

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
~~PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS~~
~~To Implement the Braille and Large Print Textbook Appropriation~~
~~June 2018~~

RULES GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOK APPROPRIATION

1.0 REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- 1.1 These ~~regulations~~ rules shall be known as Arkansas Department of Education Regulations to Rules Governing the Implement Implementation of the Braille and Large Print Textbook Appropriation.
- 1.2 These ~~regulations~~ rules are enacted pursuant to the State Board of Education's authority under ~~Act 174 of 2017~~ Ark. Code Ann. § 6-11-105 and Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-105.

2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 It is the purpose of these ~~regulations~~ rules to set forth the criteria for determining student eligibility for adaptive textbooks (i.e. braille and large print).
- 2.2 These ~~regulations~~ rules define the process for local school district access to such adaptive textbooks for students with visual impairments.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 For the purpose of these ~~regulations~~ rules, adaptive textbooks are defined to mean braille and large print.
- 3.2 IDEA refers to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- 3.3 IEP is the individualized education program for a student with disabilities under the IDEA.
- 3.4 Learning Media Assessment refers to a structured systematic assessment used to determine the appropriate literacy media and/or functional learning materials for students with visual impairments.
- 3.5 Braille Skills Inventory is a comprehensive assessment used to assess the braille reading and writing proficiency of students who receive braille instruction.
- 3.6 Informal Reading Inventories (IRIs) as used in these ~~regulations~~ rules refers to commercially available IRIs which are adapted into braille and large print and used as a part of continuing assessment to determine student progress in reading as measured by reading comprehension and reading rate.

- 3.7 Reading rates are measured using informal reading inventories and content texts and are one component of the data needed to determine efficiency in a student's current literacy media.
- 3.8 Informal functional vision assessment as used in these ~~regulations~~ rules refers to teacher observations which provide evidence of a student's use of visual ability in near and distance tasks.

4.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 4.1 The braille and large print textbook program for students with visual impairments shall be administered by the Arkansas School for the Blind in conjunction with the Arkansas Department of Education's designee from internal administration.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR ADAPTIVE TEXTBOOKS

- 5.1 The following criteria should be considered when determining the appropriate reading medium for students with visual impairment.
 - 5.1.1 Observations made by, but not limited to, the classroom teacher, parent, certified teacher of students with visual impairments (TVI), and an ESVI regional vision consultant.
 - 5.1.2 Assessment by an ESVI regional vision consultant, certified teacher of students with visual impairments (TVI).
 - 5.1.2.1 Learning Media Assessment
 - 5.1.2.2 Braille Skills Inventory
 - 5.1.2.3 Informal functional vision assessment
 - 5.1.2.4 Reading rates
 - 5.1.3 Eye specialist medical report detailing acuity, pathology and prognosis.
 - 5.1.4 Student's IEP team recommendation.

6.0 SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCESS TO ADAPTIVE TEXTBOOKS

- 6.1 Local school districts must assess any student whose visual impairment adversely affects his and, or, or her educational performance as to the student's need for adaptive textbooks.
- 6.2 For the purpose of these ~~regulations~~ rules, the criteria stated in Section 5.00 shall be the minimum criteria for determining student eligibility.
- 6.3 Local school districts may seek assistance for assessing a student's need for adaptive textbooks by contacting the Educational Services for the Visually Impaired (ESVI).

- 6.4 Following a determination that a student is eligible for adaptive textbooks, the regional vision consultant serving the local school district will approve the purchase of textbooks for each student determined eligible.
- 6.5 The regional vision consultant will complete an ESVI textbook order form and transmit the form to the Instructional Resource Center at the Arkansas School for the Blind.

7.0 COSTS

- 7.1 There shall be no charge to local school districts for large print or braille textbooks, unless a book is lost or is severely damaged.
- 7.2 Should a textbook be lost or sustain such damage as to render the book unusable, the district will be billed for the costs associated with replacing the book.

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7.3.1 The Arkansas School for the Blind may use funds from the School for the Blind Fund Account for Costs associated with providing braille and large print textbooks as authorized under this section.

