

**Proposed Arkansas Department of Education
Rules Governing the Leader Excellence and Development System**

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Summary

The proposed changes to the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Leader Excellence and Development System are guided by changes to the Teacher Excellence and Support System in Act 1091 of 2015, and to make technical corrections to the rule.

Highlights of the changes include:

Section 4.16 – redefines “Statewide assessment of student achievement”

Section 4.17 – defines “student growth measure”

Section 6.0 – clarifies that the annual overall rating is used in both a summative year and an inquiry category year, and what the rating is based on

Section 6.04 – changes the summative evaluation cycle from three (3) years to four (4) years

Section 6.04.4.4 – address student performance and student growth measures, but clarifies that until rules are adopted concerning student growth measures, a student growth measure will not be included in the annual overall rating

Section 6.05 – is added to explain the inquiry category amends language concerning external assessments and the use of artifacts

Appendix A is removed and instead the rules reference the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)