

EXHIBIT E1

LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Tuesday, June 4, 2024



2024 ADEQUACY STUDY



- Introduction – What Students Need to Learn
- Academic Standards
- Required Courses
- Graduation Requirements and Smart Core
- College and Career Readiness (report)
- Advanced Courses (report)
- Arkansas Computer Science Initiative (report)
- 2023 Legislation



INTRODUCTION

What Arkansas Students Should Learn



Act 930 of 2017

Created the **Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act** and directs the Department of Education (ADE) to establish “academic standards that define what students shall know and be able to demonstrate in each content area.” Furthermore, instruction in all public schools is to be based on the academic standards “to prepare students to demonstrate the skills and competencies necessary for successful academic growth and high school graduation.”



Standards for Accreditation

- Address curriculum and instruction in Standard 1-A
- Specify that each public school district annually adopt curriculum aligned to the Arkansas Academic Standards
- List courses to be taught at each grade level – these include the “required 38 units” to be offered in grades 9-12

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Definition of Adequacy

*“The standards included in the state’s curriculum and career and technical frameworks, which define what Arkansas students are to be **taught**, including specific grade level curriculum and a mandatory thirty-eight (38) Carnegie units defined by the Arkansas Standards of Accreditation to be taught at the high school level.”*

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ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Guide to Curriculum in Arkansas



Academic Standards -- ADE





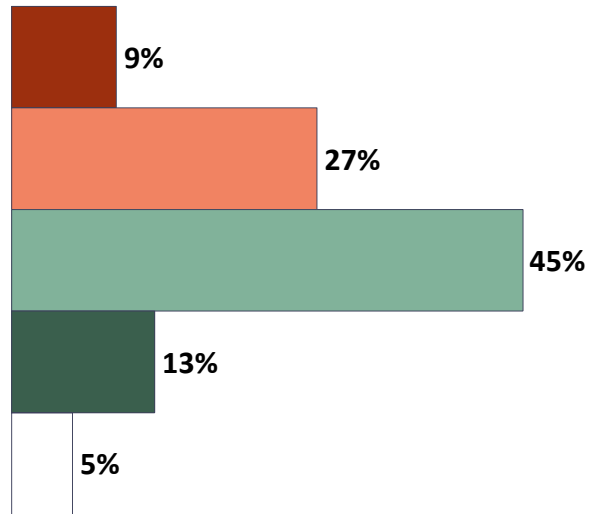
Revision Schedule

Academic Standard to Be Revised	Committee Work	State Board Approval	Full Implementation
Mathematics	Summer 2022	Spring 2023	2023-2024
English Language Arts	Summer 2022	Spring 2023	2023-2024
Science	Summer 2024	Spring 2025	2026-2027
Physical Education Health Driver's Education	Summer 2026	Spring 2027	2028-2029
Foreign Language Library Media	Summer 2027	Spring 2028	2029-2030
Fine Arts	Summer 2028	Spring 2029	2030-2031
Science	Summer 2029	Spring 2030	2031-2032
Social Studies Arkansas History	Summer 2030	December 2031	2032-2033
Mathematics	Summer 2031	April 2032	2033-2034
English Language Arts	Summer 2032	April 2033	2034-2035



Teachers Respond

State/district content standards have had a positive influence on my satisfaction w/teaching.











■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Strongly agree
 ■ N/A











REQUIRED COURSES

By Grade Span

Required Courses: K-Grade 4











 <p>English Language Arts</p>	 <p>Mathematics</p>
 <p>Science</p>	 <p>Social Studies</p>
 <p>Fine Arts</p>	 <p>Health/Safety and Physical Education</p>
 <p>1 unit Arkansas History (4th grade emphasis)</p>	 <p>40 minutes Recess</p>

Required Courses: Grades 5-8

 English Language Arts	 Mathematics
 Science	 Social Studies
 Fine Arts	 Health/Safety and Physical Education
 Arkansas History (5th grade emphasis, 1 semester in 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades)	 Career and Technical Education

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Required 38 Courses (Offered): Grades 9-12

 6 UNITS	 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ½ UNIT	 6 UNITS
 5 UNITS	 4 UNITS	 3½ UNITS
 1½ UNITS	 2 UNITS SAME LANGUAGE	 1 UNIT
 CTE 9 UNITS		

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★ Grades 9-12

Also...

