

ArkansasIDEAS

ArkansasIDEAS stands for The Internet Delivered Education for Arkansas Schools. It is a partnership between Arkansas PBS and the Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide online, statewide professional development resources and courses for K-12 Arkansas Educators. The purpose of ArkansasIDEAS is to improve teacher quality to increase student achievement. Built by Arkansas educators, for Arkansas educators, the courses are tailored to meet the needs of our state and are aligned with TESS Domains and applicable to a variety of subject areas and grade levels. ArkansasIDEAS provides all Arkansas licensed Educators access to high-quality, innovative professional learning opportunities 24/7/365 via an online learning management system (LMS). Additional content for paraprofessionals, pre-licensed teachers and support staff is available for specific content through an approval process.

In addition to online courses, live streaming professional development opportunities are available throughout the year. Courses in the LMS include, but are not limited to topics required per the 2016 [Rules for Professional Development](#), ethics courses, micro-credentials courses, and other relevant content for educators. Teachers, counselors, school board members, and school nurses can meet licensure or professional learning requirements with the content that is provided on Arkansas IDEAS. The courses meet the specifications needed for professional development for license renewal based on the Rules Governing Professional Development and Standards for Professional Learning (LearningForward.org) as approved by the State Board of Education (SBE). Access 24/7 provides a way for all teachers, no matter the circumstance, an opportunity to complete requirements.

The Administrative Reporting dashboard for ArkansasIDEAS launched in 2019 is a valuable tool for districts as they track the professional development of their staff. With 81,548 ArkansasIDEAS Users, ArkansasIDEAS is the largest professional learning LMS in the state. In the past two years, there has been a 36% increase in registered users. There are 732 courses available with a total of 987.5 credit hours. Of the available courses, 130 were produced in the past three years. Users have earned approximately 1 million credit hours over the last three years.

Rise and Shine Summer Learning Program

Rise and Shine programming boosts summer learning with curriculum focused lessons led by Arkansas teachers, virtual field trips throughout the state and educational music videos for K-5 students. In addition to airing on PBS, programming can also be streamed on demand via the PBS website or YouTube.

Rise and Shine programming started in the summer of 2021 and consisted of 3.5 hours of programming Monday through Friday for six weeks. The content was aligned with the Arkansas Academic Standards, with a focus on learning targets selected by content specialists from DESE. Six Arkansas Teachers of the Year and additional Arkansas teachers selected by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) hosted engaging instructional video segments. Programming also included 32 digital field trips around the state to places like local museums,

landmarks, and historical sites. Learning activity workbooks that supported the programs and that were aligned with the Arkansas Academic standards were created and distributed to 74 out of 75 counties. Rise and Shine had 296,217 video views on digital platforms. This show provided a context for students to continue learning throughout summer. This content rich, standards aligned production supplied a “just in time” resource to combat the “summer slide” and the potential loss of learning experienced because of the pandemic. *Rise and Shine* programming continued into the summer of 2022 and consisted of 3 hours of daily programming for six weeks. Seven Teachers of the Year participated in hosting programming. There were an additional 50 virtual field trips as well as segments that profiled Arkansas students. For 2022, 90 learning targets were selected based on state assessment data and learning packets were developed to support the learning from the segments and distributed to all Arkansas counties.

Since *Rise and Shine* was developed through funding from ADE, b, the content is owned by ADE and can be reproduced, edited, and curated to meet the needs of Arkansas educators well into the future. The 2021 learning packets are currently available in Arkansas libraries and all content, including 2022 content, will be included in Arkansas IDEAS for future use in Arkansas classrooms. All lessons will be available in the Arkansas IDEAS LMS, along with supporting resource materials that can be accessed for classroom use at any point at the time in the future. All content has been carefully selected to meet the needs of Arkansas students, is aligned to Arkansas Academic Standards, and made by Arkansas educators.