## **TEACH**ARKANSAS

Grow tomorrow, today

# what

### is Teach Arkansas?

Teach Arkansas is an initiative to increase the number of qualified, certified and diverse teachers in Arkansas. Forward Arkansas, a statewide nonprofit organization, has partnered with the Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and launch a campaign promoting the initiative.

# why

### is Teach Arkansas needed?

Every Arkansas student deserves effective, qualified teachers. Unfortunately, this is not the reality for many of our students. Arkansas districts are facing severe teacher shortages and a lack of diversity in the teacher workforce, resulting in widening educational equity gaps for students.

There is also a lack of awareness of the flexible, alternative routes to teacher licensure and the many incentives available in the state for teachers. Teach Arkansas aims to spread the word about how to build a rewarding career in education and how to take advantage of these benefits.

### **how** will Teach Arkansas help?

The Teach Arkansas initiative will build awareness of the multiple pathways to teaching and related financial incentives that currently exist in the state. Teach Arkansas' website – **TeachArkansas.org** – will serve as a hub for Arkansans to find all the information and support they need to enter this rewarding and fulfilling profession.

#### TeachArkansas.org features:

- INFORMATION on pathways to teacher licensure for every Arkansan, from high school students to career professionals
- **TUITION CALCULATORS** to find a path to a debt-free education and teacher licensure
- ACCESS TO ONE-ON-ONE COACHES and advisors who will help future teachers navigate the licensure process and current teachers explore career development opportunities
- AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES in school districts around the state
- RESOURCES to help current teachers
  increase their earnings and grow professionally

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