

January Highlights

- *Barber/Barber Instructor State License Testing January 12
- *Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities January 20
- *CEA Auditor Training January 28

Upcoming Events

- *CTE Day at the Capitol February 3
- *Administrators' Meeting February 5
- *CEWDB February 10
- *ARESC Board Meeting February 19
- *DESE Budget Prep February 19

Five Grimes Unit Barber/Barber Instructor students passed the state licensing exam on January 12th. Barber candidates must complete 1500 hours of classroom and laboratory instruction and pass both a written and practical exam. Barber Instructor candidates must be a licensed barber, complete an additional 600 hours of and pass a written and practical exam.



From L to R: Joseph Barnhart, Barber Instructor; Kenny Sutton, Barber; Fredrick Norris, Barber; Theodis Gordon, Barber; and Duringus Gray, Barber.

Over the past few months, Varner CTE has been able to assist the DOC on several projects.



Left: Welding students repaired a leak in a water cart used by Varner's hoe squads, extending the equipment's service life.



Upper Right: Students fabricated fence panels for DOC horse and cattle operations, providing essential infrastructure for use throughout the Department.



Lower Left: Students manufactured replacement bars used to open maximum-security cell doors at Varner Super Max. This in-house production saved the Department significant costs compared to commercial purchasing.



Arkansas Correctional School District

Board Report

Tracy Dowell, Superintendent

February 2026

January Summary

Enrollment and Attendance

Current Enrollment (last day of month)	2065	Current Dyslexia/RI Enrollment (Literacy 1)	222
Total Enrollment for the Month	2536	Current CTE Enrollment	248
Adds for the Month	539	Tablet Program Enrollment	743
Drops for the Month	443	Tablet Program Hours for the Month	156
Total Hours for the Month	71,285	Title 1 Tablet Program Enrollment	113
Current GED Enrollment (Literacy 3)	318	Title 1 Tablet Hours for the Month	58
Current Intermediate (Literacy 2)	1277	Average Daily Attendance	1728
Completions and Certifications		Testing Data	
GEDs	43	GED-Ready Tests Administered	348
CTE	16	GED Tests Administered	454
Industry-Recognized Certifications	114	WRAT Tests Administered	783

YTD SUMMARY

Unit/Center Summary	GED		ACSD CTE		Certifications	
	YTD	Last YTD	YTD	Last YTD	YTD	Last YTD
Benton WR	6	6				
CA- Little Rock	8	11				
Cummins	15	22			49	
Delta	20	11			49	
EARU	5	2	44	27	137	
ECA-West Memphis	9	7				
Grimes	13	23	5	0		
Hawkins	4	6				
McPherson	54	55	30	16	169	
Mississippi Co. WR	1	2				
Magness	34	31	18	13	87	
NEA -Osceola	11	19				
Norris	0	0				
Omega	10	12				
ORCU	51	65	27	23	251	
Pine Bluff Complex	37	23	26	19	52	
Tucker	22	14	4	4		
Varner	31	10		53	256	
Wrightsville	14	16			12	
SWA -Texarkana	34	25			27	
White River	18	3				
TOTAL	397	363	154	155	1099	1012

UNIT	Enroll-ment last day of the month	Seats	CTE Programs	Completions	YTD	Last Year this Date
Cummins			Agricultural Equipment Technician			
EARU	28	40	Building Trades– Basics	2	22	14
			Building and Grounds Maintenance		3	2
			HVAC		8	5
			Sheet Metal Fabrication		3	0
			Welding		8	6
Grimes	15	15	Barbering		4	0
			Barber Instructor		1	0
McPherson	39	45	Computer Applications Technology	3	14	7
			Computer Science - Coding & Cybersecurity	3	11	7
			Cosmetology		5	0
			Cosmetology Instructor		0	1
			Office Basics - Keyboarding		0	0
Magness	14	15	Forklift Safety & Operation		9	9
			Manufacturing Skills		9	4
ORCU	49	45	Building and Grounds Maintenance	1	5	8
			Computer Applications Technology		0	2
			Plumbing	1	7	6
			Welding	2	15	7
Pine Bluff Complex	29	30	Computer Applications Technology	1	9	11
			Landscape Construction & Design		17	8
Tucker -Paws			Pet Care and Management		4	4
Varner	59	90	Basic Residential Mechanics		0	0
			Building Trades– Basics		7	8
			Building and Grounds Maintenance		3	0
			Residential Carpentry		4	9
			Commercial & Residential Roofing		0	7
			Food Service	1	5	7
			Forestry Services		0	1
			Forklift Safety & Operation		0	0
			Heavy Equipment Operator	1	6	4
			HVAC		4	9
			Residential Electricity	1	6	3
			Sheet Metal Fabrication		5	0
			Welding		2	5
Total	233	280	Total	16	196	154

