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REMEDIAATION TASK FORCE COMMITTEE K-12 Subcommittee Recommendations

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Time Horizon</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
1. The Task Force should adopt a resolution in support of requiring all 11 th graders in the state to take the ACT examination at state expense.	Summer 2008	This would provide the opportunity for early identification of students who score below 19.
2. The Task Force should go on record in support of schools administering the following preparatory examinations: PLAN, EXPLORE, and PSAT at state expense.	Summer 2008	These examinations provide early benchmarks for student performance on the ACT and SAT examinations. They also also identify the areas in need of further student development.
3. The Task Force should be proactive in supporting the Governor's Task Force on after-school and summer intervention programs.	Summer 2008	Properly structured summer intervention and after-school programs can provide students with additional opportunities and support, thus increasing readiness.

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4. The Task Force should go on record in support of the Arkansas SCHOLARS program, which is aligned with the Smart Core requirements.	Summer 2008	The Arkansas SCHOLARS program encourages students in the 8 th grade to pursue a rigorous course of study, thus increasing their ability to be college/work ready.
5. The Task Force should adopt a recommendation to support doing away with the Smart Core opt out clause, effective with the Class of 2014.	Summer 2008	Research supports that it is in the best interest of all students to engage in a rigorous course of study.
6. The Task Force should encourage the examination of whether the current score of 19 on the ACT exam is a viable predictor of college success in credit bearing courses.	2009-2010	Current ACT data shows that students need a higher score if they are going to be successful in most college level courses.
7. The Task Force should develop legislation to support recommendations from all task force subcommittees.	Summer-Fall 2008	Legislative support will be essential for the ultimate success of the task force recommendations.

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8. The Task Force should support a systematic means of communicating to parents of middle school students, re: the importance of their children pursuing the Smart Core curriculum during high school.	Fall 2008 and ongoing	Parents need to understand the importance of and benefits to completing a rigorous course of study.