LISA ACADEMY

DISTRICT SUPPORT PLAN
READY TO LEARN

2022-2023 School Year







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Ready to Learn
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The information in this document is provided in compliance with the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education requirement for a District Support Plan for COVID-19. The plan has been developed with guidance from DESE, LISA Academy leaders, and parents. All of the information is current at the time of publication. Due to the dynamic nature of the ongoing situation, this plan is subject to change, if necessary, to ensure student/staff safety or by directives issued from state authorities. Any necessary changes will be communicated with students, parents, staff and the community as quickly as possible.

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Message from our Superintendent/CEO

Dear LISA Academy Community,

As we embark on another year of learning and growing, we begin the 2022-23 school year with considerably more knowledge regarding best practices for continuing to provide high-quality education through our traditional campuses and Hybrid school. Our team of leaders, with input and guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health, the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, LISA staff, and parents, have updated our protocols according to current best practices to provide consistent, high-quality education to all students in our district.

Please review the contents of the full Ready to Learn document and contact your student's school should you have any questions. We look forward to the opportunities the upcoming year will bring, and we are excited to **learn, innovate, support, and achieve** alongside all of our students, staff, and families.

Remember that together we are mighty!

Sincerely,

Dr. Fatih Bogrek
Superintendent/CEO





INTRODUCTION

In collaboration with students, families, teachers, medical professionals, safety officers, and counselors LISA Academy has created this Ready to Learn plan to help you better understand the landscape of education for the 2022-23 school year.

LISA Academy Schools followed Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) guidelines to address the seven Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Ready for Learning expectations in the creation of this plan, which is outlined into two main categories:

ACADEMICS

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LISA Academy remains committed to ensuring both a rigorous academic standard as well as a high-functioning support system for the students, parents, teachers, and staff who make up our learning community. This Ready to Learn plan aims to allow all members of the LISA community to **learn, innovate, support, and achieve** at their highest levels.

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PART ONE
ACADEMICS





PART ONE: ACADEMICS

For the 2022-23 school year LISA Academy schools will be offering families the choice between two methods of instruction:

ONSITE **HYBRID**

Onsite learners will receive instruction entirely on campus at one of our LISA Academy buildings. The LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid school is considered its own unique campus within the LISA school district and incorporates virtual instruction with regular campus visits.

In this section you will learn more about what to expect from onsite and hybrid learning environments, grading, and additional programming for students with special needs.

LISA Academy will be utilizing high-impact, technology-driven instructional practices in order to provide a consistent, equitable, and high-quality education to all of its students regardless of their learning environment through nationally-recognized learning products to bolster our pre-existing learning resources. These products will allow students to engage with their teachers and fellow students in an interactive environment from wherever they may be learning.





2022-23 INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD OPTIONS

ONSITE

- K-12 students will come to campus every day to receive in-person instruction from LISA Academy instructors.
- All students will come to school 5 days a week and adhere to a typical school schedule
- Daily attendance will be taken as usual.
- Implementation of preventive safety measures
- Teachers will guide students through practice with the online LMS platforms to use in the event of a closure.
- Schoology Learning Management System utilized to deliver content to students
- LISA Academy adheres to a 1-1 student-to-device Chromebook policy
- We will continue to provide support to all students through ESOL, Gifted and Talented, RTI, 504, and Special Education programs onsite.
- Student handbook grading policies will be followed.

HYBRID

- Daily attendance and content delivery will be administered by Hybrid School staff.
- Both synchronous and asynchronous learning will be used, and will vary based on the grade-level of the students.
- Buzz Learning Management System utilized to deliver content to students
- Students who excel in this type of environment are self-motivated learners who have support for learning in the home environment.
- LISA Academy adheres to a 1-1 student-to-device Chromebook policy
- Student handbook grading policies will be followed.
- We will continue to provide support to all students through ESOL, Gifted and Talented, RTI, 504, and Special Education programs through either virtually or onsite.

