



Arkansas Correctional School District

Tracy Dowell, Superintendent

Board Report
September

2024

August Statistics

Academic Average Daily Attendance – 1306

Current Enrollment – 1844

Total Enrollment - 2159

GEDs - 10

CTE Enrollment – 220

CTE Completions – 3

CTE Industry-Recognized Certificates – 197

July/August Highlights

- Summer School July 15th –30th
- CEA National Conference July 28th – 31st
- CEA Auditor Training July 29th & 30th
- On-Unit PD Aug. 12th – Aug, 14th
- District-Wide PD at the Central Office – Aug. 15th
- ARESC Board Meeting – Aug. 21st
- Administrators’ Meeting – August 27th
- CEA Audit of TDCJ Clyde M. Johnston Unit by Auditor Tracy Dowell – August 28th

Upcoming Events

- Interviews for Delta Unit Principal – Sept. 6th
- ARESC Board Meeting – Sept. 18th
- Administrators’ Meeting & ARESC PD for Building Level Leaders – Oct. 1st
- ACEA Conference – Oct. 24th

GED	Year to Date	Last YTD*
DOC Units		
Benton	0	0
Cummins	0	3
Delta	2	1
EARU	0	0
Grimes	0	0
Hawkins	0	1
Max	0	0
McPherson	8	3
NCU	0	2
ORCU	15	2
Pine Bluff	4	7
Tucker	0	5
Varner	0	0
Wrightsville	0	7
ADC Total	29	31
DCC Centers		
SWACCC	2	8
NEACCC	3	1
ECACCC	0	2
CACCC	0	3
NWACCC		1
Omega	1	1
DCC Total	6	16
Total GEDs		
DOC & DCC	35	47

*Last YTD includes May 2023

CTE Industry-Recognized Certificates	Certificates this month	YTD	Last YTD*
American Welding Society	0	0	0
EPA 608 Refrigerant Handler	0	0	0
MSSC	0	0	8
NCCER	7	7	3
ServSafe	167	167	1
iCEV	23	54	28
Total Certificates	197	228	40

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	0	0	0
		Building and Grounds Maintenance	0	0	0
		HVAC	0	0	1
		Welding	0	0	0
Grimes		Barbering	0	0	0
McPherson	38/45	Computer Applications Technology	0	0	0
		Computer Science - Coding & Cybersecurity	0	0	0
		Computerized Accounting (phasing out)	0	0	1
		Cosmetology	0	0	0
		Cosmetology Instructor	0	0	0
		Office Basics - Keyboarding	0	0	0
NCU	5/5	Manufacturing Skills	0	0	0
ORCU	36/45	Building and Grounds Maintenance	1	1	4
		Computer Applications Technology	0	0	2
		Plumbing	0	0	0
		Welding	0	0	1
Pine Bluff Complex	24/30	Computer Applications Technology	0	0	1
		Landscape Construction & Design	0	0	3
Tucker & Max		Pet Care and Management	0	0	0
Varner	88/90	Basic Residential Mechanics	0	0	0
		Building Trades– Basics	0	0	8
		Building and Grounds Maintenance	0	0	1
		Residential Carpentry	1	1	1
		Commercial & Residential Roofing	0	0	0
		Food Service	1	4	0
		Forestry Services	0	0	0
		Heavy Equipment Operator	0	0	0
		HVAC	0	0	4
		Residential Electricity	0	1	2
		Welding	0	0	4
	220/255	Total	3	7	34

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 Program Reports

Ouachita River – New Intake & Certification Testing

Marianne Hixon is ORCU’s CTE Testing Proctor & instructor. She spends her mornings WRAT testing the majority of the new intakes. Since Intake testing began October 26, 2023, Mrs. Hixon has WRAT tested approximately 3500 incarcerated persons. The testing data collected is entered into eOMIS and used for programming and educational purposes throughout the state, both ACSD and ADC. In the afternoons, Mrs. Hixon is in the classroom instructing CTE students in the areas of Financial Literacy and Southwest Airlines Professional Communications. She also maintains all records and course assignments on the thin clients and proctors all of the NCCER tests for students to complete and receive their various CTE Certificates for Building & Grounds Maintenance, Welding, and Plumbing.

Taylor Redic, is a classroom teacher but also provides ServSafe Food Handler training to ORCU’s kitchen workers. Since November 6, 2023, 725 kitchen workers have been trained at ORCU.

- **Channon Newman, Principal**
- **Marianne Hixon, CTE Instructor & Testing Proctor**
- **Taylor Redic, GED teacher & ServSafe Instructor**



McPherson Unit - Computer Science & Computer Applications Technology

- **Micah Bone, Principal**
- **Gary Hardin, Computer Science Instructor**
- **Michael Harmon, CAT Instructor**



It is an exciting time for the **Computer Science- Coding & Cyber Security** class. Students are using the iCEV curriculum to learn life skills that help them with financing and budgeting in addition to the coding & cybersecurity skills. Students use the TI 84 Python programmable calculator which contains Python and TI Basic programming language to create a variety of programs. Students also have access to Tynker curriculum software that provides instruction in several languages, including; Python, JavaScript, and HTML.

CAT students are working in iCEV and getting hands on training in Microsoft Office; Word, Excel, and Power Point. Students are also earning industry-recognized certificates in Financial Literacy from Texas Tech University, Professional Communications from Southwest Airlines, and Career Preparedness from Express Employment Professionals.

