approved assessment, the student must meet the minimum score for that assessment as outlined in the test publisher’s guidelines.

Note: [An exception to the minimum test score are allowable when a 16/17 year old has been court ordered to enroll in adult education. These individuals must adhere to all other requirements set forth in this policy.](#)

Note: Such minimum test scores shall not be required of any student who is subject to the attendance requirement of this policy but was not enrolled in any school district during the previous school year;

- 4) The student and the student’s parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis meet with the school counselor to discuss academic options open to the student;
- 5) The school district determines that the student is a proper candidate for enrollment in adult education, contingent upon approval by the appropriate adult education program;
- 6) The adult education program reviews the student’s school and testing records and agrees to admit the student into the program;
- 7) The adult education program shall report attendance of all 16 and 17 year old enrollees to the sending school district on at least a monthly basis;
- 8) The adult education program shall require for continued enrollment a minimum of 20 hours per week of class attendance and instruction. A minimum of 10 hours of attendance per week shall be required for any student who is employed for 30 hours or more each week;

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- 9) The student, the student’s parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis, and the administrative head of the adult education program agree in writing that the student will attend the requisite number of hours per week and maintain appropriate conduct as outlined in the local adult education program student handbook;
- 10) In the event that a more appropriate assessment test or testing and assessment mechanism shall be developed to determine a reasonable level of competency for success at the adult education level, that test or mechanism shall be substituted, with the approval of the Adult Education Division, for the tests required in this policy;
- 11) If the student does not attend class as mandated in this policy or make reasonable progress toward the completion of the adult education curriculum, the student shall re-enroll in the public schools within five days from the date the student is released from the adult education program.

Note: Any variation in the required documentation must be approved by the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division.

Note: The above requirements shall not apply to students enrolled in a private, parochial, or home school in the state.

Note: Under ACA §6-18-201, any person age sixteen or seventeen who has received a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education is not subject to the compulsory attendance requirement.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The ages established for compulsory school attendance by Arkansas Act 292 of 1991 are ages five through seventeen, both inclusive. This Act allows, after certain provisions have been met, for persons age 16 or 17 to enroll in adult education programs. Arkansas Acts 1659 of 2001 and Act 604 of 2003 detail the process that must be followed and requirements that must be met to allow persons age sixteen or seventeen to enroll in adult education programs.

Relevant sections of federal law and regulation: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128), Title II, The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Section 203(1)(4). “Adult Education means services or instruction below the post-secondary level for individuals who have attained sixteen years of age; (and) who are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under State law.”

EFFECTIVE DATE: MAY 18, 1992

REVISED DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

REVISED DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016

Subject: Enrollment Policy: Private, Parochial or Home School Minimum Age

POLICY: Arkansas Code Annotated (ACA) § 6-18-201(a), concerning the age for compulsory attendance for school enrollment, is that “Under the penalty for noncompliance as shall be set by law, every parent, guardian, or other person residing within the State of Arkansas having custody or charge of any child age five (5) through seventeen (17)... shall enroll and send the child to a public, private, or parochial school or provide a home school for the child...”

Under special circumstances, persons 16 or 17 years of age may be enrolled in adult education programs in accordance with Arkansas Act 1659 of 2001 and Act 604 of 2003.

Students age 16 or 17, enrolled in a private, parochial or home school, who desire to enroll in an adult education program shall meet the following requirements:

