Student-Focused Education in Arkansas

**Charter Schools** (17 months) A.C.A. § 6-23-301
- Innovative Teaching Methods
- Charter Panel and State Board of Education

**Schools of Innovation** (12-18 months) A.C.A § 6-15-103
- Premise is on student-focused innovation
- Commissioner Approval
- Partnership with Office of Educational Innovation

**Act 1240 Waivers** (4-6 weeks) A.C.A § 6-15-2801
- Waiver has been previously granted to a charter
- Allows for specific innovation
- State Board Approval

**Competency Based Demonstration** A.C.A. § 6-15-216
- Two Phase process
- District determination for credit

**GUIDE for LIFE**
- Personal Competencies
- Student Agency

**Student Success Plans** A.C.A. § 6-15-2911
- Process, NOT paper
- Graduation pathway, strengths, growth, & CCR
- ACT Additional questions

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Student-focused Learning System

(a) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the Department of Education shall collaborate with public school districts to transition to a student-focused learning system to support success for all students.

(2) As part of a public school district's student-focused learning system, the public school district shall annually use multiple academic measures to identify students in need of additional support or acceleration to personalize learning in order for students to achieve their grade-level expectations and individual growth.

(3) (A) Academic measures shall include statewide student assessment results.
   (B) Academic measures may include without limitation:
      (i) Subject grades;
      (ii) Student work samples; and
      (iii) Local assessment scores.

(b) (1) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each student, by the end of grade eight (8), shall have a student success plan developed by school personnel in collaboration with parents and the student that is reviewed and updated annually.

(2) The student success plan shall, at a minimum:
   (A) Guide the student along pathways to graduation;
   (B) Address accelerated learning opportunities;
   (C) Address academic deficits and interventions; and
   (D) Include college and career planning components.

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