

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
ZOOM**

June 10, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Benny Magness, Chairman
Dubs Byers, Secretary
Lee Watson, Member
Alonza Jiles, Member
Brandon Tollett, Member
Lona McCastlain, Member
Grant Hodges, Member

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Chairman Magness called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

MINUTES

Pastor Jiles moved,

Mr. Hodges seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2025.

Chairman Magness called the roll with Dr. Byers, Mr. Watson, Pastor Jiles, Mr. Tollett, Mrs. McCastlain, and Mr. Hodges voting yes.

POLICY APPROVAL AND UPDATES

Mr. Hodges moved,

Mr. Tollett seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Policy and Updates – see attachment #1.

Chairman Magness called the roll with Dr. Byers, Mr. Watson, Pastor Jiles, Mr. Tollett, Mrs. McCastlain, and Mr. Hodges voting yes.

NEW HIRES

Mrs. McCastlain moved,

Dr. Byers seconded, and the motion carried to approve the new hires: Deboria Robardey-Teacher (SWACC) and Stephanie Davis- Instruction & Testing Facilitator (SWACC).

Chairman Magness called the roll with Dr. Byers, Mr. Watson, Pastor Jiles, Mr. Tollett, Mrs. McCastlain, and Mr. Hodges voting yes.

PROMOTION OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Dr. Byers moved,

Mr. Hodges seconded, and the motion carried to approve the promotion of the Assistant Director of Finance, Charlotte Nichols, to the Director of Finance.

Chairman Magness called the roll with Dr. Byers, Mr. Watson, Pastor Jiles, Mr. Tollett, Mrs. McCastlain, and Mr. Hodges voting yes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Benny Magness
Chairman

William "Dubs" Byers
Secretary

Lee Watson
Member

Alonza Jiles
Member

Brandon Tollett
Member

Lona McCastlain
Member

Grant Hodges
Member

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Arkansas Correctional School District

Tracy Dowell, Superintendent

Board Report

July

2025

June Statistics

Average Daily Attendance – **1309**
 Current Enrollment –
 Total Enrollment – **1503**
 GEDs – **17**
 CTE Enrollment – **213**
 CTE Completions – **41**
 CTE Industry-Recognized Certificates – **81**
 Essential Education Tablet Program Enrollees – **2115**
 Essential Education Active Users – **1238**
 Essential Education Hours of Study - **2929**
 iCEV Financial Literacy Pilot Enrollees – **106**
 iCEV Financial Literacy Pilot Active Users- **90**
 iCEV Pilot Hours of Study - **1109**

June Highlights

- CEA Audits by ACSD/CEA Auditors
Tracy Dowell – June 2nd – Beto, TDCJ June 3rd
- Summer Tablet Program Begins – June 5th
- Career Education Workforce Development Board Meeting – June 10th
- ARES Board Meeting – June 11th

Upcoming Events

- CASBO – July 8-9th
- Summer School – July 16th – 31st
- CEA Conference – August 10-13th
- ACSD Professional Development Day at the Central Office - Ethics, PREA, and “Games Inmates Play” – August 15th

GED	Year to Date	Last YTD*
Benton WR	11	12
CA- Little Rock	18	18
Cummins	36	42
Delta	27	32
EARU	16	8
ECA-West Memphis	10	25
Grimes	49	30
Hawkins	12	15
McPherson	104	68
Mississippi Co. WR	4	0
NCU	65	51
NEA -Osceola	29	29
Norris	3	2
Omega	18	13
ORCU	112	59
Pine Bluff Complex	57	74
Tucker	34	36
Varner	38	26
Wrightsville	39	37
SWA -Texarkana	26	19
White River	12	X
NWACCC	X	15
Total	723	615

*Last YTD includes May 2023

CTE Industry-Recognized Certificates	Certificates this month	YTD	Last YTD*
American Welding Society	5	27	20
EPA 608 Refrigerant Handler	5	13	4
MSSC	0	23	40
NCCER	27	283	182
OSHA 10	0	23	0
ServSafe	25	679	675
iCEV	19	511	391
Total Certificates	81	1559	1468