- 1) Students shall apply for enrollment to the adult education program;
- 2) If administered the TABE test (Level A, current form, Survey or Complete Battery), the student shall score 8.5 or above on all sections. If administered the official GED practice test, the student must score a minimum of ~~150~~ 145 on each section ~~and a minimum composite score of 600~~. If administered another NRS-approved assessment, the student must meet the minimum score for that assessment as outlined in the Arkansas Adult Education Assessment Policy and Distance Education Guidelines.
- 3) A student who is home schooled shall provide a notarized copy of the notice of intent to home school that was provided to the superintendent of the local school district as required by ACA §6-15-503;
- 4) The student and the student’s parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis shall meet with the appropriate staff of the adult education program to discuss academic options open to the student;
- 5) The adult education program administrators shall review the student’s school and testing records prior to allowing admission to an adult education program;
- 6) The adult education program shall require, for continued enrollment, a minimum of 20 hours per week of class attendance and instruction. A minimum of 10 hours of attendance per week shall be required for any student who is employed for 30 hours or more each week;
- 7) The student, the student’s parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis, and the administrative head of the adult education program agree in writing that the student will attend the requisite number of hours per week and maintain appropriate conduct as outlined in the local adult education program student handbook;
- 8) In the event a student does not attend class as mandated in this policy or make reasonable progress toward the completion of the adult education curriculum, the student shall re-enroll in either a public, private, parochial or home school within five days from the date the student is released from the adult education program;
- 9) If a home school student is accepted into an adult education program, the student’s parent, guardian or person standing in loco parentis shall send written notification to the local public school superintendent of their intent to participate in the adult education program.

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Students age 16 or above, enrolled in a private, parochial or home school, who desire to take the General Educational Development Test or other high school equivalency exam shall meet the following requirements:

- 1) Students shall not be required to obtain permission or approval from any official in a public school district before being allowed to take the test;
- 2) A student enrolled in a private or parochial school shall provide a letter from the principal or administrator of the private or parochial school to verify enrollment;
- 3) A student enrolled in a home school shall provide a notarized copy of the notice of intent to home school provided to the superintendent of the local school district as required by ACA§6-15-503.
- 4) A student enrolled in a private, parochial or home school must achieve at least the minimum official General Educational Development practice test scores, or other approved high school equivalency assessment.

[Note: Any variation in the required documentation must be approved by the Adult Education Division](#)

Note: Under Arkansas Code Annotated (ACA) §6-18-201, any person age sixteen or seventeen who has received a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education is not subject to the compulsory attendance requirement.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The ages established for compulsory school attendance by Arkansas Act 292 of 1991 are ages five through seventeen, both inclusive. This Act allows, after certain provisions have been met, for persons age 16 or 17 to enroll in adult education programs. Arkansas Acts 1659 of 2001 and Act 604 of 2003 detail the process that must be followed and requirements that must be met to allow persons age sixteen or seventeen to enroll in adult education programs.

Relevant sections of federal law and regulation: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128), Title II, The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Section 203(1). “Adult Education means services or instruction below the post-secondary level for individuals who have attained sixteen years of age; (and) who are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under State law. “

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 1991

REVISED DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

[REVISED DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016](#)

Subject: Standardized Testing Instruments

POLICY: Only the following state, National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS), and Division of Adult Education and Literacy (DAEL) approved standardized tests will be utilized for pre-test, post-test, and continued student assessment for adult education students: Test of Adult Basic Education; Basic English Skills Test*, and Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (Life Skills Assessment for ESL only). Other NRS/DAEL-approved standardized testing instruments, forms and versions may be used with the written approval of the Deputy Director of Adult Education. Different forms of the same test must be used for the pre-test and the post-test. Local programs will pre-test and place all students into an educational functioning level (EFL) at intake or shortly after intake, within the first 12 hours of instruction.

Post-testing of adult learners is to measure performance and completion of an educational functioning level. Within the fiscal year, students should be post-tested after completing the minimum hours of instruction, as outlined by the Arkansas Assessment Policy and Distance Education Guidelines, located on the Arkansas Department of Career Education (Adult Education Division) website. Students should be assessed within 180 calendar days (defined as weekdays, weekends, and holidays) after the previous assessment to reflect a more current measurement of performance.

A complete description of the adult education assessment procedures can be found in the “Arkansas National Reporting System Guidelines.”