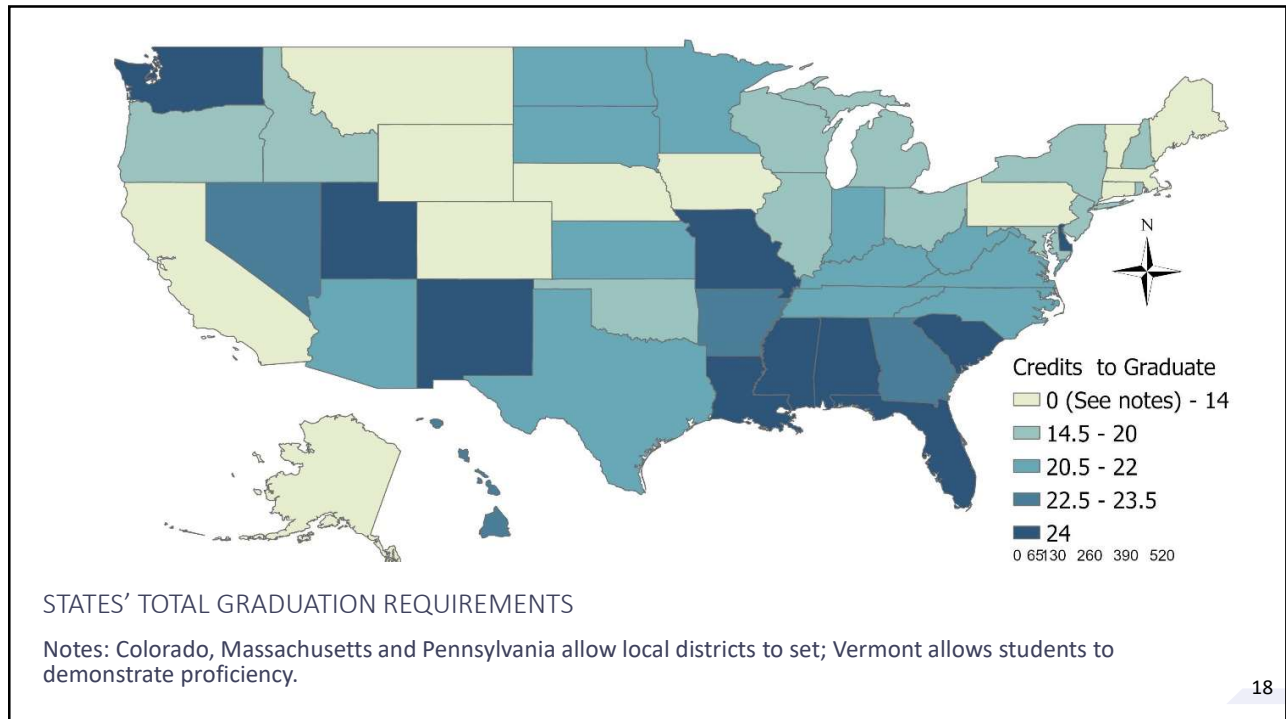
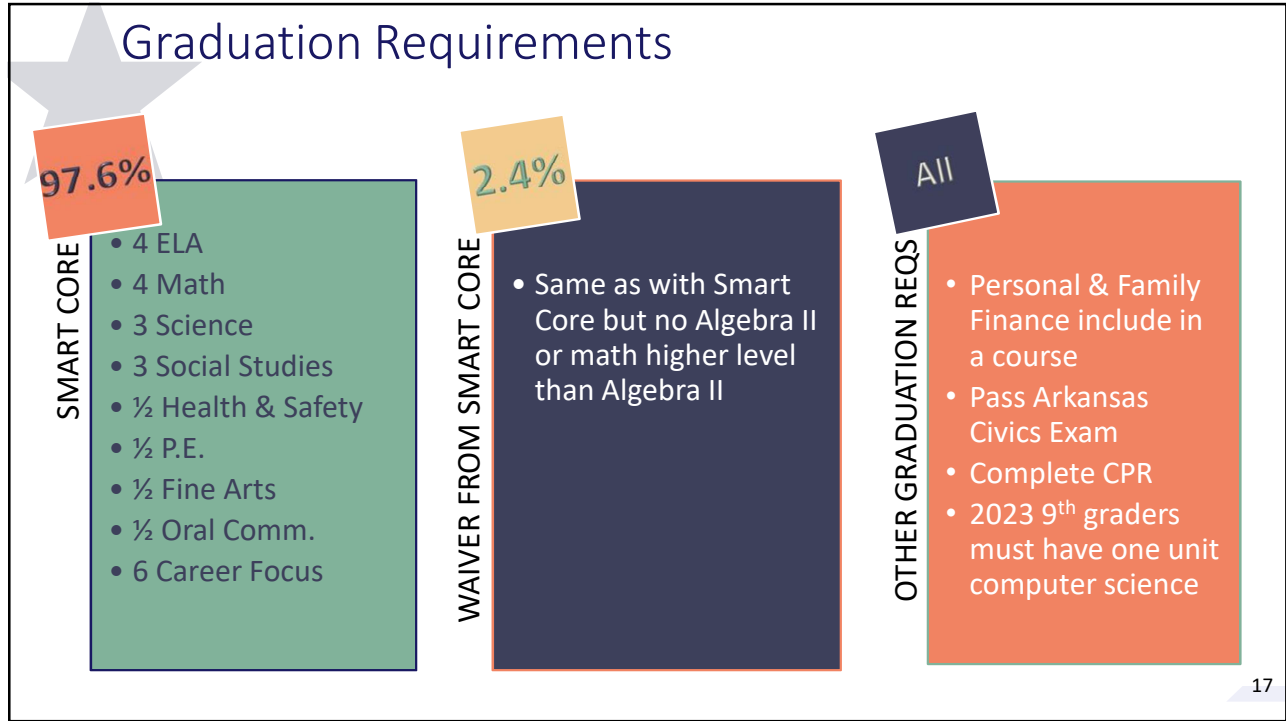
AP	Offer 1 in all 4 basic subjects
Transitional	Offer in Math and literacy
Holocaust	Act 611 of 2021