SY25 + 1 Completion - Computerized Accounting - McPherson (Phased out Fall/ '24)					155
Other CTE Completion Certificate				2	7
Total CTE Completions				18	203

Center Enrollment		
SWACC	15	20
Total Enrollment Centers + Units	248	

Industry-Recognized Certifications for the Month										Other CTE Certificate Completion
Unit/Center	AWS	EPA 608	iCEV	MSSC	NCCER	OSHA 10	ServSafe	SimScholar	ToolingU	
Benton WR										
CA- Little Rock										
Cummins							34			
Delta										
EARU					5					
ECA-West Memphis										
Grimes										
Hawkins										
McPherson			9							
Mississippi Co. WR										
Magness			2			3				
NEA -Osceola										
Norris										
Omega										
ORCU			3		15					
Pine Bluff Complex			11							
Tucker										
Varner			10	4	4		4			2
Wrightsville										
SWA -Texarkana			10							
White River										
Total	0	0	45	4	24	3	38			2

Tablet Usage Data	Title 1							
	Essential Education		iCEV		Essential Education		iCEV	
	Enrollment	Hours	Enrollment	Hours	Enrollment	Hours	Enrollment	Hours
Benton WR	16	12						
Cummins					7	2	7	0
Delta					7	0	10	0
EARU Max	132	1			2	0	2	0
EARU	24	0			4	0	6	0
Grimes					6	0	6	0
MCPerson	41	30			7	1	7	0
Mississippi Co. WR								
Magness	16	1	8	2	10	0	12	0
Norris	306	16			2	0	2	0
ORCU	25	6			15	31	16	1
Parker- Reed	2	7						
Pine Bluff Complex	2	4			23	21	26	1
Texarkana WR	43	9						
Tucker					7	0	9	0
Varner					5	0	5	1
Varner Super Max	93	33			4	0	4	0
Wrightsville/Hawkins	35	35			1	0	1	0
Total	735	154	8	2	100	55	113	3

GED - READY - WRAT TESTING DATA

Unit/Center	GED Subtests			READY Subtests			WRAT
	Given	Passed	Pass %	Given	Passed	Pass %	Given
Benton WR	8	4	50%	15	9	60%	10
CA- Little Rock	9	1	11%	8	6	75%	51
Cummins	14	3	21%	23	6	0%	7
Delta	17	7	41%	25	12	48%	22
EARU	15	8	53%	11	5	45%	83
ECA-West Memphis	13	10	77%	29	18	62%	30
Grimes	24	11	46%	17	9	53%	
Hawkins	10	6	60%	9	4	44%	
McPherson	20	10	50%	61	33	54%	
Mississippi Co. WR			0%			0%	
Magness	34	16	47%	8	4	50%	207
NEA -Osceola			0%	10	6	60%	27
Norris			0%			0%	
Omega	7	3	43%	2	2	100%	
ORCU	25	16	64%	16	13	81%	154
Pine Bluff Complex	22	19	86%	22	16	73%	
Tucker	23	16	70%	16	13	81%	2
Varner	18	10	56%	31	16	52%	136
Wrightsville	5	4	80%	12	5	42%	6
SWA -Texarkana	62	37	60%	116	59	51%	25
White River	22	11	50%	23	16	70%	23
TOTAL	348	192	55%	454	252	56%	783

Unit/Center GED Summary

	This Month	YTD		This Month	YTD
Benton WR	1	6	NEA -Osceola	0	11
CA- Little Rock	1	8	Norris	0	0
Cummins	1	15	Omega	0	10
Delta	0	20	ORCU	7	51
EARU	1	5	Pine Bluff Complex	7	37
ECA-West Memphis	2	9	Tucker	1	22
Grimes	4	13	Varner	4	31
Hawkins	1	4	Wrightsville	1	14
McPherson	2	54	SWA -Texarkana	5	34
Mississippi Co. WR	0	1	White River	1	18
Magness	4	34			

TOTAL	This Month	YTD
	43	397