LISA ACADEMY ARKANSAS HYBRID SCHOOL

For the first time ever, LISA Academy will offer a stand-alone Hybrid School that blends the best of virtual and onsite instruction. The Hybrid school will allow students to do the majority of their learning virtually while also allowing them to come to campus to receive tutoring, therapies, and/or to participate in afterschool campus clubs and sports.

The main campus for the LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid School is located at:

21 Corporate Hill Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205

A campus learning center will also be offered at **LISA Rogers-Bentonville**

590 S. Horsebarn
Rogers, AR 72758

- Content for the Hybrid school will be delivered virtually, with students coming to campus at least once every two weeks to receive tutoring, enrichment, intervention, and/or to participate in after school campus clubs and sports.
- Hybrid students may participate in lunch when on campus.
- Students will follow online instruction with a LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid School staff member guiding daily lessons utilizing Buzz Learning Management System.
- Both synchronous and asynchronous learning will be used and will vary based on the grade-level of the students. Students who excel in this type of environment are self-motivated learners who have support for learning in the home environment.
- All health and safety procedures will be followed by students and staff whenever Hybrid students are on campus. If a Hybrid student is currently experiencing symptoms or under isolation or quarantine, students should not come to campus but should notify the school.



Click here for more information about LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid School

HOW SHOULD STUDENTS PREPARE TO PARTICIPATE IN SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE COURSEWORK?



Camera Use

If using the camera for instruction, students should adhere to the following guidelines:

- The student must maintain school-appropriate behavior even though they are at home.
- Student must be dressed appropriately for class (a shirt, school shirt, and jeans or pants).
- Only the student must be visible (no friends or siblings).



Microphone Off

- Computer microphone must be off unless specifically instructed by teacher. This ensures there is no background noise or outside distraction.



Communicate Through Chat

- Students are expected to interact through the chat function.
- Students must show up on time.
- Students must use appropriate and respectful language at all times.
- Use tools such as "raising your hand" and the chat feature if you have a question or want to answer a question.



Quiet Place

- Remove distractions, such as going where there's less background noise.
- Use headphones, if possible, for increased privacy and better speaker and microphone quality.
- Put your phone on silent.
- Select a good location with a power supply.



Materials Ready

- Have all required materials for class (books, paper, markers, etc.) nearby before the session begins.



Mind On

- Be ready to engage in learning.
- Students can be called to answer a question or join a discussion anytime.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (LMS): SCHOOLOGY, BUZZ

Onsite students will utilize our Learning Management System (LMS) called Schoology for delivery of content, and the Hybrid School will utilize Buzz for their LMS. Both Schoology and Buzz provide a social networking service and a virtual learning environment for education institutions. They allow users to create, manage, and share academic content.

These cloud-based platforms provide tools needed to manage an online classroom. Schoology and Buzz can help teachers deliver content by messaging students and parents, managing the assignment calendar, sending reminders, and posting new assignments for both virtual and on-site learners.

Curriculum for onsite students will be designed by and delivered by LISA Academy teachers. Schools and teachers may use other software as needed (ex. Zoom video conferencing, Lincoln Learning, etc.) to enrich the learning experience. The Hybrid School utilize the Florida Virtual School curriculum for its students.

ADDRESSING UNFINISHED LEARNING FROM THE PRIOR YEAR

Students will be assessed using diagnostic assessments. The results of these will inform teachers what level students are currently performing on and what interventions are needed to fill in learning gaps.

Assessments may include NWEA MAPS (K-10), ACT (11th), PSAT (10th), and NWEA Reading Fluency (K-1). Identified needs will be addressed in classrooms and during intervention sessions.

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PART TWO
OPERATIONS





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LISA Academy schools are committed to enacting procedures that ensure student safety, learning, and overall success. In this section, we will outline the operations set in place for both instructional delivery methods.

