

### August Highlights

- \* On-unit PD August 4-6
- \* PD at the Central Office August 7
- \* CEA International Conference August 10-13
- \* Correctional Facility and Employer Engagement meeting August 19
- \* Dyslexia/ Reading Intervention Training August 5, August 21

### Upcoming Events

- \* Administrators' Meeting September 4
- \* Dyslexia/Reading Intervention training for Principals and Teachers September 4
- \* Meeting with Securus September 9
- \* ARESC Board Meeting September 17
- \* Graduation (rescheduled) October 2
- \* CEWDB Meeting October 14



### CEA International Conference

The 79th Correctional Education Association (CEA) International Conference was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from August 10-13, 2025, and focused on "Paving the Bridge to Success" through Correctional Education. The conference provided a platform for professionals to share best practices, network, and participate in professional development opportunities aimed at improving educational programming and reentry support for incarcerated individuals.



Marcia Rogers, Omega Unit, CEA Region IV Teacher of the Year

### Dyslexia/Reading Intervention

August 5, 2025 – New dyslexia teachers met with Brooks Rowland, Certified Academic Language Therapist, at ACSD central office for JET training and how to interpret WRAT scores to find potential students. Teachers were also trained on the Phonological Awareness Screening Test (PAST) exam. Teachers also watched and evaluated several videos related to portions of the JET program. JET's Phonemic Awareness activity was practiced with teachers using the same manipulatives as future dyslexia students.

August 21, 2025 – Dyslexia teachers reconvened at the ACSD central office. Teachers contributed PAST results to examine as a group. Clarifications were made about the interpretation and administration of the exam. Mrs. Rowland also demonstrated JET lessons to the teachers to help teachers start their classes. Phonemic Awareness and Spelling activities were reviewed with teachers using the felt boards and following correct procedures.

September 4, 2025 – The dyslexia cohort met at ACSD central office. The initial discussion touched on how the initial lessons had been received and clarifying procedures for the activities in the first few lessons. Different Alphabet activities were modeled, including Sequencing, Before/After, Accent, and Alphabetizing. Procedures for Coding and Repeated Accurate Practice (RAP) were clarified. In the afternoon, the principals joined teachers to observe Mrs. Rowland teaching several lessons from the JET Book #1.



# Arkansas Correctional School District

# Board Report

Tracy Dowell, Superintendent

September 2025

## August Summary

### Enrollment and Attendance

Current Enrollment (last day of month)	1672	Current Dyslexia/Reading Intervention Enrollment (Literacy 1)	150
Total Enrollment for the Month	2235	Current CTE Enrollment	216
Adds for the Month	1619	Tablet Program Enrollment	217
Drops for the Month	559	Active Tablet Program Participants	217
Total Hours for the Month	26,113	Tablet Program Hours for the Month	388
Current GED Enrollment (Literacy 3)	251	Average Daily Attendance	913
Current Intermediate (Literacy 2)	1055		
Completions and Certifications		Testing Data	
GEDs	4	GED-Ready Tests Administered	44
CTE	38	GED Tests Administered	42
Industry-Recognized Certifications	145	WRAT Tests Administered	2046

## YTD SUMMARY

Unit/Center Summary	GED		ACSD CTE		Certifications	
	YTD	Last YTD	YTD	Last YTD	YTD	Last YTD
Benton WR	0	0	0	0	0	
CA- Little Rock	0	0	0	0	0	
Cummins	2	0	0	0	0	
Delta	3	2	0	0	15	
EARU	1	0	6	0	17	
ECA-West Memphis	0	0	0	0	0	
Grimes	2	0	0	0	0	
Hawkins	0	0	0	0	0	
McPherson	5	8	5	0	41	
Mississippi Co. WR	0	0	0	0	0	
NCU	3	0	9	0	7	
NEA -Osceola	0	3	0	0	0	
Norris	0	0	0	0	0	
Omega	0	1	0	0	0	
ORCU	12	15	3	0	20	
Pine Bluff Complex	0	4	9	0	3	
Tucker	4	0	0	0	0	
Varner	1	0	6	4	40	
Wrightsville	0	0	0	0	0	
SWA -Texarkana	0	2	0	0	0	
White River	3	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>228</b>

UNIT	Enroll- ment last day of the month	Seats	CTE Programs	Completions	YTD	Last Year this Date
<b>Cummins</b>			Agricultural Equipment Technician			
<b>EARU</b>	31	40	Building Trades– Basics	4	4	
			Building and Grounds Maintenance	1	1	
			HVAC	1	1	
			Welding			
<b>Grimes</b>	12	15	Barbering			
<b>McPherson</b>	37	45	Computer Applications Technology	2	2	
			Computer Science - Coding & Cybersecurity	2	2	
			Cosmetology	1	1	
			Cosmetology Instructor			
			Office Basics - Keyboarding			
<b>NCU</b>	11	15	Forklift Safety & Operation	6	6	
			Manufacturing Skills	3	3	
<b>ORCU</b>	38	45	Building and Grounds Maintenance	1	1	1
			Computer Applications Technology			
			Plumbing	1	1	
			Welding	1	1	
<b>Pine Bluff Complex</b>	27	30	Computer Applications Technology	2	2	
			Landscape Construction & Design	7	7	
<b>Tucker &amp; Max</b>	2		Pet Care and Management			
<b>Varner</b>	58	90	Basic Residential Mechanics			
			Building Trades– Basics			
			Building and Grounds Maintenance	2	2	
			Residential Carpentry	1	1	1
			Commercial & Residential Roofing			
			Food Service			4
			Forestry Services			
			Forklift Safety & Operation			
			Heavy Equipment Operator	1	1	
			HVAC			
			Residential Electricity	2	2	1
Welding						
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>280</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>



## GED - READY - WRAT TESTING DATA

Unit/Center	GED Subtests			READY Subtests			WRAT
	Given	Passsed	Pass %	Given	Passsed	Pass %	Given
Benton WR	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	10
CA- Little Rock	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	35
Cummins	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	102
Delta	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	72
EARU	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	136
ECA-West Memphis	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	30
Grimes	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Hawkins	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	26
McPherson	6	5	83%	1	0	0%	47
Mississippi Co. WR	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
NCU	13	6	46%	15	6	40%	479
NEA -Osceola	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	31
Norris	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Omega	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
ORCU	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	704
Pine Bluff Complex	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	131
Tucker	4	3	75%	4	2	50%	23
Varner	1	1	100%	3	2	67%	126
Wrightsville	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
SWA -Texarkana	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	86
White River	18	14	78%	21	18	86%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>2046</b>

### Unit/Center GED Summary

	This Month	YTD		This Month	YTD
Benton WR	0	0	NEA -Osceola	0	0
CA- Little Rock	0	0	Norris	0	0
Cummins	0	2	Omega	0	0
Delta	0	3	ORCU	0	12
EARU	0	1	Pine Bluff Complex	0	0
ECA-West Memphis	0	0	Tucker	1	4
Grimes	0	2	Varner	1	1
Hawkins	0	0	Wrightsville	0	0
McPherson	0	5	SWA -Texarkana	0	0
Mississippi Co. WR	0	0	White River	2	3
NCU	0	3			

<b>TOTAL</b>	This Month	YTD
	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>