

Act 2318 of 2005 was passed by the state legislature and provided funding for online professional development. The act established a partnership between the AETN and the ADE to create and provide online professional development available to all licensed educators free of charge.

Currently Arkansas IDEAS serves over 37,000 Arkansas teachers and has delivered 496,000 hours of online professional development

We have over 1800 hours of high-quality research driven Professional development, and 177 hours common core trainings. All of these hours have been ADE approved, and our common core library addresses areas of leadership, math, English, and the institutes led by Dr. Laura Bednar and Dr. Tracy Tucker

After speaking with the leadership of ADE, the IDEAS team created a common core microsite that would function as a dissemination point for ADE common core trainings.

There is a hunger for common core training in the state of Arkansas

In the last three months alone, this Arkansas common core website has experienced 43,940 total visits with 23,672 being unique visitors

Perhaps even more important, our common core website has had visitors for all 50 states. People are indeed looking at Arkansas for common core guidance and leadership. Of these out of state visitors, the most common downloaded document is ADE's strategic plan.

Under the direction of Dr. Bednar, ADE brings in professional development experts like Dr. Griffith into the AETN studios for taped trainings. We disseminate this live show across the CIV network to all the educational coops and simultaneously broadcast across the Internet to any Internet based computer including all iOS devices like the iPad and iPhone. This training is then placed inside the IDEAS portal where teachers and administrators can view the course and receive PD credit.

Arkansas IDEAS was created in 2005 Interpretations of an Arkansas Supreme Court case, Lake View School District No. 25 v. Huckabee