(b) Each program shall offer instruction in subject areas to be designated annually by the department from the subject areas of science, mathematics, computer science, social studies, arts and music, literature and communication, and foreign languages.

(c) The summer educational programs established pursuant to the authority of this section shall be operated by the department directly or by contract with other public or private agencies and shall be funded from the appropriation to the department for the operation of programs for the education of gifted and talented students.


6-42-109. Reports by school districts.

Each school district shall report annually to the Department of Education, at a prescribed due date, the extent to which it is providing educational opportunities specifically designed to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented children.


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SECTION.
6-42-201 — 6-42-206. [Repealed.]

6-42-201 — 6-42-206. [Repealed.]

Publisher's Notes. This subchapter was repealed by Acts 2003, No. 1305, § 7. The subchapter was derived from the following sources:


SUBCHAPTER 3 — ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS

SECTION.
6-42-302. Purpose — Location — Funding — Tuition.
6-42-303. Board of Visitors.
6-42-304. Board of Visitors — Purposes.
6-42-305. Administrator — Staff.
6-42-308. School qualifies as local education agency.
6-42-309. Charter school option.
6-42-310. School district access provided to the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.

A.C.R.C. Notes. Acts 2016, No. 1031, § 23, provided: "SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES AND THE ARTS TEACHER GRANT RELATED FUNDING PROVISION. Teachers of the School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts who, in addition to fulfilling annual teaching contract requirements also write grants, grant progress reports and write and publish papers may be authorized as additional annual compensation an amount up to 1/10 of their annual salary. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees. The additional compensation authorized by this section shall not be paid from state general revenues or Educational Excellence Trust Fund money.

"The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014."

Acts 2014, No. 268, § 26, provided: "SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES AND THE ARTS TEACHER GRANT RELATED FUNDING PROVISION. Teachers of the School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts who, in addition to fulfilling annual teaching contract requirements also write grants, grant progress reports and write and publish papers may be authorized as additional annual compensation an amount up to 1/10 of their annual salary. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees. The additional compensation authorized by this section shall not be paid from state general revenues or Educational Excellence Trust Fund money.

"The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015."

Acts 2015, No. 369, § 17, provided: "SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES AND THE ARTS TEACHER GRANT RELATED FUNDING PROVISION. Teachers of the School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts who, in addition to fulfilling annual teaching contract requirements also write grants, grant progress reports and write and publish papers may be authorized as additional annual compensation an amount up to 1/10 of their annual salary. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees. The additional compensation authorized by this section shall not be paid from state general revenues or Educational Excellence Trust Fund money.

"The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016."

Acts 2016, No. 209, § 17, provided: "SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES AND THE ARTS TEACHER GRANT RELATED FUNDING PROVISION. Teachers of the School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts who, in addition to fulfilling annual teaching contract requirements also write grants, grant progress reports and write and publish papers may be authorized as additional annual compensation an amount up to 1/10 of their annual salary. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees. The additional compensation authorized by this section shall not be paid from state general revenues or Educational Excellence Trust Fund money.

"The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017."

Acts 2017, No. 128, § 17, provided: "SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES AND THE ARTS TEACHER GRANT RELATED FUNDING
PROVISION. Teachers of the School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts who, in addition to fulfilling annual teaching contract requirements also write reports, grant progress reports and write and publish papers may be authorized as additional annual compensation an amount up to 1/10 of their annual salary. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees. The additional compensation authorized by this section shall not be paid from state general revenues or Educational Excellence Trust Fund monies.

"The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018."

