

# DECEMBER 2023 ANSAA NEWS



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR  
OUR SERIES OF VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR  
SCHOOL LEADERS FROM 12:00-1:00 P.M.

- ✓ THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 -  
*CURRICULUM GUIDES*
- ✓ THURSDAY, MARCH 14-  
*STRATEGIC PLANNING*
- ✓ THURSDAY, MAY 9 -  
*LEGAL TOPICS*



## LEARNS ACT CLARIFICATION

THE SECTION IN THE LEARNS ACT REQUIRING **PUBLIC SCHOOLS** TO HAVE IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION FOR 178 DAYS OR 1068 HOURS EACH YEAR IS RELATED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTS AND DOES **NOT** APPLY TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS. ANSAA WILL CONTINUE TO ALLOW FOR UP TO TEN (10) ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION (AMI) DAYS FOR EXCEPTIONAL OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES AS OUTLINED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE ANSAA POLICY MANUAL WHICH CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#).

**Starbase Arkansas** is a program for 5th graders where schools bring their students for a total of 25 hours of hands-on, engaging STEM instruction at their location housed just outside the Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville. They also have some summer camps and other activities. More information can be obtained by calling 501-291-1028 or visiting their website found [here](#).



## Timely Topics

ARTICLES AND RESOURCES FOR  
SCHOOL LEADERS AND STAFF...

- [12 AI TOOLS BEYOND CHATGPT THAT CAN SAVE TEACHERS TIME \(TECH AND LEARNING\)](#)
- [STUDENTS TELL ALL: WHAT IS TRULY IMPACTING THEIR MENTAL HEALTH? \(THE SOCIAL INSTITUTE\)](#)
- [6 END-OF-YEAR GIVING STRATEGIES FOR SCHOOLS \(FINALSITE\)](#)

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