

**STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE**

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-202 (f & h), each Arkansas school district superintendent and each chief academic officer of an open-enrollment charter school shall by October 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year give written assurance of school district or charter school compliance with Arkansas law by providing her/his signature below as required on this form. This written assurance shall be received or postmarked and mailed to the Department of Education by October 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year.

I hereby certify by my signature that I have thoroughly reviewed the following information required for the statewide information Cycle 2 report and that the data contained in the attached report is true, accurate, and timely, for the 2016-2017 school year. By my signature below, I certify that information in the report accurately describes the status and condition of the

\_\_\_\_\_ School District in \_\_\_\_\_ County as of October 1, 2016, and is submitted in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-15-202 and 6-15-206 (c)(1) and is subject to the enforcement provisions of Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-15-202, 6-15-207 and 6-17-410.

Furthermore, I hereby certify by my signature below on this form that \_\_\_\_\_ School District is in compliance for the 2016-2017 school year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) with each of the following statutory provisions and/or requirements for school districts identified as relevant to the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts:

1. The required 38 units of instruction for high school(s) (grades 9-12) are offered and taught in accordance with the Rules Governing Standards for Accreditation and Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-213 of 2015.
2. Each school, grades 9-12, teaches at least one unit of Computer Applications with emphasis on current applications.
3. The school district provides all students in grades K-8 with Tools for Learning which includes technical skills (research and information skills, use of computers and calculators) and data gathering (use of data banks, atlases, dictionaries, almanacs, networks, news sources, and interviews).
4. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 4-86-107 concerning misappropriation of social security numbers.
5. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-5-403(d)(2)(B) concerning provision of higher education information by high school counselors.
6. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106 concerning uniform dates for beginning and end of school year.
7. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-110 concerning fire marshal program.
8. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-111 (d) through (f) concerning the Equity Assistance Center.
9. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-113 concerning eye protection.
10. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-114 concerning discrimination and punishment.

11. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-11-129 concerning data to be accessible on Department of Education's website.
12. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-109 concerning employment of a school superintendent.
13. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-620 concerning powers and duties of the local school board of directors.
14. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-629 concerning training and instruction of the local school board of directors.
15. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-801 et seq. concerning educational compacts.
16. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-101 concerning academic standards and expected outcomes.
17. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-201 et seq. concerning accreditation.
18. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-401 et seq. concerning the Arkansas Comprehensive, Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program.
19. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-502 concerning home schools.
20. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-902 concerning grading scale.
21. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1004 concerning qualified teachers.
22. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1005 concerning safe, equitable, and accountable schools.
23. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1101(b) concerning diplomas and transcripts.
24. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1402 concerning the school performance report.
25. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1505 concerning district implementation of a comprehensive plan for consistency and rigor in course work.
26. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1603 concerning closing the achievement gap.
27. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1701 et seq. concerning a parental involvement plan.
28. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2006 concerning remedial instruction and progress toward achieving state expectations for proficiency.

29. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2101(a)(3) concerning school rating system, publication, and posting of annual school performance reports.
30. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102 concerning school day.
31. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-103 concerning course of study generally.
32. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-124 concerning Arkansas history.
33. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-126 concerning food handling safety.
34. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-130 concerning visual art and music.
35. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-132 concerning physical education.
36. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-137 concerning organized physical activity courses used for physical education credit.
37. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-501(b) concerning organ donor awareness education and instructional materials.
38. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-1002 concerning health education.
39. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-1003 concerning oral health standards.
40. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-1201 et seq. concerning advanced placement and concurrent enrollment and rigorous and substantially equal curriculum.
41. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-102 concerning emergency first aid personnel.
42. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-201 et seq. concerning personnel policies.
43. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-309 concerning certification.
44. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-401 et seq. concerning teacher's license requirement.
45. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-2301 et seq. concerning establishment of personnel policies.
46. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-2402 concerning teacher compensation.

47. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-101 concerning qualifications for valedictorian and salutatorian.
48. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-201 et seq. concerning compulsory attendance.
49. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-202 concerning age and residence for attending public schools.
50. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-1901 et seq. concerning public school choice.
51. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-207 concerning minimum age for enrollment in public school.
52. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-208 concerning the use of students' Social Security numbers.
53. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann § 6-18-209 and 6-18-220 concerning excessive student absences.
54. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-211 concerning attendance for students in grades nine through twelve.
55. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-213 concerning attendance records and reports generally.
56. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-222 concerning provision of attendance policy.
57. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-223 concerning credit for college courses.
58. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann § 6-18-227 concerning opportunity school choice.
59. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-501 et seq. concerning guidelines for development of school district student discipline policies and written student discipline policies.
60. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-508 concerning alternative learning environments.
61. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-509 concerning assessment and intervention in alternative learning environments.
62. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-701 et seq. concerning physical examinations.
63. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-1005 concerning a student services program.
64. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-19-101 et seq. concerning transportation.

65. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2202 concerning the budget and expenditure report.
66. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2204 concerning required training for preparing the budget or recording expenditures.
67. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-106 concerning fire hazards inspection prior to closing for breaks.
68. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-112 concerning school facilities.
69. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-403 concerning textbooks.
70. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-25-101 et seq. concerning public school library media and technology.
71. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-41-101 et seq. concerning services to children with disabilities in nonpublic schools.
72. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-41-201 et seq. concerning children with disabilities.
73. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-42-101 et seq. concerning gifted and talented.
74. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-80-107 concerning electronic transmission of transcripts.
75. The school district is in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) concerning the privacy of student education records.
76. The school district is in compliance with Section 4141 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001, Subpart 3, (PL 107-110 § 4141) concerning gun-free schools.
77. The school district is in compliance with Section 9524 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001, (PL 107-110 § 9524) concerning prayer in public schools.
78. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-41-601 et seq. concerning Dyslexia.
79. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-2801 et seq. concerning TESS required training and credentialing for evaluators conducting evaluations.
80. The school district is in compliance with Standard I Equal Educational Opportunities, concerning unitary status.

**Superintendents are reminded that all schools and school districts must abide by all laws enacted by the Arkansas General Assembly and the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts adopted by the Arkansas State Board of Education.**

President of Board's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent's Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

District Contact Person (Name/title): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Arkansas Department of Education  
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**must be postmarked on or before**  
**October 15, 2016**

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-202(g), in addition to any written statement of assurance required pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-202(f), the Department of Education may conduct an on-site review of a school district to confirm that a school district has complied with any statutory requirements listed in this written statement of assurance or any other matter related to the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

Any superintendent who fails to file a written statement of assurance as required by the Commissioner of the Department of Education pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-202(f), by the date established by the Department of Education or knowingly submits false information or if the Department of Education determines the information in the statement is inaccurate or incomplete, the Department of Education, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-202(i), may:

- (1) *Conduct a random on-site visit;*
- (2) *Request additional information from the school district;*
- (3) *Take licensure action on the license of the superintendent under the procedure of § 6-17-410; or*
- (4) *Recommend to the State Board of Education that an accredited-cited status or an accredited-probationary status be assigned the school or school district as described in the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.*