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Intro Standards Courses Graduation Req's 2023 Legislation

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

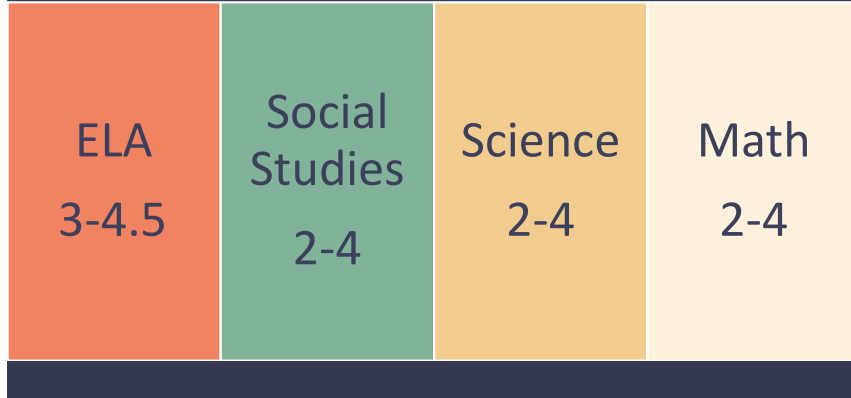
A Subset of the Required 38





GRADUATION RATES

Ranges Among States

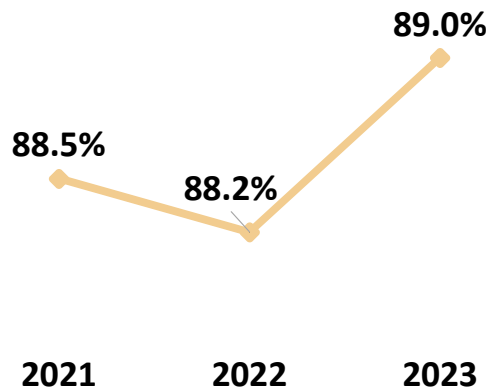


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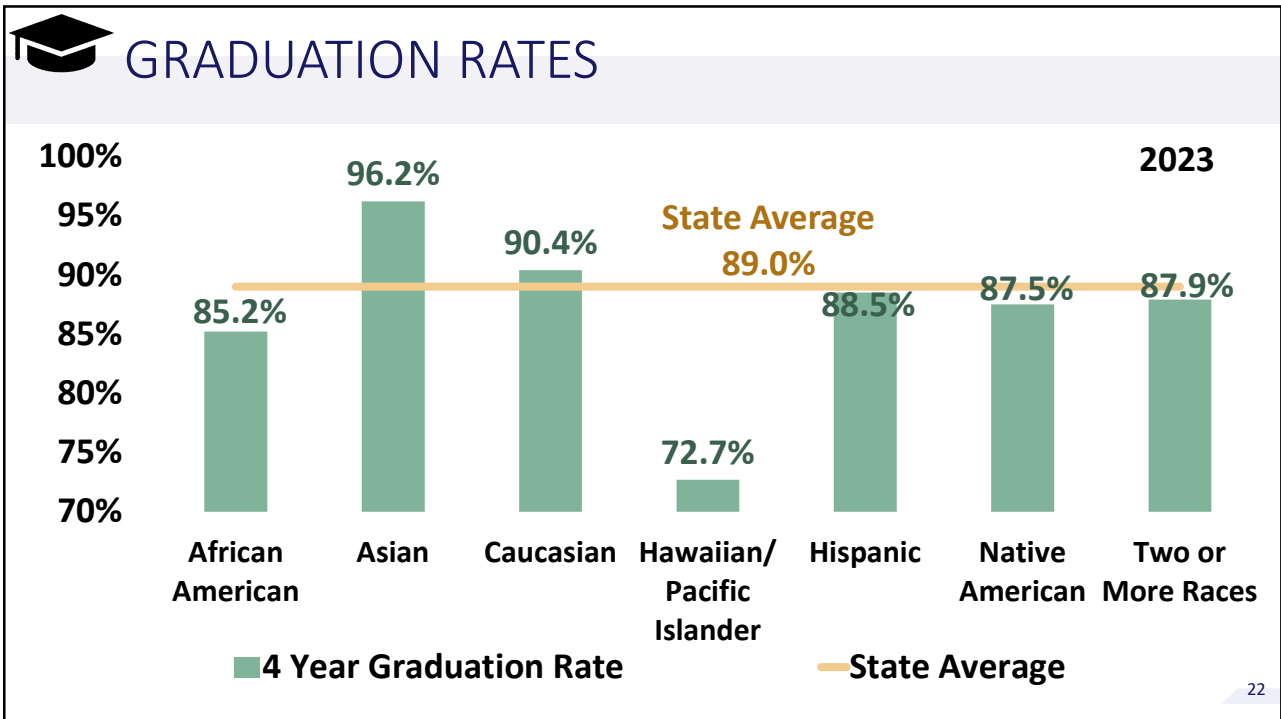
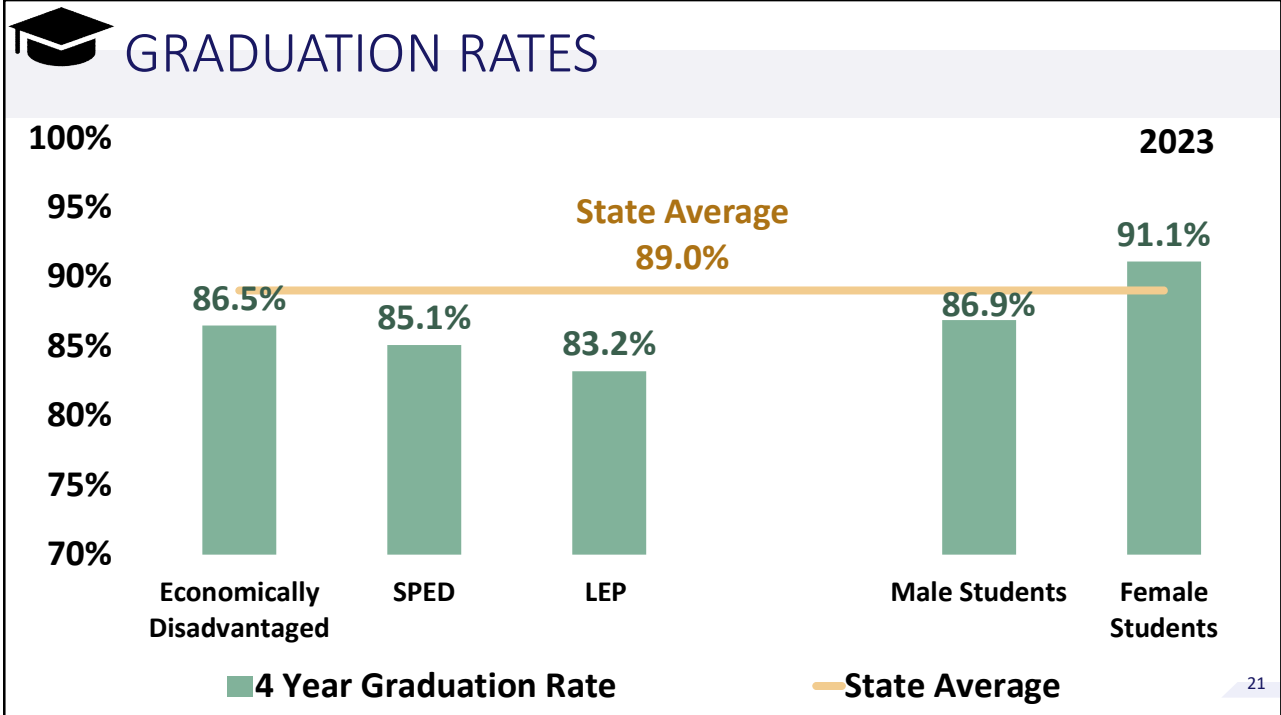
Four-Year Graduation Rates