7.3.2 If Funding allows and a need is present, the Arkansas School for the Blind may use funds from the School for the Blind Fund Account to purchase electronic textbooks, adaptive technology, and library media.

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7.4.1 The state board may negotiate directly with publishers of braille and large print textbooks for the purchase of braille and large print textbooks.

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2023
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 73

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND
11 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
16 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND
17 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL
19 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is
26 hereby established for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the
27 Blind for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
28 employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
34	(1) U030U	BLIND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	1	GRADE SE01
35	(2) L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01
36	(3) L042C	SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP01



1	(4)	E004C SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	2	GRADE GS11
2	(5)	L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
3	(6)	E024C TEACHER SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
4	(7)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	33	GRADE GS08
5	(8)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
6	(9)	M024C RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
7	(10)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
8	(11)	S009C ASD/ASB TRANSPORTATION SERVICES COORD	1	GRADE GS06
9	(12)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	2	GRADE GS06
10	(13)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	2	GRADE GS06
11	(14)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	2	GRADE GS05
12	(15)	S038C TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
13	(16)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
14	(17)	S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
15	(18)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
16	(19)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE GS03
17	(20)	C058C EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL	11	GRADE GS03
18	(21)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
19	(22)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
20	(23)	M074C RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR	10	GRADE GS03
21	(24)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS02
22	(25)	S062C INSTITUTIONAL BUS DRIVER	1	GRADE GS02
23	(26)	S086C COOK	7	GRADE GS01
24	(27)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	4	GRADE GS01
25	(28)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
26		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	98	

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seventeen (17) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,418,358
(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,669,516
(04) OVERTIME	10,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,232,747
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	16,329
(C) PROF. FEES	76,308
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	1,200,000
(07) VOCATIONAL WORK STUDY	10,000
(08) SUMMER PROJECTS	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,788,258</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$97,092
(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,385

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	703,998
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	41,382
4	(C) PROF. FEES	112,776
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	85,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,094,633</u>

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9 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE

10 BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be

11 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating

12 expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind -

13 Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
17	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$186,508
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	13,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>125,000</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$474,508</u>

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26 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS - ARKANSAS

27 SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

28 Education, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for

29 purchasing, copying, and shipping braille and large print textbooks for the

30 blind and visually impaired students attending public schools in Arkansas by

31 the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Braille and

32 Large Print Textbooks for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the

33 following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>

1 (01) BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS \$223,024

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3 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - BUILDING DEMOLITION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-
 4 UP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 5 Department of Education, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas
 6 Code 19-4-801, for maintenance and general operating expenses related to the
 7 environmental clean-up and site maintenance of the previously demolished
 8 building on the Blind School grounds formerly occupied by Easter Seals
 9 Arkansas of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind for
 10 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>

14	(01) MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL OPERATING	
15	EXPENSES	<u>\$2,080</u>

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17 SECTION 8. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is
 18 hereby established for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the
 19 Deaf for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
 20 employees.

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22			Maximum Annual
23		Maximum	Salary Rate
24	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
25	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
26	(1) U029U DEAF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	1	GRADE SE01
27	(2) L027C REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP02
28	(3) L045C AUDIOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP01
29	(4) L038C REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01
30	(5) L042C SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	5	GRADE MP01
31	(6) D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
32	(7) D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT03
33	(8) E004C SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	1	GRADE GS11
34	(9) E017C ASST PRINCIPAL	1	GRADE GS10
35	(10) E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
36	(11) E036C CERTIFIED MASTERS DEGREE LIBRARIAN	1	GRADE GS09

