

Meeting Date	September 19, 2023 Meeting held virtually on Zoom.
Topic	School Quality and Student Success (SQSS)
Attendees	Work Group Members: Adam Koehler, Alicia Thompson, April Rike, Bethany Ratermann, Bridget Buckley, Carrie Comstock Gay, Christopher Barnes, Dr. Jeff Flanigan, Dr. Taryn Echols, Janet Susan Caldwell, Kelli Dougan, Lesley Nelms, Maribel Childress, Susanna Post. DESE Staff: Hope Worsham, Tiffany Grayer, Kimberly Westbrook, Jeffrey Fetters, Denise Airola (DESE partner)

Meeting Agenda Item	Notes & Feedback
Welcome & Introductions	Meeting began at 9:00 am. Work group members and DESE staff introduced themselves, identified key takeaways from community engagement, and reviewed meeting norms.
Objectives & Background	The Work Group reviewed its purpose and charge, discussed the scope and sequence of meetings, discussed takeaways from the previous Work Group, and reviewed the guiding principles for accountability. Background and Context on SQSS The Work Group reviewed Arkansas's current SQSS measures. The Work Group reviewed an overview of the listening sessions conducted during the summer of 2023 regarding stakeholder feedback on the Arkansas measurement and accountability system. The Work Group reviewed an overview of the vision for education in Arkansas outlined in the LEARNS Act.
Discussion of Opportunities for SQSS through LEARNS	The Work Group reviewed guiding principles for accountability. Opportunities to Align SQSS with LEARNS The Work Group reviewed three different examples of how other states elevate key priorities identified in the LEARNS act including: Career-Ready Pathways, Middle School Acceleration, and Early Literacy Measures. The Work Group reviewed themes from Work Group members responses to a pre-work survey.

	<p>Possibilities for Moving Forward The Work Group discussed what SQSS measures should be elevated in Arkansas in grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The Work Group reflected on the tradeoffs between including measures in the A-F formula and reporting the measures only.</p>
Conclusion & Next Steps	<p>The Work Group reviewed the scope and sequence for upcoming meetings and discussed how the feedback would be integrated into ongoing planning.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 11:30 am.</p>

Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> ADE will synthesize the feedback and integrate into ongoing plans.<input type="checkbox"/> ADE will send draft materials and pre-work in advance of the next meeting.
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