Effective Dates. Acts 2003 (2nd Ex. Sess.), No. 22, § 3: Dec. 31, 2003. Emergency clause provided: "It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Supreme Court in Lake View District No. 25 v. Huckabee, 361 Ark 31 (2002) declared the existing system of education to be unconstitutional because it is both inequitable and inadequate; that this act assists the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts to become eligible for federal grants, and allows the school the flexibility to become a charter school; and that this act is immediately necessary to assist the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on: (1) The date of its approval by the Governor; (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

Acts 2015 (1st Ex. Sess.), Nos. 7 and 8, § 153: July 1, 2015. Emergency clause provided: "It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Building Authority, the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, the Department of Rural Services, and the Division of Land Surveys of the Arkansas Agriculture Department are inefficiently structured; that this inefficient structuring causes an excessive and unnecessary cost to the taxpayers of this state; and that this act is essential to alleviating that financial burden. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2015."


(a) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas is authorized to establish and operate, as a part thereof, a campus to be known as the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts, consolidating and incorporating into the University of Arkansas the facilities of the state institution formerly known as the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, which together with its board of trustees is abolished as a separate institution effective January 1, 2004.

(b) On January 1, 2004, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall be vested with and succeed to all the rights, titles, powers, interests, properties, assets, funds, and credits of the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences and its board of trustees, including all rights, titles, and interests in and to all real and personal property acquired by or vested in that institution or its board of trustees.

(c) On January 1, 2004, the appropriate state officials are directed to transfer all funds, appropriations, credits, and equities belonging to the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences and its board of trustees so that these funds, appropriations, credits, and equities shall be credited to and made available for the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas for use on its Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts campus.

(d) On January 1, 2004, the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences shall relinquish all responsibility, control, and supervision concerning the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, and by delivery of the assets, books of accounts, and files of that institution to the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall be divested of all obligations and duties applicable to the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences.


6-42-302. Purpose — Location — Funding — Tuition.

(a) The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts shall be a residential high school for students who exhibit outstanding academic credentials and who have the ability to undertake course work in an environment and with demands similar to those of a university.

(b)(1) The purposes of the school shall be to educate the gifted and talented math, science, and the fine and performing arts students of the state and to develop curricula and materials to improve instruction in mathematics, sciences, and the fine and performing arts for all students in the state.

(2) The school's curriculum, faculty, and admissions policies shall reflect the purposes described by this section.

(c) While the emphasis of the school shall be dedicated to the academic teaching of mathematics, sciences, and the fine and performing arts, emphasis may also be placed upon other areas of the arts and humanities as deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.

(d) The board of trustees shall maintain the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts in Hot Springs as a campus of the University of Arkansas, offering at that location the highest possible quality of educational programs as set forth in this subchapter.


Amendments. The 2017 amendment substituted "high school for students" for "school for eleventh grade and twelfth grade students" in (a).

6-42-303. Board of Visitors.

(a)(1) There is established a Board of Visitors for the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.

(2) The persons serving on December 31, 2003, as members of the Board of Visitors of the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences shall be members of the board of visitors and shall continue to serve for terms equal to the unexpired portions of their terms as members of the board of trustees.

(3) The board of visitors shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor for seven-year terms.
(4) As initial terms expire and when vacancies occur, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill each vacancy for the remaining portion of the unexpired term.

(5) Appointments shall be for terms of seven (7) years or for the remaining portion of an unexpired term.

(b)(1) In addition to possessing the qualifications of an elector, each member of the board of visitors appointed by the Governor shall reside in the State of Arkansas.

(2) One (1) member shall be appointed from each congressional district, and the remaining members shall be appointed from the state at large.

(3)(A) In addition to appointed members of the board of visitors, six (6) ex officio nonvoting members shall also serve on the board of visitors as follows:

(i) The Commissioner of Education;

(ii) The Director of the Department of Higher Education;

(iii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission or his or her designee;

(iv) The Director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage;

(v) The president of the parent association of the school; and

(vi) The president of the student government of the school.

(B) The terms of office of an ex officio nonvoting member shall continue so long as he or she occupies the position or office.

(c)(1)(A) The board of visitors shall meet at least quarterly as the board of visitors determines and shall elect from its voting members a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary.

(B) With prior notice to all members, special meetings may be called as needed by either the board chair or any three (3) of the voting members of the board of visitors.