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The levels of performance will be expressed in an objective, quantifiable, and measurable form and will show the progress of the state toward continuously improving in performance. According to the National Reporting System for Adult Education Implementation Guidelines, states must require local programs to measure educational gain with standardized assessments that are appropriate for measuring educational gain within the NRS framework and conform to accepted psychometric standards for validity and reliability.

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 1991

REVISED DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2006

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Reporting of Student Data

POLICY: Any person meeting the minimum age and educational functioning level restrictions as mandated by the Adult Education Division and the state compulsory attendance age requirements (Arkansas Act 1659 of 2001 and Act 604 of 2003) may be reported as a participant in an adult education program provided that either federal or state adult education funds are used to support that individual's participation in the program.

Enrolled Students: An individual is considered enrolled in adult education upon completion of 12 hours of contact. According to the National Reporting System for Adult Education, contact hours may include: hours of instruction or instructional activity the learner receives from the program. Instructional activity includes any program-sponsored activity designed to promote student learning in the program curriculum such as classroom instruction, assessment, tutoring or participation in a learning lab.

Served Students: For state-reporting purposes, an individual is considered served by adult education when the individual has registered to participate in adult education activities and has received at least one contact hour of instruction as defined above.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The National Reporting System for Adult Education Implementation Guidelines requires that the Adult Education Division collect and report accurate data which reflects the number of persons whose basic skills education is supported by either federal or state education funds. Local programs must report as a participant any eligible individual whose educational training is supported by adult education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 1991

REVISED DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Salaries for Adult Education Personnel

POLICY: Effective January 1, 2016, all full-time adult education personnel hired, or rehired after a separation of service shall be paid a starting salary equivalent to the Local Education Agency's (LEA) salary scale, not to exceed \$31.00 per hour using adult education funds. In extenuating circumstances, the LEA has the discretion to exceed this amount by applying for a waiver with the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division, though approval is not guaranteed. This does not preclude LEAs from using adult education funds to provide future cost of living increases, merit pay, bonuses, etc.

The salary for a part-time administrator is to be determined by the LEA, but will not exceed \$31.00 per hour with adult education funds. The salary for a part-time instructor or one serving as a substitute instructor is to be determined by the LEA, but will not exceed \$28.00 per hour with adult education funds.

Salary for part-time paraprofessionals with adult education funds will not exceed the following:

Paraprofessionals with a high school diploma or equivalent	maximum of \$12.00 per hour
Paraprofessionals with an associate's degree	maximum of \$14.00 per hour
Paraprofessionals with a bachelor's degree	maximum of \$18.00 per hour
Paraprofessionals with a master's degree	maximum of \$20.00 per hour
Paraprofessionals with a doctorate degree	maximum of \$24.00 per hour

Program directors will have the flexibility of setting beginning hourly wage and a system of increasing increments.

Copies of licenses, diplomas, and other credentials must be submitted to the Adult Education Division for approval prior to beginning of employment or expenditure of Adult Education funds. Local Adult Education administrators and licensed personnel are responsible for maintaining current credentials. Adult Education funds may not be expended for personnel once a license expires. There will be no retroactive pay with Adult Education funds once the license is renewed.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The Arkansas Adult Education Division requires those employed on a full-time basis be paid a salary equivalent to the LEA salary scale.* In order to attract and retain quality part-time education personnel, it is necessary to pay hourly salaries competitive with those paid to other part-time instructors and paraprofessionals in the LEAs based on education and experience. Additionally, the minimum salary scale for adult education administrators was set using the midpoint of the Fair Labor Standards Act exemption status for School Principal as outlined by the Department of Finance and Administration, Personnel Management job details.

*state requirement

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 1991

REVISED DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Termination of Employment

POLICY: Upon voluntary or involuntary termination of employment, which includes retirement, an employee paid with Adult Education funds, is eligible for benefits as determined by policies of the Local Education Agency (LEA). If the LEA policy provides for former employees being paid for unused leave time, leave accrued within the fiscal year of retirement may be reimbursed using adult education funds. Any payment of additional accrued leave must have prior approval by the Arkansas Division of Adult Education Deputy Director. Additionally, Adult Education funds may not be used to pay any benefits beyond the year of retirement.

