

Teacher Preparation May 18, 2023 @ 1:00 pm	Zoom Meeting
Attendees	Working Group: Elizabeth Joy Queathem, C. Neelie Dobbins, Sara Beth Stewart, Corey Renee Johnson, Pharis Smith, TeKyesha Gault Anderson, Daniel Cisar, April Evans, Stacy Allen, Alisha Lewis ADE Staff: Andy Sullivan, Ivy Pfeffer, Missy Walley, Karli Saracini, Whitney James, Melissa Jacks, Joan Luneau, Alisha Lewis Others: Denise Airola

Draft Rule/Policy Component	Work Group Feedback
One Year Teacher Residency	<p>Regarding the one-year residency, both traditional and alternative first-time licensure programs must meet the requirement starting in Spring 2027.</p> <p>There are 22 Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) with traditional pathways, 11 IHEs with alternate pathways which are Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) programs which take up to 18 months to complete . There are 5 additional alternative routes to licensure.</p> <p>Data from DESE shows that in 2021-2022, there were 1846 completer of first-time licensure programs. If this trend continues there will be a large number of residents each year which will require support from highly skilled mentor teachers. The need to identify, train and develop mentor teachers is critical.</p>
Teacher Academies Scholarship program	This group will be instrumental in the development of the scholarship criteria for continued eligibility for the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship program.

Next Steps	Notes, Slides, and resources will be sent to attendees. In-person meeting scheduled in June.
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