(2) Regular minutes of its meetings shall be preserved.


C.R.S. Notes. Acts 2015 (1st Ex. Sess.), Nos. 7 and 8, § 62, provided: “Transfer of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority."

(a)(1) The Arkansas Science and Technology Authority is transferred to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission by a type 2 transfer under § 25-2-105.

(2) For the purposes of this act, the commission is the principal department under Acts 1971, No. 38.

(b) The statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds, including the functions of budgeting or purchasing, of the authority are transferred to the commission, except as specified in this act.

(c) The prescribed powers, duties, and functions, including rulemaking, regulation, and licensing; promulgation of rules, rates, regulations, and standards; and the rendering of findings, orders, and adjudication of the authority are transferred to the executive director of the commission, except as specified in this act.

(d) The members of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, and their successors, shall continue to be selected in the manner and serve for the terms provided by the statutes applicable to the board except as specified in this act.”


The 2017 amendment substituted “at least quarterly” for “monthly” in (c)(1)(A).

6-42-304. Board of Visitors — Purposes.

(a)(1)(A) The general purpose of the Board of Visitors for the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts is to perform a supporting and advising role with regard to the operation of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.

(B) The board of visitors may recommend implementation and establishment of policies consistent with policies of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.

(C) The board of visitors shall serve as a liaison between the school, parents, and other constituents, the President of the University of Arkansas, and the board of trustees.

(D) Because the board of trustees and the president may delegate broad administrative responsibilities to the Administrator of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts consistent with policies established or approved by the board of trustees, the board of visitors will have the opportunity to give meaningful advice and recommendations to further the development and operation of the school.

(2) The board of visitors shall:

(A) Assist in securing financial support for the school;

(B) Advise the administrator of the school and the president and the board of trustees regarding the educational, service, and financial needs of the school;

(C) [Repealed.]

(D) Accept and execute specific assignments made by the board of trustees and the president;

(E) Keep informed on those matters that are necessary to promote the educational aims of the school for the benefit of the students;

(F) Study in detail the reports and issues placed before it by the board of trustees; and

(G) Promote in diverse ways the growth and development in excellence of the school and the University of Arkansas in general.

(3) The board of visitors shall have oversight coordination as specifically assigned by the board of trustees, which may include oversight responsibility with respect to the school’s operating budget, internal governance, and methods of operations.

(4) Communications, including advice and recommendations, from the board of visitors shall be transmitted through the administrator of the school and by him or her through the president to the board of trustees.

(b) The school shall be funded by moneys appropriated by the General Assembly for the operation of the school and by grants, contributions, or donations that may be received for the support of the school.
(c)(1) Students who are residents of this state selected to attend the school shall not be required to pay tuition, fees, or room and board.

(2) Students who are residents of other countries selected to attend the school shall pay the cost of tuition, fees, and room and board as established by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.

(d) Any student who is a senior at the school shall have the option of participating in activities and events with and in the same manner as other members of the graduating class in his or her home school district, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The prom or banquet;
2. Class Day activities;
3. Graduation activities;
4. Recognition as a honor graduate except as valedictorian or salutatorian; and
5. Class pictures, including yearbook and composite pictures.

Amendments. The 2017 amendment repealed (a)(2)(C); redesignated former (c) as (c)(1); added (c)(2); and inserted "who are residents of this state" in (c)(1).

6-42-305. Administrator — Staff.

(a)(1) The Administrator of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts shall be the chief administrative officer of the school and shall administer the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts in accordance with policies established by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.

(2) The administrator shall be employed by the board of trustees after appropriate advice and counsel of the Board of Visitors of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.

(b) Upon recommendation of the administrator, the board of trustees shall employ other personnel as it deems necessary for the operation of the school.

(c)(1) Instructors shall be employed by the board of trustees and shall have such rights, privileges, and obligations as the board of trustees shall determine except that they shall not be eligible for tenure nor carry professional rank.

