ArkansasIDEAS Account Access and Criteria

AELS, Registration Process, and Course Availability

What is ArkansasIDEAS?

ArkansasIDEAS (Internet Delivered Education for Arkansas Schools) is a partnership between Arkansas PBS and the Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, to provide online, statewide professional development resources and courses for K-12 Arkansas educators.

Who can have access to ArkansasIDEAS?

ArkansasIDEAS accounts are assigned according to the individual's designation in the Arkansas Educator Licensure System (AELS). There are two types of designations in AELS, Non-Licensed and Certified Teacher.

How do I obtain a designation in the Arkansas Educator Licensure System (AELS)?

Arkansas State, FBI, and Child Maltreatment Central registry background checks are required for student teaching internships, first time licensure and all licensure renewals, first employment or change of employment in a public school, charter school, or education service cooperative.

The above-mentioned registry background checks must be completed through the system that connects with the Arkansas Department of Education. Once the process is completed, an individual will be listed in the AELS database.

Until an individual is listed in the AELS database, they will not be granted an ArkansasIDEAS account.

I'm in AELS, how do I create an ArkansasIDEAS account?

1. Go to www.ArkansasIDEAS.org
2. Click the "Login" button at the top of the page.
3. Click "Create New Account"
4. Please acknowledge that this is your first time registering for an ArkansasIDEAS account and complete the registration information.
    a. **Please Note: The information you use to register MUST match what is found in the Arkansas Educator Licensure System (AELS).*
    b. *We also highly recommend that users not use an email address as their username. Usernames in ArkansasIDEAS accounts **cannot** be changed.*
5. Click "Create my new account"
6. Agree to the licensing terms

What courses are available to me as a Certified Teacher and/or Non-Licensed user?

- Certified teachers have access to ***all*** courses available from ArkansasIDEAS.
- Non-Licensed accounts have a ***limited*** number of courses available.

Individual courses cannot be added to the Non-Licensed dashboard or to an individual user

Important takeaways for university education preparation programs:

- Students will not be able to obtain an ArkansasIDEAS account until they have passed the required state background check registries and can be located in the Arkansas Educator Licensure System (AELS).
- Students with Non-Licensed access to ArkansasIDEAS will not have the full course catalog available to them. Please do not assign course work that is not found in our ArkansasIDEAS Non-Licensed Course Catalog.

Please Note: There are no exceptions to any of the above listed processes.

ArkansasIDEAS Help Desk Contact Information

For further questions, please contact the ArkansasIDEAS Help Desk at ideas@myarkansaspbs.org or by phone at 1-800-488-6689 Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm, excluding state holidays.