

Board Report  
August 2021

# Arkansas Correctional School District

Dr. Bill Glover, Superintendent



## Academic

### July Statistics

Average Daily Membership

ADC— 0

ACC— 0

Total Students Served— 0

Arkansas Correctional Education Association recently elected new officers for the 2021-2023 school years. They are:

Nick Kelnhofer , President

Channon Newman, Vice-President

Mary Alice Chambers, Secretary

Denise Gatewood, Treasurer

School is not in session. Teachers and Principals are off contract

Teachers and Principals go back on contract August 2, 2021

Classes resume on August 9, 2021

ADC Units	# Passed To Date	Last Year This Date
Benton	1	0
Cummins	0	0
Delta	0	0
East Ark.	0	0
Grimes	0	0
Hawkins	0	0
Max	0	0
McPherson	0	0
NCU	0	0
Ouachita	0	0
Pine Bluff	0	0
Tucker	0	0
Varner	0	0
Wrightsville	1	0
Total	2	0

DCC Units		
SWACCC	0	0
NEACCC	0	0
ECACCC	0	0
Luxora	0	0
CACCC	0	0
NWACCC	0	0
Omega	0	0
Total	0	0
TOTAL ADC & DCC	2	0

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### Career and Technical Education

Arkansas Correctional School District Career and Technical Education Curriculum Guide completed

Career Tech Instructors returned from summer break on July 13<sup>th</sup>

All CTE Programs implemented curriculum changes on July 13<sup>th</sup>

Hours reduced from 1440 to 600

Curriculum changes developed using nationally recognized standards (NCCER & ServSafe)

50 combined hours of Financial Literacy and Workplace Human Relations added to each program

ORCU CTE Supervisor/Welding Instructor, Burt VanHorn, completed 18 hours of Advanced Welding Practices Professional Development July 13-15

Deputy Superintendent Tracy Dowell met with other members of the Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities on July 20<sup>th</sup>

All 10 of ECACCC's iCEV pilot participants successfully completed Personal Financial Literacy Certification and received a certificate from Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences Center for Financial Responsibility

The first Arkansas Correctional School District Career and Technical Education certificate was awarded on July 19<sup>th</sup>

After a tour of Cummins farm and input from David Farabough, ACSD CTE developed a curriculum for a new program - Agricultural Equipment Technician

Jake Izard, Future Fit instructor at Varner, is now an MSSC Certified Production Technician (CPT)<sup>®</sup> 4.0 Authorized Instructor

Cosmetology Instructor, Sydney Fuller, resigned on July 22

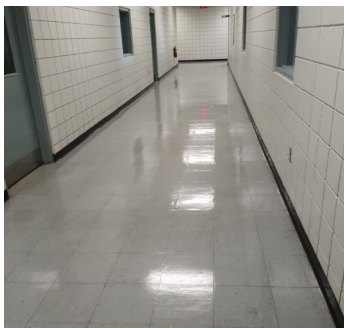
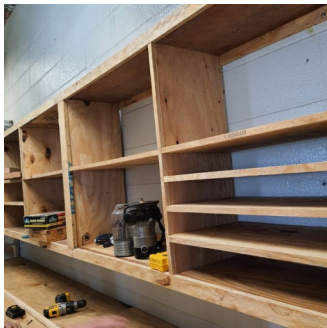
Unit	Program	Enrolled	Completions	YTD Completions
EARU	Building and Grounds Maintenance	10	0	0
	HVAC	10	0	0
	Welding	12	5	5
Ester	Computer Applications Technology	9	9	9
McPherson	Computer Applications Technology	14	0	0
	Computerized Accounting	9	0	0
	Cosmetology	-	-	-
	Cosmetology Instructor	-	-	-
	Horticulture	15	0	0
NCU	Horticulture	14	0	0
ORCU	Building and Grounds Maintenance	5	0	0
	Computer Applications Technology	5	0	0
	Plumbing	4	0	0
	Welding	6	0	0
RLW	Landscape Construction & Design	14	1	1
Varner	Building and Grounds Maintenance	11	0	0
	Food Service	9	0	0
	HVAC	5	0	0
	Residential Carpentry	9	0	0
	Residential Electricity	12	0	0
	Welding	9	1	1
Total		182	11	11

