

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT  
SPECIAL NEEDS FUNDING AND THE DETERMINATION OF ALLOWABLE  
EXPENDITURES OF THOSE FUNDS**

- 3.01** The phrase “program within a public school or school district” was added in place of the word “school” in order to be consistent with legislative intent of Act 846 of 2015.
- 3.01.3** This Section was added in order to be consistent with legislative intent of Act 846 of 2015.
- 3.06** This Section was added to incorporate the Community Eligibility Provision of the National School Lunch Program.
- 3.07 et seq.** This Section was also added to incorporate the Community Eligibility Provision of the National School Lunch Program. The addition of the Sections incorporating the Community Eligibility Provision made it necessary to re-number all proceeding Subsections within Section 3.00.
- 3.16** This Section was amended in order to maintain consistent styling throughout the Definitions Section.
- 3.18** This Section was amended in order to maintain consistent styling throughout the Definitions Section.
- 3.20** This Section was added to incorporate the Community Eligibility Provision of the National School Lunch Program.
- 3.22** This Section was amended in order to clean up language to be consistent with legislative intent.
- 3.24** This Section was amended in order to clean up language to be consistent with legislative intent dating back to when Provision 2 was incorporated into these Rules.
- 3.25** This Section was also amended in order to clean up language to be consistent with legislative intent dating back to when Provision 2 was incorporated into these Rules.
- 3.31** This Section was amended in order to maintain consistent styling throughout the Definitions Section.
- 4.01.1.4** This Section was added in order to be consistent with legislative intent of Act 994 of 2015.

- 4.04.3** The phrase “high school equivalency tests” was added in place of the term “General Educational Development (GED) Tests” in order to be consistent with legislative intent of Act 1115 of 2015.
- 4.05.4.2** The phrase “high school equivalency diploma” was added in place of the term “GED” in order to be consistent with legislative intent of Act 1115 of 2015.
- 6.01** This Section was amended to incorporate the Community Eligibility Provision of the National School Lunch Program.
- 6.01.6  
& 6.01.6.1** These Sections were added in order to clarify the disbursement process for any school district and/or school(s) that implemented the Community Eligibility Provision during fiscal year 2014-2015. These Sections are what make these Emergency Rules necessary.
- 6.01.7 et seq.** These Sections provided illustrations for calculating the percentage of national school lunch students in a district wherein at least one school is a Provision 2 School and/or at least one school is a Community Eligibility Provision School.
- 6.04.3,  
6.04.4  
& 6.04.5** The illustrations in these Sections were amended to reflect changes in the transitional funding formula under these Rules.
- 6.07.20** This Section was amended to incorporate the Community Eligibility Provision of the National School Lunch Program, as one of multiple “special assistance certification and reimbursement alternatives implemented under 42 U.S.C. § 1759(a),” in place of prior language that only referred to Provision 2.
- 6.07.24** This Section was amended in order to be consistent with legislative intent of Act 994 of 2015.
- 6.07.31** The word “benchmark” was removed to clean up language in order to better reflect ongoing changes to Arkansas’s assessment system.
- 6.11** The words “is limited” were added in order to make the Section read more fluidly.