

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Speech endorsement, grades 7-12 (area 114)
Additional Licensure Plan

Name: _____ S.S.#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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School districts seeking to employ teachers to teach out of field (not in the field in which the teacher is currently licensed) will use the Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) to meet that need. School districts may use the ALP process to address unusual emergency situations when licensed teachers are asked to teach in areas/levels for which they are not licensed. School districts may not exceed the three-year limit without possible penalty.

Eligibility Guidelines. Teachers must meet the following conditions:

- possess an initial or standard teaching license,
- seek to add this area of endorsement, and
- be assigned to teach in this area rather than the one for which they are currently licensed.

The additional area of licensure will be added to the credential when all licensure requirements are successfully completed and the application with official transcript and Praxis score report attached is submitted.

This endorsement area will require the completion of an approved performance-based program of study, as defined by an Arkansas university, and passing the required assessment for the new licensure area. The application, when submitted, must bear the signature of the university's Licensure Officer verifying completion of their program. The test score and transcript must be attached.

Required Assessments:

- **Praxis II: Speech Communication, test #0220**
Minimum score required: 550

NOTE: Test at a Glance (TAAG) study guide booklets are available on line from www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html. **Any teacher wishing to take any Praxis assessment is strongly encouraged to obtain these study materials.**

The following background is strongly recommended before attempting the Praxis testing:

Recommended Content Background:

- ✓ Interpersonal and small group communication,
- ✓ Public speaking, media and their influences,
- ✓ Forensics: classroom and curriculum instruction,
- ✓ Assessment and evaluation issues for speech,
- ✓ History, theory, and literature,
- ✓ Oral interpretation/play production

Recommended Experience Background:

- ✓ Demonstrated understanding of small group communication dynamics.

Employing school district guidelines.

- The employing district will document the need to assign a teacher out of field because an appropriately credentialed teacher is not available.
- The employing district authority will sign and file this ALP form with the ADE Office of Professional Licensure *within 30 days of the out-of-field teaching assignment*, thus documenting the above statement.
- The employing district understands that a teacher will have no more than three calendar years from the date of filing with the ADE to meet full licensure requirements for the additional licensure or endorsement being sought.

School District Assurances:

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

School District authority: _____ Date: _____ .

Teacher ALP Guidelines.

Teachers must meet full licensure requirements for the additional license or endorsement being sought within three years of beginning the ALP

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____ S.S.#: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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