Unit	Enrollment on last day of the month/ Seats	CTE Programs	Completions	YTD	Last Year this Date*
Cummins		Agricultural Equipment Technician			
EARU	34/40	Building Trades– Basics	6	32	0
		Building and Grounds Maintenance	1	13	15
		HVAC	1	10	13
		Welding	2	18	10
Grimes	11/15	Barbering	1	1	0
McPherson	24/45	Computer Applications Technology	4	18	7
		Computer Science - Coding & Cybersecurity	3	18	7
		Computerized Accounting (phased out)		1	20
		Cosmetology	2	4	2
		Cosmetology Instructor	0	1	0
		Office Basics - Keyboarding	1	3	2
NCU	12/15	Forklift Safety & Operation	0	18	0
		Manufacturing Skills	4	11	0
ORCU	47/45	Building and Grounds Maintenance	2	11	13
		Computer Applications Technology	0	2	8
		Plumbing	3	15	15
		Welding	3	18	11
Pine Bluff Complex	25/30	Computer Applications Technology	2	21	15
		Landscape Construction & Design	3	24	14
Tucker & Max		Pet Care and Management	0	8	34
Varner	59/90	Basic Residential Mechanics	0	1	1
		Building Trades– Basics	1	11	32
		Building and Grounds Maintenance	0	0	3
		Residential Carpentry	1	12	7
		Commercial & Residential Roofing	0	7	0
		Food Service	0	15	10
		Forestry Services	0	1	0
		Forklift Safety & Operation	4	7	0
		Heavy Equipment Operator	0	11	9
		HVAC	2	13	9
		Residential Electricity	0	8	10
		Welding	0	11	14
	213/260	Total	41	345	289

McPherson, NCU, ORCU, PB, Varner, ECACCC, & SWACCC	iCEV	Center for Financial Responsibility Personal Financial Literacy Certification, EETC Principles of Small Engine Technology Certification, Elanco Veterinary Medical Applications Certification, Express Employment Professionals Career Preparedness Certification, HBAA Residential Construction Skills Certification, SFMA Turfgrass Science Certification, Southwest Airlines Professional Communications Certification
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Arkansas Correctional School District

Year in Review

2024-2025

- Most successful (in terms of GEDs) summer school in ACSD history
- New Program - Forestry Services
- New Program – Forklift Safety & Operation
- New Program - Manufacturing Skills
- New Credential – OSHA 10
- Expanded reach of academic educational services to difficult-to-serve population (Restricted Housing & RPU) via Securus tablets
- ICEV pilot (Financial Literacy) on the Securus Tablet
- Essential Education provided via the Securus tablet for June and July 2025 to all students enrolled in school

2025-2026

- Further expansion of educational services (academic, life skills, and CTE) offered on the Securus tablets
- Dyslexia/Reading Intervention Training- 11 teachers will be trained as Certified Academic Language Practitioners
- Emphasis on Dyslexia/Reading Intervention in Literacy 1 classrooms
- New Program – Metal Fabrication

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
GED				
Total	354	637	615	723
CTE Program Completions				
Agricultural Equipment Technician	4	16	0	0
Barbering/Barber Instructor	X	X	X	1
Basic Residential Mechanics	X	4	2	1
Building and Grounds Maintenance	19	28	29	24
Building Trades- Basics	22	44	32	43
Commercial & Residential Roofing	X	X	5	7
Computerized Accounting	7	11	20	1
Computer Applications Technology	45	34	30	41
Computer Science – Coding & Cybersecurity	X	X	7	18
Cosmetology/Cosmetology Instructor	3	2	2	5
Food Service	12	19	11	15
Forklift Safety & Operation	X	X	X	29
Forestry Services	X	X	X	1
Heavy Equipment Operator	X	7	9	11
Horticulture	23	25	X	X
HVAC	14	19	22	23
Landscape Construction and Design	17	16	14	24
Manufacturing Skills	X	X	X	11
Office Basics - Keyboarding	X	X	2	3
Pet Care and Management	X	15	34	8
Plumbing	5	13	15	15
Residential Carpentry	7	5	8	12
Residential Electricity	5	11	10	8
Welding	21	43	35	47
Total	204	317	289	345
Industry-Recognized Certifications				
AWS, EPA 608, ICEV, MSSC, NCCER, OSHA 10, ServSafe	172	413	1468	1559



Arkansas Correctional School District

Tracy Dowell, Superintendent

Board Report

June

2025

May Statistics

Average Daily Attendance – 1076

Current Enrollment – 1799

Total Enrollment – 2214

GEDs – 63

CTE Enrollment – 220

CTE Completions – 26

CTE Industry-Recognized Certificates – 107

Tablet Program Participants – 367

Tablet Program Hours - 194

May Highlights

- iCEV/Securus Financial Literacy Pilot – Apr./May
- Technology PD – May 8th
- ARESC Board Meeting – May 13th
- CEA Audits by ACSD/CEA Auditors
 - Channon Newman – May 15th – Clements, TDCJ
 - Mike Stewart – May 19th – Estelle, TDCJ

