

## ARKANSAS DURABLE SKILLS & CAREER READINESS

# State Alignment Summary

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Renzulli Learning is the K–12 platform that **both assesses and develops the durable skills** Arkansas’s **Student Success Plan (SSP)** under the **LEARNS Act**, the **Arkansas ACCESS Act**, the **16 career clusters** of DCTE, and the new **LAUNCH for Students** platform demand — *critical thinking, creativity, executive function, leadership, collaboration, communication, and self-direction.*

### OVERVIEW

Arkansas’s career readiness framework is anchored by the **Student Success Plan (SSP)**, required for grades **8-12** under the **LEARNS Act of 2023 (Act 237)**. The SSP must address four required components: (1) recommended sequence of courses for diploma pathway, (2) accelerated learning opportunities, (3) academic deficits and interventions, and (4) college and career planning. The SSP requires **annual collaborative review** with student, parent/guardian, and counselor signatures — and is **used in lieu of Smart Core documents**. The **Arkansas ACCESS Act (Act 341 of 2025)** expands accelerated coursework, requiring every district to offer at least **4 accelerated learning courses** across core subjects starting 2025-26. Arkansas students must meet **22+ graduation credits**, complete **75 hours of community service** for the Class of 2027+ (A.C.A. § 6-16-1901), and pass the Arkansas Civics Exam. **DCTE** supports CTE programs across **16 career clusters** with **18 H2 (High Demand and High Wage) pathways**. **LAUNCH for Students** rolls out statewide 2026-27. Renzulli is the only K-12 platform that both **assesses** these durable skills (CTC, EFA, Leadership Assessment, Profiler) and **develops** them (PBL, PSP, Enrichment Database).

### ARKANSAS’S DURABLE SKILLS FRAMEWORK IN CONTEXT

Arkansas’s framework is anchored by the **SSP** — closest analog to a Profile of a Graduate but operationalized as a year-round student-driven process beginning in 8th grade. The **ACCESS Act** creates a universal course numbering system, common application, expanded scholarships, reverse transfer, and concurrent credit at no cost to families. **Civic requirements** include 75 documented community service hours (A.C.A. § 6-16-1901), Arkansas Civics Exam (A.C.A. § 6-16-149), CPR training (A.C.A. § 6-16-143), and Personal & Family Finance Standards (A.C.A. § 6-16-135). **CTSOs** include Arkansas FFA, Arkansas FBLA, Arkansas FCCLA, Arkansas HOSA, Arkansas SkillsUSA, Arkansas DECA, Arkansas TSA. Arkansas serves a diverse student population across **235+ public school districts** — including substantial **African American populations** (Mississippi Delta), a **rapidly expanding Hispanic population**, and significant rural populations across the **Ozark and Ouachita regions**. Native American history is central through the **Quapaw, Caddo, Osage, Cherokee, and Chickasaw** peoples (relocated to Oklahoma during 1800s removals); the **American Indian Center of Arkansas (AICA)** supports urban Native communities.

#### WHERE AR STANDS

- **SSP** — LEARNS Act 237/2023 (grades 8-12)
- **ACCESS Act** — Act 341/2025; 4 accelerated courses
- **22+ Credits** — minimum graduation requirement
- **16 Clusters** + 5 occupational areas (DCTE)
- **18 H2 Pathways** — High Demand & High Wage
- **75 hours service** — A.C.A. § 6-16-1901 (Class 2027+)
- **Civics Exam + CPR + Personal Finance**
- **LAUNCH for Students** — statewide 2026-27
- **235+ districts** + AICA urban Native support

#### RENZULLI LEARNING ALIGNMENT

- **Both assesses + develops** all SSP durable skills
- **Profiler** in 20+ languages — SSP pathway selection
- **CTC** measures creativity (US Patent 12,087,176)
- **EFA** — ACCESS Act AP/IB/concurrent credit persistence
- **Leadership Assessment** — CTSO + Act 930 citizenship
- **SEM Type III PBL** — 75-hour service + capstone artifacts
- **PSP** — year-round SSP review companion
- **Enrichment Database** — 40,000+ across 16 clusters
- **21st-century skills framework** develops all 7 durable skills

### ALIGNMENT TO ARKANSAS’S SSP & CAREER READINESS REQUIREMENTS

How Renzulli Learning's instruments and content directly assess and develop the durable skills behind each Arkansas requirement:

