Arkansas State University
K-20 Educational Enrichment Initiatives
Early Access Initiatives
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*Arkansas State University’s K-20 Educational Enrichment Initiates seeks to facilitate collaboration between A-State and Arkansas K-12 public schools to encourage educational partnerships, enhance student intellectual growth, and enrich college and/or career opportunities for Arkansas students. K-20 Initiatives provide early access and exposure to a continuum of educational experiences from kindergarten through graduate studies.*

The following list provides an overview of the current endeavors of the A-State K-20 Educational Enrichment Initiatives Office:

* A-State Concurrent Program - A-State collaborates with ten area high schools to provide 27 sections of 11 college level credited courses to 557 students.
* Enhancement of outreach to area home schooled students - Multiple avenues have been used to promote concurrent and dual enrollment opportunities for area home schooled students.
* Initiation of the Arkansas Teacher Cadet Program at Jonesboro High School during the 2015-2016 academic year - Currently 14 students are enrolled in the program.
* Development of a Certificate in Business Information Systems (BIS) through the A-State College of Business - This 24-hour certificate will provide collegiate level courses in accounting, database management, and general business skills to enhance workforce readiness.
* Preliminary planning for additional certificate programs is ongoing in fields related to projected employment growth.
* Identification of curriculum needs of area high schools and exploration of funding and innovative curriculum designs to meet the demands for a highly qualified pool of concurrent faculty.
* In process of developing grant proposals that may provide support for A-State students to tutor school students.