ONSITE

- Attendance will be recorded daily and will adhere to school handbook policies.
- Students will be required to wear uniforms to class and dress according to their school handbook's dress code.
- Campuses will return to regular locker usage and maintain social distancing when feasible
- Elementary students will be able to use cubbies and bring backpacks.
- Daily schedules vary on each campus. Please check your student's school website or contact the school for schedule information.

HYBRID

- Learning will be provided through both synchronous (live instruction through online portals) or asynchronous methods (pre-recorded content that can be watched at any time).
- See the Hybrid School Handbook for information regarding attendance.
- Attendance for students with 504s or IEPs will follow their approved plans.
- Students will not be required to wear uniforms to participate in virtual learning.

MEALS

All meals will be served in campus cafeterias. Students can qualify for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application online or by contacting the child nutrition office for a paper application. Students who do not qualify can purchase a meal at full price. Meal prices, menus, and more information can be found at https://lisaschoolmeals.com/

ON-SITE OPERATIONS

The following guidelines outline the specific plans regarding those attending on-site instruction as of the September 2022 publication date. It will be updated as new guidelines are issued by the Centers for Disease Control and the Arkansas Department of Health.

FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings, though not mandated, are strongly recommended for all students, staff, and visitors based on current guidance from the CDC and the Arkansas Department of Health.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Clubs and after school activities have resumed but may be limited in the number of participants. Aftercare will be available, including on early dismissal days. Please register with your campus.

VISITORS

Campus visitors will be monitored and must be approved in advanced by campus administrators.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

There will be early dismissal on Wednesdays for onsite students. Specific schedules for each campus will be listed on that campus' website. Please monitor the district's website social media, emails and text alerts for the latest information.

FOOD & DRINK

All meals will be served in campus cafeterias. Students are encouraged to bring a clean, clear, full water bottle to school to use as needed. Each campus will have a water bottle filling station available for refilling water bottles.

RECESS/PE

K-5th grade students will be provided daily unstructured recess time, which will be outdoor if weather allows.

CLEANING

LISA Academy, since the beginning of the pandemic, has prioritized the health and safety of our students, staff, and buildings by ensuring that CDC-approved proper sanitation and cleaning procedures and practices are in place. We will continue with these regular cleanings and periodic "360 cleanings". Our janitorial staff is prepared to continuously monitor restrooms, high-touch areas, etc. throughout the school day. LISA has made a substantial investment in HEPA and MERV13 filters, as well as a UV filtration process to address air quality in all school buildings.



SPORTS & FINE ARTS

The LISA school district will follow the guidance from the Arkansas Activities Association and ADH regarding protocols for athletics. Hybrid School students are permitted to participate in the LISA school district's athletic program. Art instruction will be offered virtually for Hybrid students.

TEMPERATURE SCREENING

If any student is referred exhibits symptoms or is referred to the nurse, temperature will be checked at that time, and the student may be sent home.

SICK STUDENTS

Students should stay home if they are sick or experiencing symptoms of illness. If a student comes to school sick, the school nurse will assess the student and act in accordance with our district wellness policy including sending the student home. Students must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication before returning to school. If the student tests positive for a communicable disease a doctor's note may be required to return. Please remember: students should not attend school having taken fever-reducing medication. Students should be fever-free when attending school.

ACTIVE COVID-19 CASE PROTOCOL

Positive Test Result: In an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our staff and student body we are asking all parents/guardians of students and all employees to notify the school or our designated Point of Contact immediately when the following occurs:

- Student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19
- Student or staff member has been identified as a Probable Close Contact to a positive case of COVID-19 and is recommended to follow quarantine protocols and/or be tested for COVID-19
- Any student or employee who is being tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms or exposure should take recommended quarantine precautions pending results of their COVID-19 test.

