



Novice News

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Praxis Help

Need help studying for a Praxis exam?

The following study sessions are available:

- ✓ **Praxis II ELA (5047 & 5039):** Oct. 19, escWorks ID-364190
- ✓ **Praxis II Art:** Nov. 8, escWorks ID-364765

Online Study Groups:

If you are interested in participating in online study groups, please send an email to leigh.brandon@searkcoop.com with the Praxis test group you'd be interested in joining.

Tips for Parent Teacher Conferences

The following information is from an article that can be found at-

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/parent-conferences.html>

During the Conference:

- 1. Create a welcoming environment**
Display student work, have paper & pencils available for parents to make notes
- 2. Open with positives**
Start with student strengths, progress & growth
- 3. Discuss progress and growth**
Inform about abilities or grade level with student work or testing results as evidences
- 4. Avoid teacher talk**
Explain any words that aren't commonly used outside of education
- 5. Ask questions and listen**
Ask about student's strengths, needs and learning styles
- 6. Make a plan**
Provide suggestions for strategies to support learning at home and tell the parent when they can expect to hear from you again
- 7. Be honest and have thick skin**
Sometimes you must deliver bad news. Be honest and update parents accurately on student's academic progress.

****A lot more detail can be found at the website above including before and after conference suggestions. ****

Spotlight on Preparation Programs: APPEL

APPEL is administered by the Arkansas Department of Education. Enrollment in this program allows a candidate with a bachelor's degree or higher to be employed as a classroom teacher while completing the necessary requirements for a Standard Arkansas Teaching License.

Benefits: 2 year program, \$1,500/year, face to face support from practicing professionals, meet only 4 times during the school year, points system used as a portion of the entry criteria.

For more information, contact Renee Treadwell at renee.treadwell@searkcoop.com or visit the website at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/educator%20effectiveness/becoming-a-teacher-or-school-leader/routes-to-teacher-licensurepreparation/arkansas-professional-pathway-to-educator-licensure-appel>



Lesson Planning Support

The following are links to blogs on lesson planning. Within the second link, there are sample lesson plans and unit plans.

[The Power of Planning: 5 Ways to Learn Through Writing Lesson Plans](#)

AND

[Lesson Planning: Completed Lesson and Unit Plans](#)