1	(12)	L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
2	(13)	E022C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
3	(14)	E025C EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS09
4	(15)	E015C SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
5	(16)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	34	GRADE GS08
6	(17)	M088C LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE GS08
7	(18)	M020C LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR	1	GRADE GS08
8	(19)	E029C SIGN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
9	(20)	E032C EDUCATION COUNSELOR	2	GRADE GS07
10	(21)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
11	(22)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
12	(23)	M024C RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
13	(24)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	2	GRADE GS06
14	(25)	M064C RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS05
15	(26)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	2	GRADE GS05
16	(27)	S038C TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
17	(28)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
18	(29)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
19	(30)	L078C FAMILY SERVICES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS04
20	(31)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
21	(32)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
22	(33)	S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
23	(34)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS04
24	(35)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	6	GRADE GS03
25	(36)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS03
26	(37)	C058C EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL	19	GRADE GS03
27	(38)	S057C LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS03
28	(39)	C053C MEDICAL RECORDS TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
29	(40)	M074C RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR	23	GRADE GS03
30	(41)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS02
31	(42)	S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS02
32	(43)	S086C COOK	8	GRADE GS01
33	(44)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS01
34	(45)	M082C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
35		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	150	

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SECTION 9. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: fifty-five (55) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the School for the Deaf Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,967,631
(02) EXTRA HELP	90,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,748,400
(04) OVERTIME	20,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,603,303
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	1,400,000
(07) VOCATIONAL WORKSTUDY	10,000
(08) MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$12,904,334</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer

1 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
 2 of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - Federal Operations for the
 3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

4	5 ITEM	6 FISCAL YEAR
7	8 <u>NO.</u>	9 <u>2023-2024</u>
10	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$45,000
11	(02) EXTRA HELP	14,000
12	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	12,126
13	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	605,417
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	60,000
16	(C) PROF. FEES	300,393
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	45,000
18	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,081,936</u></u>

20 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE
 21 DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be
 22 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating
 23 expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - Cash
 24 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

25	26 ITEM	27 FISCAL YEAR
28	29 <u>NO.</u>	30 <u>2023-2024</u>
31	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$149,136
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
34	(C) PROF. FEES	6,750
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000
36	(E) DATA PROC.	0
37	(02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>29,114</u>
38	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$230,000</u></u>

39 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 40 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

1 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the
2 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Blind shall
3 transfer appropriation from the Summer Projects line item, in the State
4 Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra Help,
5 Personal Services Matching, Overtime and Maintenance & General Operations
6 line items in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to compensate
7 staff who work during the summer months on summer projects, and to cover
8 other expenses of summer project activities. The Summer Projects line item
9 may also be used for the annual cost related to the compensation of eligible
10 staff for shift differential pay as well as compensation of employees for
11 performance of duties assigned as referenced in the Special Allowance Special
12 Language Section of this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be
13 construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
15 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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17 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-43-
18 116 is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as
19 follows:

20 6-43-116. Special allowance.

21 (a) The Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the
22 Deaf may make special allowances available to any employee who performs one
23 (1) of the following duties in addition to his or her normal duties:

24 (1) Teaching adult education classes, parent training, or
25 student tutorial services on weekends or evenings;

26 (2) Coaching one (1) or more sports;

27 (3) Sponsoring a club or organization that involves additional
28 hours outside the normal working day; or

29 (4) Interpretive services.

30 (b) Compensation for additional duties may not exceed three thousand
31 five hundred dollars ~~(\$3,000)~~ (\$3,500) per school term for any one (1)
32 employee during each fiscal year.

33 (c) Compensation provided for under this section shall not be
34 construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for the employee's
35 position.

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1 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-21-
2 105 is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as
3 follows:

4 6-21-105. Braille and large print textbooks.

5 (a) It is declared to be the duty of the Arkansas School for the Blind
6 to provide braille and large print textbooks for blind and visually impaired
7 students attending public schools in this state.

8 (b) The superintendents of school districts shall make application to
9 the Superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind for textbooks of
10 braille and large print when students in school districts qualify for such
11 books and the requested textbooks are required for other students in the
12 district.

13 (c)(1) The Arkansas School for the Blind may use funds from the School
14 for the Blind Fund Account for costs associated with providing braille and
15 large print textbooks as authorized under this section.

16 (2) If funding allows and a need is present, the Arkansas School
17 for the Blind may use funds from the School for the Blind Fund Account to
18 purchase electronic textbooks, adaptive technology, and library media.