INFORMATION RATIONALE: To ensure that funds will be available for the services of the program, Adult Education funds are provided for program operation during the fiscal year of award.

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2016

Subject: Year-Round Education Services

POLICY: Local education agencies (LEA) receiving state or federal funding from the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division, must offer educational services year-round. Programs must be of sufficient intensity and duration for students to achieve substantial learning gains. Programs should meet year-round and make every effort to minimize breaks to no longer than three weeks, where possible, to maximize student attendance. When programs have scheduled breaks, students should be offered distance learning through online software or homework packets in order to persist in making gains. Any deviation from this policy, must have written approval from the Arkansas Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division's Deputy Director.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: In order to ensure continuous academic progress and meet the needs of students with barriers to employment and one-stops, as defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-128), Title II, The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Sections 116 and 224, programs must provide access to educational services year-round.

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016

Subject: Full-Time and Part-Time Paraprofessional Qualifications

POLICY: Part-time and full-time paraprofessionals must have a high school diploma, GED® or the equivalent. Paraprofessionals may not teach a class unless they meet the qualifications of a full-time or part-time adult education teacher.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: To ensure that adult education students receive instruction by qualified personnel, the Adult Education Division requires students to be provided instruction by licensed personnel*. Paraprofessionals who do not have the qualifications of full-time or part-time teachers must not assume the role and responsibilities of a licensed teacher.

*state requirement

EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Adult Education Director/Coordinator Qualifications

POLICY: All adult education directors/coordinators paid with adult education funds must have a minimum of a master's degree in education, administration, or related field. If not already licensed in adult education, administrators must become licensed in adult education by the Arkansas Department of Education, Professional Licensure, within four (4) years of the date of initial employment as an adult education administrator. It is preferable that the applicant have five years of experience as a teacher and/or administrator in adult education or a related field.

Adult education directors/coordinators not paid with adult education funds must meet the qualifications of the local education agencies' personnel policies. Newly hired adult education directors/coordinators must show academic progression towards adult education licensure annually. It is preferable that the applicant has five years of experience as a teacher and/or administrator in adult education or a related field.

Adult education directors/coordinators not paid with adult education funds must meet the qualifications of the local education agencies' personnel policies.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: In order for adult education programs to be operated effectively, the Arkansas Adult Education Division requires that administrators have the relevant experience and credentials.*

*state requirement

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 1990

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Non-Profit Community-Based Organization Director Qualifications

POLICY: All directors of non-profit community-based organizations, such as literacy councils, must meet the qualifications set forth by the local board of directors. Directors paid with funds from the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division must complete all state required trainings.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Directors of community-based organizations must be in compliance with the qualifications set forth by local boards and adult education policies and guidelines.

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016

Subject: Full-Time Adult Education Teacher Qualifications

POLICY: Full-time Adult Education teachers must hold a current Arkansas Department of Education teacher's license. If teachers do not already have a license in Adult Education, they must obtain an Adult Education additional license within four (4) years of the date of their initial employment as full-time Adult Education teachers. Newly hired adult education teachers must show academic progression towards adult education licensure annually.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: In order for students to be provided instruction by qualified personnel, the Arkansas Adult Education Division requires that full-time teachers have the appropriate professional teacher training and hold valid Arkansas Department of Education teaching licenses and credentials.*

*state requirement

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 1990

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Part-Time Adult Education Teacher Qualifications

POLICY: Part-time Adult Education teachers must hold a current Arkansas Department of Education teacher's license.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: In order for students to be provided instruction by qualified personnel, the Arkansas Adult Education Division requires that part-time teachers have the appropriate professional teacher training and hold a current Arkansas Department of Education teaching license.*

*state requirement

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 1990

REVISED DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Waivers for Adult Education Teachers without a License

