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Update on Reading Legislation

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Response Required NO

Attention Superintendents; Principals

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Memo Text

ACT 940 Report Reading Level - Requires public schools to report in writing, at least two times per year, to the parent or legal guardian and each teacher of a student in kindergarten through grade 8 the independent reading level at which a student is reading. Districts may determine the assessment tools used to determine the reading level and the times in which to report. The Arkansas Department of Education literacy specialists and literacy specialists located at local educational service cooperatives will provide additional guidance and support, if needed. Many districts already have the assessment tools needed to determine and report students' reading levels; therefore, most districts only need to establish procedures for reporting independent reading levels in grades K-8 twice a year.

For questions regarding ACT 940, please contact Ms. Kathy Mascuilli via e-mail at kathy.mascuilli@arkansas.gov or by telephone at 501-682-2922.

ACT 1039 Dyslexia – School districts will be required to report on the school district website or in writing to the parents of each student the dyslexia services provided the previous school year. Reporting requirements include the dyslexia intervention programs used during the previous school year that were specifically responsive to assisting students with dyslexia; the number of students during the previous school year who received dyslexia intervention; and the total number of students identified with dyslexia during the previous school year. These website reporting requirements are required before July 15, 2018. School districts are encourage to begin the implementation of this website requirement to ensure districts have all available information needed to accurately report next summer.

A school district that fails to comply with Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 41, Subchapter 6 regarding dyslexia shall be in violation of the Standards for Accreditation and may be placed on probationary status.

For questions regarding ACT 1039, please contact Ms. Vicki King via e-mail at vicki.king@arkansas.gov or by telephone at 501-628-3213.

Attachments

No attachments available