19 (d)(1) The State Board of Education shall make reasonable rules
20 regarding moneys appropriated for the purchase of braille and large print
21 textbooks.

22 (2) The state board may negotiate directly with publishers of
23 braille and large print textbooks for the purchase of braille and large print
24 textbooks.

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26 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

28 ADE - ASB - SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. Employees who, in addition to working
29 during the regular school term, also work during summer months shall be
30 authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their
31 annual salary for each month or part thereof worked. Such additional
32 compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary
33 authorized for said employees. Payment of additional compensation shall be
34 limited to employees in the following classifications:

CLASS CODE	SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS	GRADE
E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06

1	M026C	Licensed Social Worker	GS07
2	M020C	Licensed Professional Counselor	GS08
3	E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
4	M088C	Licensed Master Social Worker	GS08
5	E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
6	E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
7	E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
8	<u>E026C</u>	<u>Education & Instruction Coordinator</u>	<u>GS08</u>
9	<u>E015C</u>	<u>Special Education Supervisor</u>	<u>GS09</u>

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
11 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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13 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

15 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - CERTIFIED MASTERS OR BACHELOR TEACHERS
16 ENTERING STATE SERVICE. Upon the superintendent’s certification to the State
17 Personnel Administrator of prior service at an educational institution and
18 with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the salary of
19 teachers entering state service as teachers for the sensory impaired may be
20 adjusted to a rate of pay closest to but not less than the annual salary they
21 would have received from their previous employer, effective upon employment
22 at ASD or ASB.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
24 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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26 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6,
27 Chapter 43, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section and to
28 codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

29 6-43-119. Teacher salary increase.

30 If public schools receive funds from the General Assembly to raise the
31 salaries of teachers employed in public school districts, the Arkansas School
32 for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf shall be included.

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34 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

36 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - SPECIAL RATES OF PAY. Due to the need to meet

1 the minimum compensation schedule as established by Act 74 of the 2nd
2 Extraordinary Session of the 84th General Assembly, or its successor, for
3 public school teachers, counselors, and librarians and other education
4 professionals as listed in subsection (a) below, the Arkansas School for the
5 Blind is authorized to adjust current or new employees to at least the
6 minimum level of compensation for public school employees.

7 For current or new employees in the positions listed in subsection (a)
8 below, the Arkansas School for the Blind may implement salary adjustments to
9 maintain equity between their teacher salaries and those of Central Arkansas
10 Public School Systems only after a plan for determining and implementing
11 those adjustments has been reviewed by the Office of Personnel Management and
12 by the Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and approved
13 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

14 For purposes of implementing the plan, the Arkansas School for the Blind
15 is authorized special rates of pay up to the maximum of the assigned grade
16 for classifications listed in subsection (a) below.

17	(a)	CLASS CODE	TITLE	GRADE
18		E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06
19		E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
20		E036C	Certified Masters Degree Librarian	GS09
21		E032C	Education Counselor	GS07
22		L042C	School Speech Pathologist	MP01
23		E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
24		E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
25		E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
26		E004C	School Principal	GS11

27 Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that
28 is supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required,
29 be provided by a transfer from the Performance Fund to the proper fund or
30 fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
31 the State. The Arkansas School for the Blind shall, in addition to the funds
32 provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments from the
33 Performance Fund, make available any funding generated from agency salary
34 savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as provided by law.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
36 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS - ASB.

(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the School for the Blind Fund Account on June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023 into a sub-fund created within the School for the Blind Fund Account to be used for special maintenance, renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind.

(b) Any carry forward of the unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency, board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or line item and the funding source; and

(2) The Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

(3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the budget manuals.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

ADE - ASD - SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. Employees who, in addition to working during the regular school term, also work during summer months shall be authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their

1 annual salary for each month or part thereof worked. Such additional
2 compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary
3 authorized for said employees.

