

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 15th 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 15th 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 2008-2009 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, 2008, 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 2008-2009 school year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) 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 high school(s) (grades 9-12) is teaching and has students enrolled in all 38 units required to be taught by the Rules Governing Standards for Accreditation.
If this requirement is met by means other than a class taught in the school by a teacher employed by the district or an approved distance learning class, please attach appropriate documentation as follows:
Contracts or letters of agreement, which shall include:
 - A. Names of all courses with corresponding six-digit course codes taught out of district (including career and technical education courses offered at area vocational centers) with name(s) of teacher(s) and Arkansas Teacher's License Number(s);
 - B. Statement that transportation will be provided to off-campus sites; and
 - C. Signatures of both superintendents/directors.
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. § 6-10-111 (d) through (f) concerning the Equity Assistance Center.
5. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-11-129 concerning data to be accessible on Department of Education's website.
6. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-109 concerning employment of a school superintendent.

7. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-620 concerning powers and duties of the local school board of directors.
8. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-801 et seq. concerning educational compacts.
9. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-202(b)(1) concerning accreditation.
10. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-401 et seq. concerning the Arkansas Comprehensive, Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program.
11. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-502 concerning home schools.
12. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-902 concerning grading scale.
13. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1004 concerning qualified teachers.
14. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1101(b) concerning diplomas and transcripts.
15. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1402 concerning the school performance report.
16. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1603 concerning closing the achievement gap.
17. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1701 et seq. concerning a parental involvement plan.
18. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2006 concerning remedial instruction and progress toward achieving state expectations for proficiency.
19. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102 concerning school day.
20. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-103 concerning course of study generally.
21. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-124 concerning Arkansas history.
22. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-126 concerning food handling safety.
23. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-130 concerning visual art and music.
24. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-132 concerning physical education.
25. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-1002 concerning health education.

26. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-1003 concerning oral health standards.
27. 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.
28. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-102 concerning emergency first aid personnel.
29. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-201 et seq. concerning personnel policies.
30. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-309 concerning certification.
31. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-401 et seq. concerning teacher's license requirement.
32. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-2301 et seq. concerning establishment of personnel policies.
33. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-2401 et seq. concerning teacher compensation and basic contract.
34. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-101 concerning qualifications for valedictorian and salutatorian.
35. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-201 et seq. concerning compulsory attendance.
36. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-202 concerning age and residence for attending public schools.
37. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-207 concerning minimum age for enrollment in public school.
38. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-211 concerning attendance for students in grades nine through twelve.
39. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-213 concerning attendance records and reports generally.
40. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-223 concerning credit for college courses.
41. 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.
42. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-508 concerning alternative learning environments.

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44. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-701 et seq. concerning physical examinations.
45. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-1005 concerning a student services program.
46. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-19-101 et seq. concerning transportation.
47. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2202 concerning the budget and expenditure report.
48. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-106 concerning fire hazards inspection prior to closing for breaks.
49. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-112 concerning school facilities.
50. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-25-101 et seq. concerning public school library media and technology.
51. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-41-101 et seq. concerning services to children with disabilities in nonpublic schools.
52. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-42-101 et seq. concerning gifted and talented.
53. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 4-86-107 concerning misappropriation of social security numbers.
54. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 5-39-214 concerning unauthorized entry of a school bus and posting of warning on a school bus.
55. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-1-101 concerning audit review.
56. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-5-203 concerning hazing.
57. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-5-502 concerning carrying of weapons.
58. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106 concerning uniform dates for beginning and end of school year.
59. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-107 concerning school term notice.
60. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-110 concerning fire marshal program.
61. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-113 concerning eye protection.

62. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-114 concerning discrimination and punishment.
63. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-121 concerning tornado safety drills.
64. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-11-128 concerning use of financial management systems applications.
65. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-105 concerning benefits accruing from land sales.
66. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-111 concerning reacquisition of real property.
67. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-604 concerning notice of the filing of petition.
68. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-606 concerning notice of the filing of petition.
69. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-608 concerning length of directors' terms.
70. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-611 concerning school district boards of directors' vacancies.
71. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-612 concerning school district boards of directors' vacancies.
72. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-613 concerning school district boards of directors' vacancies.
73. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-616 concerning school district boards of directors' eligibility.
74. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617 concerning school district director's oath.
75. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-618 concerning school district boards of directors' organization.
76. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-619 concerning meetings of school district boards of directors.
77. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-622 concerning budget publication.
78. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-626 concerning access to official recruiting representatives.
79. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-629 concerning training and instruction of the local school board of directors.

80. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-630 concerning publication of resolution of means of election.
81. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-632 concerning meeting facilities.
82. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-633 concerning vacancies created by nonresidency.
83. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-634 concerning size of school district board of directors.
84. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-101 concerning academic standards and expected outcomes.
85. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-208 concerning publication and dissemination of findings and determination of probationary status.
86. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1005 concerning safe, equitable, and accountable schools.
87. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1302 concerning emergency plans for terrorist attacks.
88. 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.
89. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2009(b)(3)(B) concerning assessment, remediation and notifying the student's parent of the parent's role and responsibilities as well as the consequences for the student's failure to participate in an academic improvement plan.
90. 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.
91. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-105 concerning the American flag.
92. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-106 concerning the Arkansas flag.
93. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-108 concerning the Pledge of Allegiance.
94. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-137 concerning organized physical activity courses used for physical education credit.
95. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-501(b) concerning organ donor awareness education and instructional materials.
96. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-111 concerning duty-free lunch period.

97. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-114 concerning daily planning period.
98. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-117 concerning non-instructional duties.
99. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-702 et seq. concerning professional development.
100. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-2205 concerning breaks for certain classified employees.
101. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-2303 concerning committee on classified personnel policies.
102. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-208 concerning the use of students' Social Security numbers.
103. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-222 concerning provision of attendance policy.
104. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-901 et seq. concerning maintenance of permanent student records.
105. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-1001 et seq. concerning student services.
106. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-1104 concerning fundraising participation.
107. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2204 concerning required training for preparing the budget or recording expenditures.
108. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-20-2303 & 6-20-2305 concerning school funding.
109. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-303 concerning reimbursements to teachers for the purchase of classroom commodities rules.
110. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-403 concerning textbooks.
111. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-609 concerning prohibition against smoking or use of tobacco or tobacco products.
112. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-80-107 concerning electronic transmission of transcripts.
113. The school district is in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 20-7-135 concerning prohibition for elementary school students' in-school access to vending machines offering food and beverages.
114. 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.

- 115. 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.
- 116. 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.

PLEASE ATTACH ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTATION TO THIS STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

Superintendent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Superintendent's Name (printed): _____

District Contact Person (Name/title): _____

Phone # _____ E-mail Address: _____

Mail to: Frank Wimer, Standards Assurance Unit
Arkansas Department of Education
Four Capitol Mall – Room 202-B
Little Rock, AR 72201-1071

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.*

Statement of Assurance must be postmarked on or before October 15, 2008.