Impacted families are encouraged to complete the Self Reporting tool located on your campus website, by clicking here, or may call their campus nurse or District Point of Contact, Natalie Stanton, RN, at 501-539-9770, or email information to nstanton@lisaacademy.org

Symptoms while on campus: If a student or staff member becomes sick on campus we will follow our district wellness policy regarding symptoms of illness. If the sickness is determined to be COVID-19 CDC and ADH protocols will be implemented and the affected area(s) will be disinfected.

Pending Test Result: It is highly recommended that any student or staff member who has been tested for COVID-19 follow all current quarantine recommendations set forth by the CDC and if positive follow the CDC/ADH guidance for isolation.

Learning Method: Onsite students who are isolated as a result of a positive test result should contact their campus teacher for any assignments. Onsite students will not pivot to virtual or hybrid schools during the quarantine or isolation periods. Hybrid students will continue to learn remotely in the event of isolation.

2022-2023 Academic Calendar - Students

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Home Visit Drive Days

AUG	31	Home Visit Drive (after 2p)
OCT	19	Home Visit Drive (after 2p)
NOV	5	Home Visit Drive
MAR	4	Home Visit Drive

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Important Dates

AUG	2-4	Student Check-in Days
AUG	16	First Day of Fall Semester
SEP	5	Labor Day
SEP	14, 21	Parent Conference, Early Wednesday (2p-5p)
OCT	14	Fall Break
NOV	21-25	Thanksgiving Break
DEC	21-30	Winter Break
JAN	2-4	Winter Break
JAN	16	Martin L. King Jr. Day
FEB	8, 15	Parent Conference, Early Wednesday (2p-5p)
FEB	20	No School (Presidents Day)
MAR	20-24	Spring Break
APR	7	No School (Good Friday)
MAY	26	Last Day of School
MAY	29	Memorial Day

Legend

- Student Check-in Days
- No School
- ^ Parent Conferences
- [ ] Quarter Start and End Days
- * Make-Up Days
- ° Home Visit Drive

Quarters

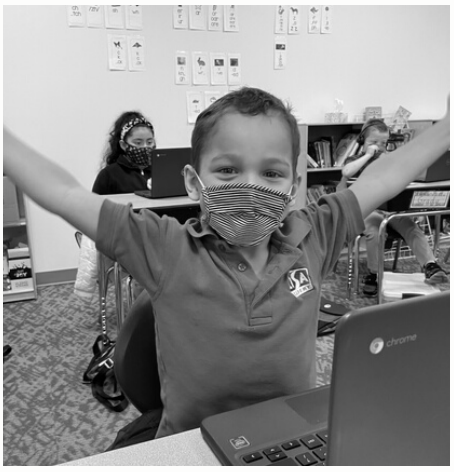
1st	**Aug 16 - Oct 13**	**42**	days
2nd	**Oct 17 - Dec 20**	**42**	days
3rd	**Jan 5 - Mar 10**	**45**	days
4th	**Mar 13 - May 26**	**49**	days
Total Class Days		**178**	

PARENT COMMUNICATION

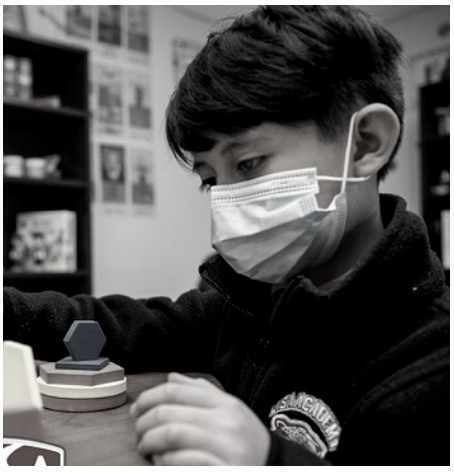
As always, communication between the school and students' families will be critical to ensure a safe and successful year. The schools will continue sending out weekly newsletters, posting important information on websites and social media platforms, and emailing important information to families. If at any time there is a need for crisis response to any case of COVID-19, schools will utilize phone and text messages, as well as email, to reach out to families with instructions and updates. Families need to ensure their contact information is up to date with the student's school to ensure that communications are received.

