



ARKANSAS
DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION

**Critical Academic Licensure Shortage Areas
for the 2016-2017 School Year**

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 6-81-601 et seq. and A.C.A. § 6-85-109, the Arkansas Department of Education has designated the following areas as critical academic shortage areas for the 2016-2017 school year.

Agriculture Science & Technology
Art
Computer Science
Family and Consumer Science
French
Library Media
Mathematics
Physical Science (Chemistry, Physics)
Spanish
Special Education

As described in Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 6-81-608 and 609 (Incentives for Additional Licensure), 6-81-1601 through 6-81-1606 (Financial Incentives for Teaching in Shortage Areas), and 6-85-101 (Academic Challenge Scholarship), teachers in these shortage areas may be entitled to financial incentives.

These shortage areas, which have been approved by the US Department of Education, may benefit student grant and loan recipients who qualify pursuant to specific provisions addressed in regulations concerning federal student financial aid programs. More information about these financial aid programs can be found at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Financial Aid Office. Call [501.371.2000](tel:501.371.2000) or [click here](#).