POLICY: The Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division requirement that full-time, part-time, and substitute adult education teachers hold a current teacher's license may be waived for instructors who hold a Master's degree in the subject area of Mathematics, Reading & Language Arts, English, Social Studies, Science, English as a Second Language, or closely related field and four (4) years of teaching experience at an accredited institution. If the adult education program director is unable to find a licensed teacher for such classes, he/she may submit a written request to the Deputy Director of the Adult Education Division for a waiver for a non-licensed instructor to teach the class(es). Although a full-time teacher may be waived upon initial hire, he or she must obtain an Adult Education license within four (4) years of the date of their initial employment as a full-time Adult Education teacher. Newly hired adult education teachers must show academic progression towards adult education licensure annually.

Note: Only 25% of an adult education center's overall instructional staff can be comprised of non-licensed teachers who hold a Master's degree in the aforementioned subject areas.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: In order to provide a greater applicant pool to hire qualified teachers, adult education programs may request a waiver for non-licensed instructors, with Master's degrees and teaching experience in the relevant subject area, to meet the needs of students.

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016

Subject: Substitute Adult Education Teacher Qualifications

POLICY: Substitute Adult Education teachers must hold a current Arkansas Department of Education teacher's license. Employment of substitute teachers may not exceed ninety days per fiscal year without written permission from the Deputy Director of Adult Education.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: In order for students to be provided instruction by qualified personnel, the Arkansas Adult Education Division requires that substitute teachers have the appropriate professional teacher training and hold a current Arkansas Department of Education teaching license.*

*state requirement

EFFECTIVE DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Travel Policy

POLICY: Local programs funded with state or federal adult education funds must adhere to Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration guidelines when requesting travel reimbursement. This includes reimbursement for mileage, lodging, meals, etc. Late registration fees for conferences or workshops are not allowable.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The travel policy for state agencies is mandated by the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, and the Adult Education Division has adopted these guidelines for local grantees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: Workplace Waivers for Adult Education Teachers

POLICY: The Adult Education Division requirement that full-time, part-time, and substitute adult education teachers hold a current teacher's license may be waived for adult education classes taught at a business or industry, when such classes are asked to be created for the employees of that business or industry. If the adult education program director is unable to find a licensed teacher for such classes, he/she may submit a written request for a workplace waiver for a non-licensed instructor to teach the classes. The non-licensed instructor should have sufficient qualifications and experience to teach the workplace classes successfully. The classes should be conducted at the work site, but if there is no space at the work site for such classes, then the classes may be held at an Adult Education site. If the classes end, or if the instructor with the workplace waiver is reassigned to another workplace class, the Adult Education Division should be informed of any changes in the teaching assignment. Waivers will be issued only for the current program year, and new waivers must be applied for each program year.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Since there is a shortage of licensed teachers in the state, and because of logistical difficulties finding licensed teachers to work in business and industry, the Adult Education Division may issue waivers for non-licensed instructors to teach workplace adult education classes requested by business and industry.

EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

REVISED DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2008

REVISED DATE: AUGUST 4, 2015

Subject: High School Equivalency Test

POLICY: The Adult Education Division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education with the approval of the Career Education and Workforce Development Board will determine the high school equivalency test and scores to be utilized in approved adult education programs. Passing the approved high school equivalency test will result in earning the Arkansas High School Diploma. In addition, all applicants intending to take the approved high school equivalency test are required to take and pass the official high school equivalency practice test with minimum scores established by the Adult Education Division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education and based on the recommendation of the test publisher's guidelines. This test must be administered through an approved adult education program or testing center.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: To ensure that Arkansas Adult Education programs are uniform in testing, it is essential that Arkansas Adult Education utilize the test that is considered most relevant based on research and acceptance by employers, postsecondary educational institutions, and the military.