If you student is diagnosed with COVID-19 and is present at school please notify us as soon as possible so that we can begin isolation precautions. If your student is not present please utilize the Self Reporting tool, contact your campus nurse or the District POC.

Privacy is an important consideration in all communications and staff and parents will only be given information as allowable by law under FERPA as it relates to a public health concern. If it becomes necessary for school closure, families will be notified through phone, text, email, social media, and websites.





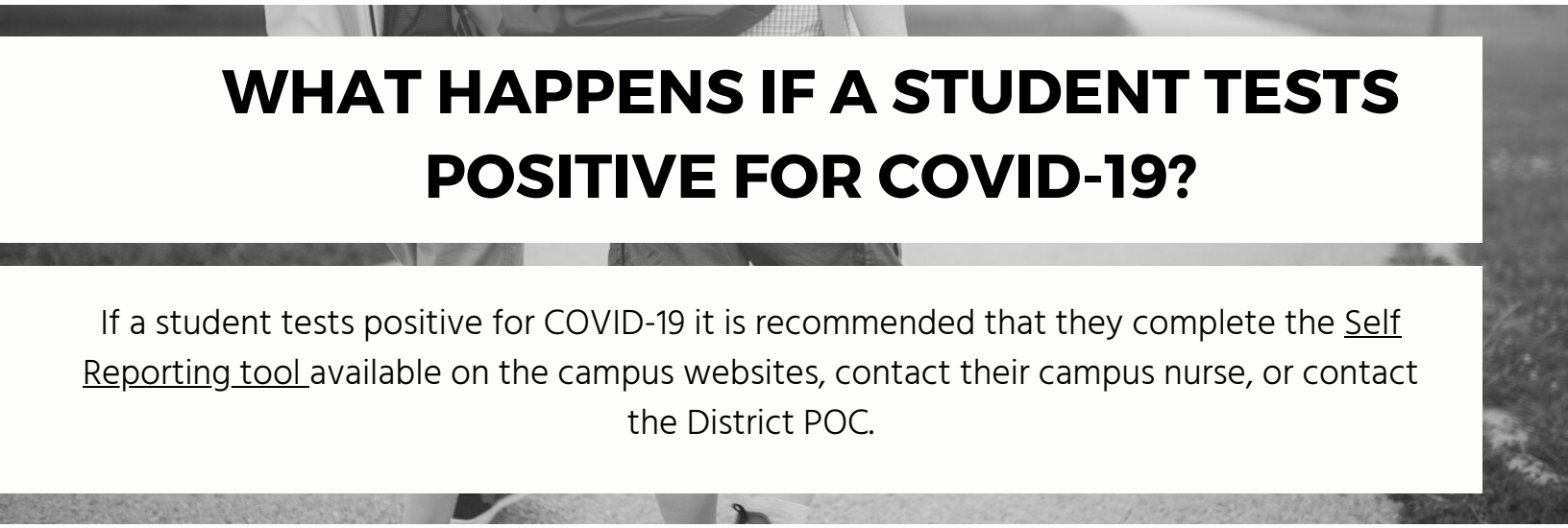


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



DO HYBRID STUDENTS HAVE TO WEAR UNIFORMS?

Hybrid students do not have to wear a school uniform when participating from home, but must wear their Hybrid School uniform when attending instruction in person.



