

Title 6. Education

Chapter I. Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Subchapter A. Generally

Part 9. Rules Governing Water Safety Information Provided by Public Schools

Codification Notes. This part as promulgated prior to codification into the Code of Arkansas Rules provided as follows: "Effective date: August 10, 2024"

"1.00 AUTHORITY

1.01 The State Board of Education enacted these rules pursuant to its authority as set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-16-158, and 25-15-201 et seq."

Subpart 1. Generally

6 CAR § 9-101. Definition.

As used in this part, "water safety" means age-appropriate education that is intended to:

- (1) Promote safety in, on, and around bodies of water; and
- (2) Reduce the risk of injury or drowning.

Authority. Arkansas Code §§ 6-11-105, 6-16-158.

6 CAR § 9-102. Information required for students.

(a)(1) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each public school district and open-enrollment public charter school shall inform parents, legal guardians, or persons standing in loco parentis to a public school student on the important role that water safety education courses and swimming lessons play in saving lives.

- (2) The information required under this section shall:
 - (A) Be provided electronically or in a hard copy format; and
 - (B) Include local options for water safety education courses and swimming

lessons that result in a certificate indicating the successful completion of the water safety education course or swimming lessons, including without limitation water safety education courses and swimming lessons that are offered for free or at a reduced price.

(b) If a public school student is eighteen (18) years of age or older, or is under the age of twenty-one (21) and is enrolling in adult education classes, the information required under this part shall be provided to the public school student.

Authority. Arkansas Code §§ 6-11-105, 6-16-158.