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**October 21, 2025
Advisory Council**



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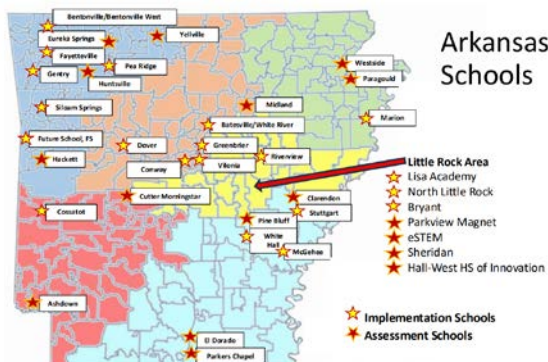
OSE Updates



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Arkansas Transition Services

- Two schools awarded the Excellence in Innovative Transition Programming at LEA Academy: South Side HS and Bryant HS
- CIRCLES (model for transition programming) final cohort is beginning planning for implementation (42 schools will be implementing CIRCLES by next school year)



- SDLMI/GSC App Cohort project 1/2 beginning implementation
- Pushing for continuous connection with schools for Indicator 13 compliance
- Parent Lunch and Learn success - over 100 people registered
- ATS attended DCDT - supported STAR presenters, CIRCLES/SDLMI/GSC
- STAR - new Career Councils gearing up; curriculum for new STAR schools
- Film Premiere - TONIGHT - October 21 at UAPTC in NLR (6:00 p.m.)

CAYSI

- 30 newly qualified children since the 2024 DeafBlind Child Count
 - Average age of newly qualified children: 7.6 years
 - Current DeafBlind census: 275 students
 - Due to CAYSI's efforts to increase awareness and identification, this is the highest the census has been since the project began.
- Collaboration with other ACC consultants to ensure identification of needs and access to services for students
- Ongoing family engagement opportunities, including CAYSI Casual Connections on July 31st



Curriculum and Assessment

- 1% numbers from 24-25:
 - ELA - .97
 - Math - 1
 - Science - .95
- 1% Justifications received - examining data
- Proposed adding credit-bearing special education course codes for 26-27 with additional guidance
- [IRP:IEP Decision Tree Final.pdf](#)
- [MIP:IEP Decision Tree Final.pdf](#)

Early Childhood Special Education

- Collaborating with Part C (birth to five) to create an aligned set of Building Access for Children in Classrooms (BASIC) learning modules for Infant and Toddler staff to support behavior concerns in very young children
- Creating additional training modules for all Early Childhood Special Education Staff that supports the BASIC Project by increasing state-wide staff capacity in
 - Practice-based Coaching
 - Content Modules
 - Functional Behavior Assessments
 - Behavior Intervention Plans

Grants & Data Management

- 24-25 Monitoring:
 - Tier 1 CAPS: 21
 - Tier 2 CAPS: 14
- Completed Ch-Ch-Changes in Special Education Finance at 8 Cooperatives and one training in LR in September
- Time Frame 1 Fiscal Monitoring is underway
- All 25-26 Discretionary Grants are being processed in GMS
- Reduced Maintenance of Effort reporting requirements for LEAs
- STAR:
 - Year 3
 - Pre-ETS
 - Career Councils

IDEA Data & Research

- **Cycle 7 review is done!!**
1543 errors to 0 noncompliance.
- **Cycle 2 initial 2025-26 SPED** student data counts are [70,731](#).
- **SPP/APR** (due February 2, 2025) is updated.
Indicators 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, Intro, and Sig Dispro.
(Indicators 5 & 6 were completed in spring.)
- EDPass uploads completed (last year in EMAPS):
MOE/CEIS/CCEIS (8 new files) & Dispute Resolution (4 new files)
- [ADAPT](#) Implementation with the [Weiss Center](#) to display our
EDPass data in an accessible format.

Medicaid in the Schools (MITS)

- New Northwest MITS advisor is on staff as of 10/13, Erbey Gomez
- Southern MITS advisor position is still vacant, please let me know if you know of anyone that would be interested, listed on SchoolSpring
- We need help getting the word out about this upcoming change:

SCHOOL-BASED PROVIDER NOTICE

“Attention School-based Medicaid Claiming Personnel: Beginning January 1, 2026, 4-digit LEA codes will no longer be accepted in the MMIS system. All LEA codes will now be 5-digit, instead of the previous 4-digit used. Traditional schools will have a ‘0’ at the end of the original 4-digit and a ‘7’ at the end for Charter schools.”

- Personal Care revised manual- Jan 1, 2026
- Referral to assess has been added
- Optum assessment gone, PCP signature is back
- Para training is being updated
- New school-based billable services:
 - ABA therapy-billable now
 - Nursing services-July 1, 2026
 - Transportation-should align with nursing start date

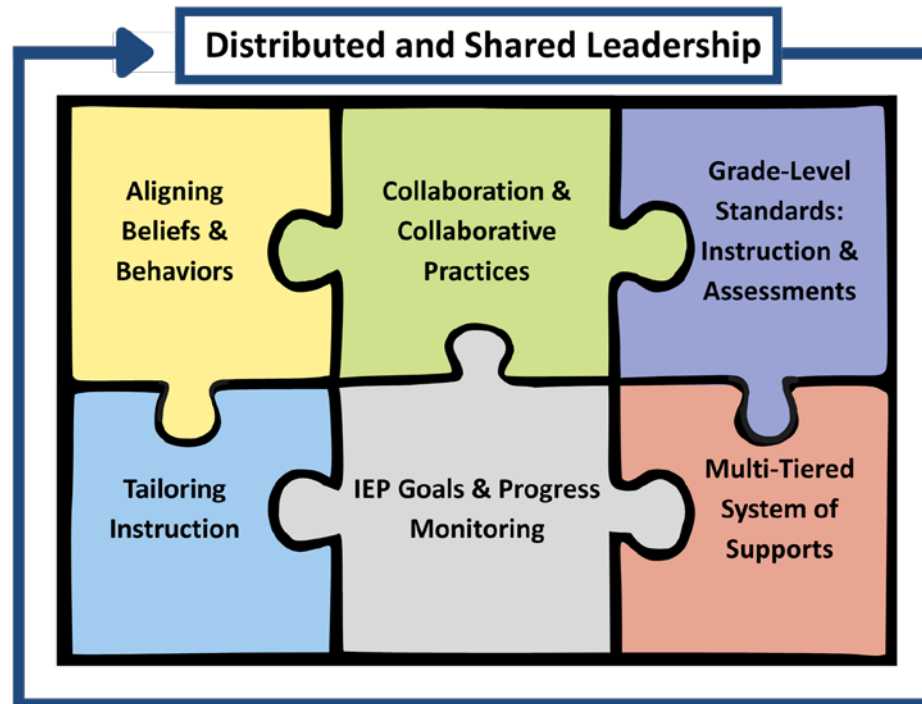
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Monitoring & Program Effectiveness

- Cycle 2 monitoring is underway.
- 8 districts with longstanding noncompliance from 2023-24 monitoring.
- PowerSchool Special Programs is working with pilot districts for a go live date in January.
 - Pilot Districts
 - Arkadelphia
 - Friendship
 - Marvell-Elaine
 - Trumann

SSIP/SPDG: Meaningful Access Train-the-Trainer

- 26 Districts
- 126 Participants
- 4 In-Person Professional Learning Days
- 2 Onsite Coaching Days



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Participant Knowledge of Learning Targets (Comparison of Before and After Training)