- Based on students who graduate from high school in four years (including students with most significant cognitive disabilities who receive alternative diploma)

Arkansas Four-Year Graduation Rates



Data Source: DESE. "Graduation Rate/Graduation Rate Files." Retrieved from: <https://adesandbox.arkansas.gov/project?v=fMTC0ZJVhNzJIMDY0MDkzMGJJ0WQzN2ZmNGRKYzkzMTI>



LEARNS ACT

Community Service Diploma Requirements requires 75 hours of community service requirement for 9th-12th graders with the graduating class of 2026-2027.

Indoctrination Section defines “prohibited indoctrination” and requires DESE to review curricular materials for indoctrination purposes, and allows ASBE to promulgate rules to implement the section.

Child Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention Program requires public schools to implement a child sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention program.

Digital Learning Section repeals the digital course requirement for graduation.

Course Choice Program requires ASBE to establish a program in which students can take courses from outside providers if the course is not offered at their school or they are in a C-, D- or F-graded school.

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OTHER LEGISLATION

Act 48 establishes Holocaust Education Week.

Act 100 requires that nationally recognized high school equivalency diploma be treated the same as high school diploma for purposes of employment.

Act 243 authorizes DESE to establish a pilot program to provide agricultural education in elementary schools.

Act 662 allows a public high school to award a terminally ill student a high school diploma before the established graduation date *if* criteria are met.

Act 290 establishes Mental Health Awareness Week.

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OTHER LEGISLATION

Act 637 requires that, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each public school provide instruction on adoption awareness.

Act 654 requires the ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate be used by an institution of higher education as transcribable credit towards the attainment of a postsecondary technical degree; allows a public high school student to meet the requirement to earn one unit of school computer science by completing an approved high school computer science course or a computer science-related career and technical education course; requires DESE to review career and technical pathways to determine which courses within the career and technical pathways meet criteria for weighted credit; and permits weighted credit to be awarded for a career and technical pathway to a student upon the completion of the relevant career and technical pathway.

Act 720 repeals the requirement that the State Board of Education approve programs and activities in which students participate in order to obtain community service hours.

Act 723 requires that each health and safety course include information regarding breastfeeding.



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Career and Technical Education