(2) In the event that policies of the board of trustees conflict with existing law with respect to terms and conditions of employment of instructors and staff, the policies shall control.

(d) Instructors and staff of the school shall continue to be eligible for membership in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and to earn credited service for employment at the school or, at their election, shall be eligible to participate in the retirement system of the University of Arkansas.


All Department of Education regulations shall apply to the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts unless the department determines otherwise or unless the regulations conflict with governance of the school by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas and the purposes and intent of this subchapter.


6-42-307. School of Math, Sciences, and Arts Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known as the "School of Math, Sciences, and Arts Fund".

(b) The fund shall be used to provide for the maintenance, operation, and improvement required by the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts in carrying out its powers, functions, and duties as set out by law.

(c) The fund shall consist of moneys allocated and transferred from the Educational Excellence Trust Fund, any general revenues as may be provided by the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq., and any other moneys as may be authorized by law.


6-42-308. School qualifies as local education agency.

(a) The General Assembly designates that the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts meets the definition of a "local education agency" because the school is a public authority legally constituted within this state to perform a service function for public secondary schools and is a public institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a secondary school.

(b) This section intends to recognize the function of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts and to provide eligibility to the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts to receive federal funds.

(c) Nothing in this section shall permit the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts to receive funds from the Public School Fund except pursuant to a line item appropriation.

6-42-309. Charter school option.

(a) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas may petition the State Board of Education for the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts to receive public charter school status under the Arkansas Quality Charter Schools Act of 2019, § 6-23-101 et seq.

(b) If the petition is granted, funding for the public charter school shall be made pursuant to an appropriation by the General Assembly for the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.


6-42-310. School district access provided to the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.

Upon a written request made by the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts, a school district shall provide reasonable access to the school district campus for the purpose of contacting students regarding potential enrollment at the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.


CHAPTER 43
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

SUBCHAPTER
1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.
2. ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.
3. ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

A.C.R.C. Notes. Acts 1995, No. 687, §§ 1-4 provided: “SECTION 1. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the State of Arkansas holds title to certain hereinafter described lands which adjoin the lands on which the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf are located and which are held for the use and benefit of the two schools; that the lands are currently under a fifty year lease to the Arkansas Easter Seal Society for a rental of one dollar ($1.00) per year; that the Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Blind and Arkansas School for the Deaf desires to sell such lands and the improvements thereon; that it is in the best interests of the State of Arkansas and of the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf that the Board of Trustees of the schools be authorized to sell the land and improvements thereon at a reasonable price and that the proceeds of the sale be divided between the Arkansas School for the Blind, the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas Easter Seal Society, and that it is the purpose and intent of this act to authorize such sale and the division of the proceeds.

“SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf is hereby authorized to negotiate for the sale of and to sell the hereinafter described lands which are held in the name of the State of Arkansas for the use and benefit of the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf. The board is further authorized to divide the proceeds from the sale of the land and the improvements thereon with the Arkansas Easter Seal Society, Inc., with the board receiving an amount equivalent to the appraised value of the lands exclusive of the improvements thereon, and with the Arkansas Easter Seal Society receiving the balance of the proceeds.

“SECTION 3. All proceeds derived from the sale of lands exclusive of the improvements thereon as authorized herein shall be used exclusively for the benefit of the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

“SECTION 4. The following described lands may be sold pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this act and any such sale shall be exempt from the procedures and requirements of Arkansas Code 22-6-601 and any other laws relating to the sale of lands by state agencies: “Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section Four (4), Township One (1) North, Range Twelve (12) West; thence along the North Line of said Section Four (4) for a distance of 900 feet, thence South for a distance of 500 feet, thence West 500 feet to the West line of said Section Four (4); thence North along the West line of said Section Four (4) for a distance of 500 feet to the point of beginning in Pulaski County, Arkansas.”

RESEARCH REFERENCES


SUBCHAPTER 1 — GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION
6-43-101. Board of trustees.
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6-43-104. Employees generally.
6-43-105. Attendance — Enforcement.