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016

Subject: Student Confidentiality

POLICY: According to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, enacted as Section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, student information that is considered "private" cannot be shared with anyone who is not designated on a release of confidential information form that has been signed by the student. Examples of confidential information disclosures include disabilities, recovering substance abuse condition, AIDS/HIV, or other medical information. If the student discloses any condition or disability that falls under the Privacy Act, the disclosed information cannot be shared with anyone without a release of confidential information form, including all appropriate signatures.

Adult education and literacy council providers are responsible for keeping confidential student information secure. The personal confidentiality statement should be completed and signed by all persons designated as having access to student records for legitimate educational and/or reporting purposes. Care must be taken to ensure that student data is safe from access by unauthorized persons.

All confidential student data should be aggressively protected, especially a student's social security number. The Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division collects social security numbers to allow for authorized use in data match with other state agencies. Students must give permission for programs to use their information for data match.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The purpose is to follow the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) policy and ensure that learners' rights to confidentiality of personal information are protected and that all staff and volunteers understand their respective roles in relation to confidentiality and data protection.

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016

Subject: Adult Education/Postsecondary Co-Enrollment Policy

POLICY: According to Adult Education Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), individuals who are eligible to receive services include those who:

- have attained 16 years of age;
- are not enrolled, or required to be enrolled, in secondary school under State law; have basic skills deficiency;
- do not have secondary school diploma, or its recognized equivalent and have not achieved an equivalent level of education; and/or, a
- are English Language Learners (ELL).

Under certain conditions, learners can participate or co-enroll in adult education and technical education simultaneously or sequentially. Co-enrollment in postsecondary education is allowable under the following conditions:

1. Students who have a high school credential and are enrolled in a postsecondary institution, but are receiving adult education services based on Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) scores, may not be enrolled in the same subject area(s) that duplicate ABE/ASE services. For example, an individual cannot be served in adult education if they are taking a general math or English composition at the postsecondary level because these subjects are taught as part of ABE/ASE or GED® preparation. Enrollment in both would be duplication of services. However, an individual who is being served in adult education program may be enrolled in a postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE), general education class such as history, study skills, or psychology because instruction in these classes would not duplicate the instructional services provided by the adult education program.

2. Students who do not have a high school credential may be enrolled in a postsecondary education course, according to the institution's eligibility and enrollment policy, in the same subject area(s) in which they qualified for adult education services (reading, math, and/or writing).

3. Students who are participating in a career pathways program such as Accelerating Opportunity, Integrated Education Training (IET), apprenticeships, or other vocational training program are allowed to co-enroll in adult education while being enrolled in a career technical education class. Career pathways programs must follow the guideline definition established by Section 3 (7) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 (Public Law 113-128).

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: While co-enrollment in adult education and postsecondary education is an allowable activity under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, guidelines are established to avoid duplication of services.

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Charisse Childers, Ph.D.
Director

September 20, 2016

TO: Career Education and Workforce Development Board
FROM: Charisse Childers, Ph.D., Director
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM – NACTEI Conference

INFORMATION/RATIONALE:

The National Association of Career and Technical Education Information (NACTEI) annual conference will be hosted in Arkansas on May 8-11, 2017. The conference will be held at the Marriott Little Rock with an expected 300 participants from across the nation. The focus of the conference is on the improvement of career and technical education with special emphasis on accountability elements of the Carl D. Perkins CTE federal program.

Monieca West, Federal Program Manager at Arkansas Department of Higher Education will provide conference details, discuss how Arkansas business and industry might be involved and extend an invitation to members of the board for their participation in the conference.

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September 20, 2016

TO: Career Education and Workforce Development Board

FROM: Charisse Childers, Ph.D., Director
Brian Rogers, Deputy Director, Office of Skills Development

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM – Office of Skills Development (OSD) Grants update

INFORMATION/RATIONALE:

The Office of Skills Development will present the first update on OSD Grants. This will include quick data related to FY 2016 grants under AEDC Existing Worker Training Program and DWS Training Trust Fund Rules and Regulations, as well as information related to the first two months of FY 2017, operating under the new OSD Grants Rules and Regulations for the first time.