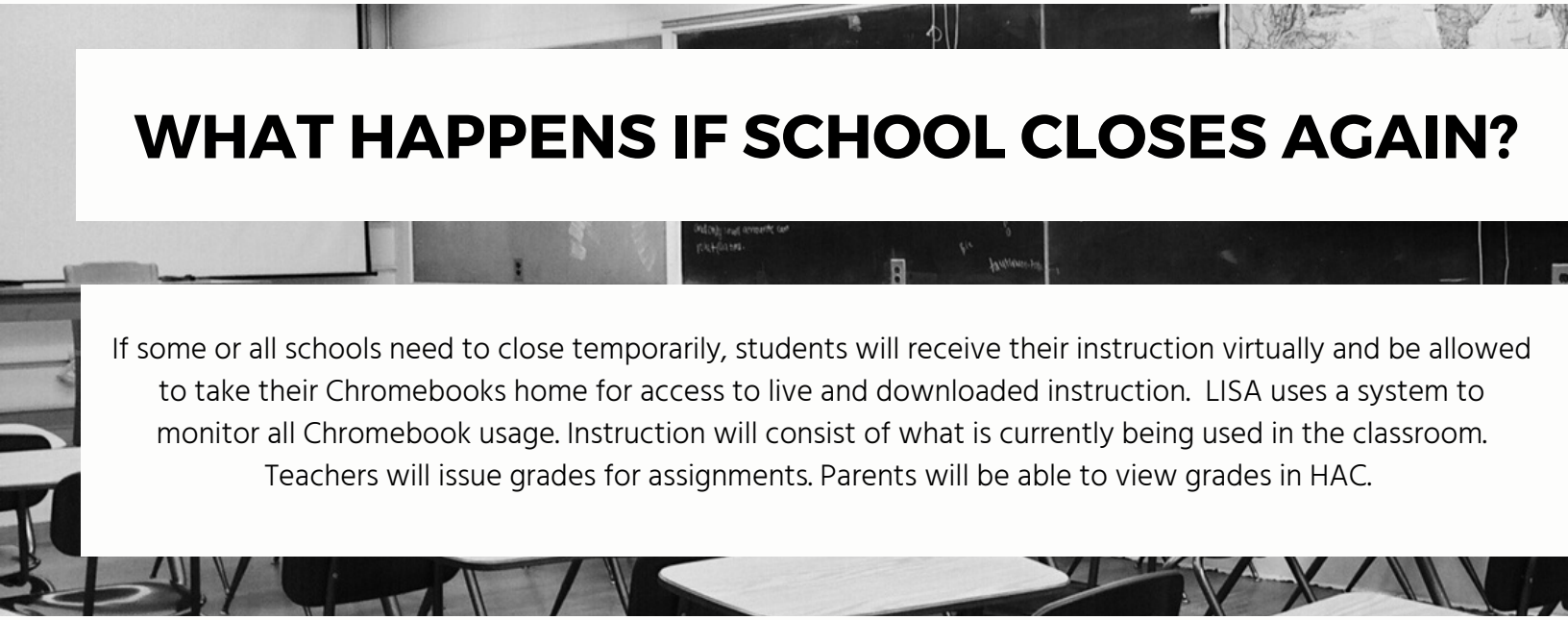
WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 it is recommended that they complete the Self Reporting tool available on the campus websites, contact their campus nurse, or contact the District POC.



WHAT SUPPORT WILL BE OFFERED REGARDING SOCIO-EMOTIONAL HEALTH?

Students will be supported with Social Emotional Learning through online platforms and telehealth services. Students or parents/guardians may contact the school to request information regarding counseling services. Any Arkansan may also contact the Ready for School Resource Call Center provided by DESE at: 1-833-353-6050



WHAT HAPPENS IF SCHOOL CLOSES AGAIN?

If some or all schools need to close temporarily, students will receive their instruction virtually and be allowed to take their Chromebooks home for access to live and downloaded instruction. LISA uses a system to monitor all Chromebook usage. Instruction will consist of what is currently being used in the classroom. Teachers will issue grades for assignments. Parents will be able to view grades in HAC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For questions regarding your student's academics, student services, or technology needs, please first contact your student's school. For questions regarding policy or other matters you may contact the district office at 501-916-9450.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Arkansas Department of Education
Division of Elementary and
Secondary Education:
dese.ade.arkansas.gov

Arkansas Department of Health:
Healthy.Arkansas.gov

LISA Academy District Website:
LISAAcademy.org