4 Payment of additional compensation shall be limited to employees in the
5 following classifications:

6	CLASS CODE	SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS	GRADE
7	E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06
8	E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
9	L042C	School Speech Pathologist	MP01
10	L045C	Audiologist	MP01
11	E036C	Certified Master's Degree Librarian	GS09
12	E032C	Education Counselor	GS07
13	M020C	Licensed Professional Counselor	GS08
14	E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
15	E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
16	E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
17	E004C	School Principal	GS11
18	<u>E026C</u>	<u>Education & Instruction Coordinator</u>	<u>GS08</u>
19	<u>E015C</u>	<u>Special Education Supervisor</u>	<u>GS09</u>

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
21 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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23 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-43-
24 320 is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as
25 follows:

26 6-43-320. For Arkansas School for the Deaf, shift work must begin not
27 earlier than ~~2:00~~ 2:30 p.m. and end no later than 8:00 a.m. the following
28 day.

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30 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

32 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the
33 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Deaf shall
34 transfer appropriation from the Miscellaneous Activities line item in the
35 State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra
36 Help, Personal Service Matching, Overtime, and Maintenance and General

1 Operations line items also in the State Operations Appropriation, to
2 compensate staff who work during the summer months on summer projects and to
3 cover other expenses of summer project activities. The Miscellaneous
4 Activities line item may also be used for the annual cost related to the
5 payment of contracted interpreter services, compensation of eligible staff
6 for shift differential pay, and compensation of employees for performance of
7 duties assigned as referenced in the Special Allowance Special Language of
8 this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding
9 the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
11 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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13 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

15 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - SPECIAL RATES OF PAY. Due to the need to meet
16 the minimum compensation schedule as established by Act 74 of the 2nd
17 Extraordinary Session of the 84th General Assembly, or its successor, for
18 public school teachers, counselors, and librarians and other education
19 professionals as listed in subsection (a) below, the Arkansas School for the
20 Deaf is authorized to adjust current or new employees to at least the minimum
21 level of compensation for public school employees.

22 For current or new employees in the positions listed in subsection (a)
23 below, the Arkansas School for the Deaf may implement salary adjustments to
24 maintain equity between their teacher salaries and those of Central Arkansas
25 Public School Systems only after a plan for determining and implementing
26 those adjustments has been reviewed by the Office of Personnel Management and
27 by the Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
28 Budget Committee and approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

29 For purposes of implementing the plan, the Arkansas School for the Deaf is
30 authorized special rates of pay up to the maximum of the assigned grade for
31 classifications listed in subsection (a) below.

(a) CLASS CODE	TITLE	GRADE
E044C	Certified Bachelors Teacher	GS06
E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
E036C	Certified Masters Degree Librarian	GS09
E032C	Education Counselor	GS07

1	L042C	School Speech Pathologist	MP01
2	E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
3	E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
4	E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
5	E004C	School Principal	GS11

6 Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that is
7 supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required, be
8 provided by a transfer from the Performance Fund to the proper fund or fund
9 account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
10 State. The Arkansas School for the Deaf shall, in addition to the funds
11 provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments from the
12 Performance Fund, make available any funding generated from agency salary
13 savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as provided by law.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
15 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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17 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
19 CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS - ASD.

20 (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be
21 transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor
22 of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the School for the
23 Deaf Fund Account on June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023 into a sub-fund created within the
24 School for the Deaf Fund Account to be used for special maintenance,
25 renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education -
26 Arkansas School for the ~~Blind~~ Deaf.

27 (b) Any carry forward of the unexpended balance of funding as
28 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

29 (1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and
30 Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried
31 forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint
32 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency,
33 board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward,
34 the program name or line item and the funding source; and

35 (2) The Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf
36 shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget

1 Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this
2 section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department
3 presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
4 Committee, or both; and

5 (3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall
6 include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the
7 budget manuals.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
9 ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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11 SECTION 26. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
12 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
14 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
17 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
18 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
19 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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21 SECTION 27. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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30 SECTION 28. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
31 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
32 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm

1 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
2 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
3 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
4 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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