Future Fit	7	1	1
NCCER		7	7
ServSafe		0	0
iCEV	10	10	10

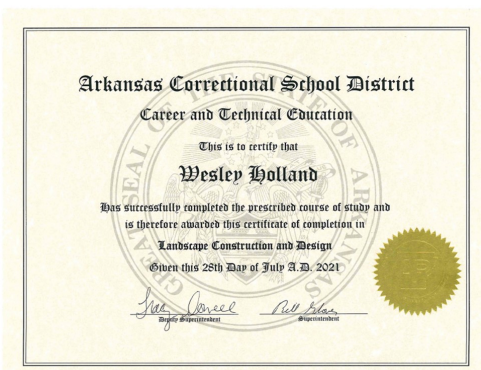
## Plans for August 2021

- Exploring the possibility of a partnership with Paws in Prison
- August 3, 2021 Cooperative on unit PD for school and CTE
- August 5, 2021 PD at the Central Office for CTE and School
- Development of a CTE instructor evaluation tool
- Creating a new skills checklist
- Discussion with CM Labs Simulations
- CTE Supervisor WRAT training
- Implementation of WRAT testing for CTE candidates
- Investigation and development of possible 120 –200 hour CTE courses
  - Keyboarding
  - Basic Agricultural Mechanics
  - Hospitality and Tourism

Varner's Career Tech instructors and students have been working together to complete some construction and upgrade projects. Building and Grounds Maintenance with the help of Residential Carpentry completed a shelving project for the Building and Grounds Maintenance tool room. Residential Electricity installed wiring to hook up some of Building and Grounds Maintenance's equipment. Building and Grounds Maintenance took advantage of the instructors being on summer break and cleaned and waxed the floors. Welding built a hydraulic press to test the quality and durability of their welds.

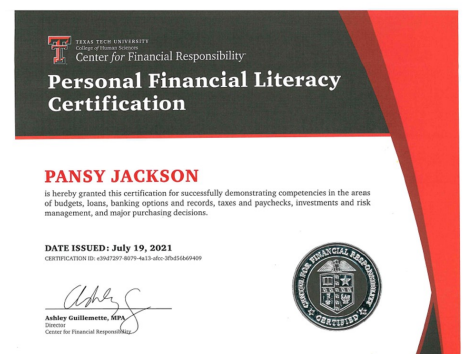


EARU's HVAC students have been learning how to check a heat pump unit's Freon charge as part of their practical knowledge. New welding booths were designed, built, and installed by the welding students and staff. Welding students practice TIG (Tungsten Inert Gas) welding in the welding shop.



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iCEV  
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## Career and Technical Education

Beginning in mid-February and continuing through March, Deputy Superintendent Tracy Dowell researched and analyzed over five years of Riverside's data. Using eOMIS, each unit's program achievements were pulled and filtered. All of Riverside's program achievements were then assembled into one spreadsheet. Each Riverside completer had to be individually searched in eOMIS to determine TE date, returns to ADC, and employment status. After all the information was entered into the spreadsheet, the document was sorted in a number of ways. We were looking for trends in completions and employment, but we also needed to know which programs were most cost effective.

The analysis yielded several interesting findings such as: inconsistencies in program completions entered into eOMIS, gender and racial differences, and variations in curricula and competency profiles.

After reviewing other correctional CTE programs across the US, the decision was made to reduce the required hours for completion from 1440 to 600. Cosmetology is the exception because the State requires 1500 hours for licensure. Although the hour requirements were more than halved, the modules covered remained mostly unchanged. Prior to July 1, Tracy Dowell wrote and standardized each course's curriculum. Now, courses taught at different units are using the same curriculum and covering the same material. This is important for several reasons. First, new instructors will know what skills they should be teaching. Second, supervisors can ensure instructors are covering the required material. Third, standardized curriculum legitimizes our program and keeps us accountable.



On March 2, 2021, Arkansas Correctional School, Riverside Vo-Tech, and ACS IT met with iCEV representatives at the Central Office for an iCEV demo. After a follow-up Zoom meeting, ADC IT configured and installed the new lab at ECACCC.

The pilot program began in early June with ACS teacher Jerri Woodson as facilitator.

Ten ladies completed the Personal Financial Literacy course and most elected to stay in the pilot and complete a second course.

### Possible new programs

#### **Short programs**

##### Basic Agricultural Mechanics and Keyboarding

Several supervisors and instructors have expressed their interest in starting these courses at their units. Both of these courses would be a good option for inmates with short time or low academic ability.

#### **Barbering**

In Arkansas, barbers and cosmetologists must complete 1500 hours. To receive a certificate of registration to practice as a barber, the person: (1) shall be qualified under the Arkansas Barber Law, §17-20-101 et seq.; (2) shall be of good moral character and temperate habits; (3) must pass a satisfactory examination conducted by the Board to determine his or her fitness to practice barbering (4) shall be at least sixteen and one-half (16 ½) years of age; and (5) must receive training approved by the appropriate licensing authorities.