Upcoming Events

- CEA Audits by ACSD/CEA Auditors
 - Tracy Dowell – June 2nd – Beto, TDCJ June 3rd – Coffield, TDCJ, July 31st – Mount Pleasant, Iowa
- Summer Tablet Program Begins – June 5th
- Career Education Workforce Development Board Meeting – June 10th
- ARESC Board Meeting – June 11th
- CASBO – July 8-9th
- Summer School – July 16th – 31st
- CEA Conference – August 10-13th
- 2025 Graduation – August or early September

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Mississippi Co. WR	4	0
NCU	65	51
NEA -Osceola	29	29
Norris	3	2
Omega	18	13
ORCU	111	59
Pine Bluff Complex	57	74
Tucker	33	36
Varner	38	26
Wrightsville	35	37
SWA -Texarkana	26	19
White River	12	X
NWACCC	X	15
Total	706	615

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CTE Industry-Recognized Certificates	Certificates this month	YTD	Last YTD*
American Welding Society	0	22	20
EPA 608 Refrigerant Handler	0	8	4
MSSC	0	23	40
NCCER	27	256	182
OSHA 10	0	23	0
ServSafe	25	654	675
iCEV	55	492	391
Total Certificates	107	1478	1448

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Unit	Enrollment on last day of the month/ Seats	CTE Programs	Completions	YTD	Last Year this Date*
Cummins		Agricultural Equipment Technician			
EARU	28/40	Building Trades– Basics	3	26	0
		Building and Grounds Maintenance	0	12	15
		HVAC	0	9	13
		Welding	3	16	10
Grimes	12/15	Barbering	0	0	0
McPherson	35/45	Computer Applications Technology	2	14	7
		Computer Science - Coding & Cybersecurity	3	15	5
		Computerized Accounting (phased out)		1	19
		Cosmetology	0	2	1
		Cosmetology Instructor	0	1	0
		Office Basics - Keyboarding	0	2	2
NCU	12/15	Forklift Safety & Operation	0	18	0
		Manufacturing Skills	3	7	0
ORCU	46/45	Building and Grounds Maintenance	0	9	11
		Computer Applications Technology	0	2	8
		Plumbing	0	12	15
		Welding	0	15	11
Pine Bluff Complex	27/30	Computer Applications Technology	2	19	15
		Landscape Construction & Design	1	21	14
Tucker & Max		Pet Care and Management	4	8	34
Varner	60/90	Basic Residential Mechanics	0	1	2
		Building Trades– Basics	0	10	32
		Building and Grounds Maintenance	0	0	3
		Residential Carpentry	0	11	7
		Commercial & Residential Roofing	0	7	0
		Food Service	1	15	10
		Forestry Services	0	1	0
		Forklift Safety & Operation	0	3	0
		Heavy Equipment Operator	3	11	9
		HVAC	0	11	9
		Residential Electricity	0	8	10
		Welding	0	11	14
	220/260	Total	26	299	276

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Arkansas Correctional School
 FY25 4th Quarter Ending June 30, 2025

	Line Items	Budget	Quarterly Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	Available Balance	YTD % Expended
Operating Fund						
	Salaries	\$6,986,898.93	\$2,101,849.80	\$6,651,977.27	\$334,921.66	95.21%
	Emp. Matching	\$682,136.70	\$193,766.41	\$617,620.81	\$64,515.89	90.54%
	Operating Exp.	\$2,181,000.00	\$247,508.35	\$1,024,722.19	\$1,156,277.81	46.98%
	TOTAL	\$9,850,035.63	\$2,543,124.56	\$8,294,320.27	\$1,555,715.36	84.21%
Building Fund						
	Construction	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	0.00%
	C\O Maintenance	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	0.00%
	TOTAL	\$1,650,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,650,000.00	0.00%
TITLE I						
	Software	\$67,836.59	\$0.00	\$67,836.59	\$0.00	100.00%
	TOTAL	\$67,836.59	\$0.00	\$67,836.59	\$0.00	100.00%
Title VIB						
** Budget Adj	Salaries	\$19,269.06	\$15,885.94	\$19,269.06	\$0.00	100.00%
**Budget Adj	Emp. Matching	\$5,730.29	\$4,614.19	\$5,727.09	\$3.20	99.94%
**Budget Adj	Operating Exp.	\$110.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.73	0.00%
	TOTAL	\$25,110.08	\$20,500.13	\$24,996.15	\$113.93	99.55%
Carl Perkins						
	Equipment	\$12,230.20	\$12,230.20	\$12,230.20	\$0.00	100.00%
	TOTAL	\$12,230.20	\$12,230.20	\$12,230.20	\$0.00	100.00%