ARKANSAS REQUIREMENT	HOW RENZULLI ASSESSES & DEVELOPS
<b>Student Success Plan (SSP)</b> LEARNS Act 237/2023; required grades 8-12; 4 components reviewed annually with student/parent/counselor signatures	Renzulli is the K-12 platform that <b>both assesses and develops</b> the durable skills behind every SSP component. <b>Profiler</b> in 20+ languages populates diploma pathway selection. <b>PSP</b> generates exportable summaries to populate SSP college and career planning fields with substance.
<b>Arkansas ACCESS Act</b> Act 341 of 2025; 4+ accelerated courses by 2025-26; AP/IB/AICE/concurrent credit; universal course numbering	<b>EFA</b> develops persistence across AP/IB/AICE/concurrent credit. <b>SEM Type III PBL</b> produces capstone artifacts complementing accelerated coursework. <b>Profiler</b> aligns students with academic pathways suited to strengths.
<b>16 Career Clusters &amp; 18 H2 Pathways</b> DCTE under 5 occupational areas; H2 = High Demand and High Wage; concentrator = 2.0 CTE credits; completer = Levels 1, 2, 3	<b>Profiler</b> surfaces interests across all 16 Clusters. <b>PSP</b> guides Cluster exploration. <b>PBL</b> produces portfolio artifacts. <b>Leadership Assessment</b> supports CTSO leadership prep (FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA, SkillsUSA, DECA, TSA).
<b>75-Hour Service + Civics + CPR</b> A.C.A. § 6-16-1901 (Class 2027+); Arkansas Civics Exam 60%+; CPR training; Personal & Family Finance Standards	<b>SEM Type III PBL</b> with community partners produces both 75-hour service documentation and capstone artifacts. <b>Leadership Assessment</b> measures citizenship. <b>PSP</b> tracks service hours alongside SSP review.
<b>LAUNCH for Students Platform</b> Arkansas's new statewide platform launching 2026-27; SSPs, career exploration, graduation planning, real-time data	Renzulli complements LAUNCH for Students with a year-round durable-skills layer. <b>Profiler</b> data, <b>PBL</b> artifacts, and <b>PSP</b> exports populate LAUNCH SSP documentation with substance from day one.
<b>Equity for Diverse &amp; Rural Learners</b> 235+ districts; African American (Delta), Hispanic (growing), Asian, multilingual, rural Ozarks/Ouachitas; AICA urban Native support	<b>Profiler</b> in 20+ languages for multilingual students. <b>CTC</b> is culture-independent (US Patent 12,087,176) — supporting equitable durable-skills assessment for Arkansas's rural districts and Title I schools.

## KEY TAKEAWAY

For Arkansas districts, Renzulli Learning is **the only K-12 platform that both assesses and develops the durable skills** behind every Arkansas **SSP** component — critical thinking, creativity, executive function, leadership, collaboration, communication, and self-direction. The same durable-skills foundation operationalizes the **ACCESS Act** accelerated learning expansion, the **16 DCTE career clusters** and **18 H2 pathways**, the **75-hour community service** requirement, and the **LAUNCH for Students** rollout. The **Profiler** in 20+ languages populates SSP diploma pathway selection; the **PSP** turns the annual SSP review into year-round practice; the **CTC**, **EFA**, and **Leadership Assessment** measure durable-skills growth; **SEM Type III PBL** produces both 75-hour service documentation and capstone artifacts — from Little Rock and Pulaski County to Fayetteville, Springdale, and Fort Smith, and across rural Arkansas in the Delta, Ozarks, and Ouachitas.

### WANT THE FULL DETAILS?

Visit the complete Arkansas Durable Skills & Career Readiness alignment page for the full SSP component analysis, ACCESS Act crosswalk, requirement table, and FAQs.

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## REFERENCES AND SOURCES REVIEWED

• DESE — Student Success Plan; Arkansas Graduation Requirements; **LEARNS Act (Act 237 of 2023)**; **Arkansas ACCESS Act (Act 341 of 2025)**; A.C.A. §§ 6-16-135, 6-16-143, 6-16-149, 6-16-1901; **DCTE** — 16 Career Clusters & 18 H2 Pathways; **LAUNCH for Students**