



FAQs

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Q: What is “Rise and Shine”?

A: “Rise and Shine,” produced in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education’s Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), is an extensive educational program aligned to state standards and designed to boost summer learning for K-5 students following the disruption to education during the pandemic. The six-week program – featuring lessons led by Arkansas teachers to reinforce learning in key subjects including literacy, math, science and social studies – will air on Arkansas PBS weekdays beginning Tuesday, July 6, at 8 a.m. Arkansas educators and statewide partners will provide customized content – including the PBS KIDS programs you love – and engaging lessons delivered right to your television or streaming device. Accompanying instructional packets will be provided in both English and Spanish.

This same broadcast content will livestream at myarpbs.org/riseandshine and will also be available on-demand each day by 10 a.m. at myarpbs.org/riseandshine, on the Engage Arkansas PBS app, on the PBS Video app, on the Arkansas PBS channel for YouTube TV subscribers, and through on-demand devices where the PBS Video app is available, including Apple TV and Roku. Summer learning content will be available for the duration of the six-week program.

A robust community outreach component will localize the effort in all counties.

Q: When does “Rise and Shine” start (and end) each day?

A: “Rise and Shine” starts Tuesday, July 6, and will continue weekdays from 8-11:30 a.m. through Friday, Aug. 13. The broadcast will also livestream and be available online by 10 a.m. each day.

Grade bands will include:

Grades K-2 – 8-9:45 a.m.

Grades 3-5 – 9:45-11:30 a.m.

Q: What are all the ways I can watch “Rise and Shine”?**HOW TO WATCH by platform:****TV:**

Arkansas PBS is available statewide over the air and through select cable and satellite providers. See the complete schedule and all the ways to watch at myarpbs.org/watch.

ONLINE:

Broadcast content will livestream and be available on-demand at myarpbs.org/riseandshine.

Content is also available on the Arkansas PBS channel for YouTube TV subscribers. More information is available at myarpbs.org/watch.

APP:

Families can access all “Rise and Shine” learning content through the Engage Arkansas PBS app. The app can be used on tablets, but it was not designed for these platforms – the experience is best on mobile devices.

OTT devices:

Users can access “Rise and Shine” and other content through the PBS Video app and through on-demand devices where the PBS Video app is available, such as Apple TV and Roku.

Due to rights and other issues, “Rise and Shine” programming will not be available on our Arkansas PBS YouTube channel or on our Arkansas PBS Facebook page.

Summer learning content will be available for the duration of the six-week program at myarpbs.org/riseandshine.

Q: Where do I find this at-home instruction on TV?

A: Arkansas PBS reaches statewide over the air and through select cable and satellite providers. More information about how to watch can be found at myarpbs.org/watch.

Viewers can tune in depending on their location:

- KAFT-Channel 13 (Northwest AR)
- KEMV-Channel 6 (North Central AR)
- KTEJ-Channel 19 (Northeast AR)
- KETS-Channel 2 (Central AR)
- KETG-Channel 9 (Southwest AR)
- KETZ-Channel 12 (Southeast AR)
- KETS-Channel 2 (Arkansas River Valley)

Arkansas PBS is currently expanding transmitter coverage with funds awarded by the Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee to ensure educational services are available for all in the future.

Q: Who will be presenting lessons?

A: Six Arkansas Teacher of the Year:

3rd-5th Grade Math Lessons:

Susanna Post, 2021 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

K-2nd Grade Math Lessons:

Joel Lookadoo, 2020 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

3rd-5th Grade Host and K-2nd Grade Science Lessons:

Stacey McAdoo, 2019 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

K-5th Grade Literacy Lessons:

Randi House, 2018 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

K-2nd Grade Host and 3rd-5th Grade Science Lessons:

Courtney Cochran, 2017 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

K-5th Grade Social Studies Lessons:

Meghan Ables, 2016 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

Q: Are there supplemental resources to go with the broadcast/online content?

A: Yes. Instructional packets – called Power Packets – featuring activities to extend and support the learning targets from the weekly televised mini-lessons will be available before each week’s broadcast. A new Power Packet will be created for each week of summer learning. Power Packets are available for download at myarpbs.org/riseandshine and through community partners and are available in both English and Spanish.

Q: How do I get my Power Packet?

A: Print your Power Packet directly at myarpbs.org/riseandshine.

Q: What can I expect this instructional programming to look like?

A: Each block of programming per grade will open with an Arkansas educator who will guide students during the instruction time. Coordinating PBS KIDS programming will help reinforce learning for young learners in key subjects including literacy, math, science and social studies. Accompanying resources and activities are available for extended learning within the “Rise and Shine” Power Packet that can be downloaded at myarpbs.org/riseandshine.

Q: How much work and content has gone into “Rise and Shine”?

A: 35 math lessons, 34 literacy lessons, 24 science lessons, 10 social studies lessons and 6 “Fun Friday” lessons covering a variety of topics including Social Emotional Principles, Space, Poetry, and Math for K-2 and 3-5 students, all grounded in learning targets provided by DESE, and hosted by six ADE Arkansas Teachers of the Year.

- 32 original virtual field trips to locations throughout the state.
- 40 original digital shorts (including physical activity, social emotional learning, science/space, nutrition and reading topics).
- 14 original songs.
- Weekly, in-depth, learning packets created by a team of seven additional licensed educators, containing activities grounded in Arkansas academic standards, and featuring facilitation guides for parents and caregivers.
- Resources created to reach all learners, with all packets available in both English and Spanish and containing lesson activities written with all learners in mind, including English language learners, students receiving special education services, students identified as gifted and talented, and students from both urban and rural communities.
- 175 national PBS curated programs.
- 101 total hours of “Rise and Shine” programming.

Q: Who are your partners for “Rise and Shine”?

A: Arkansas PBS has worked with partners statewide, including: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Little Rock Zoo, the Museum of Discovery, Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks, Museum of Native American History, Central Arkansas Library System (CALs), Mid-America Science Museum, Scott Family Amazeum, the Arkansas Travelers and many others.

Q: Are there bilingual materials?

A: Yes. Spanish language materials and schedules are available at myarpbs.org/riseandshine.

Q: What if I miss a day of instruction, can I catch up and watch earlier broadcasts?

A: Yes. Summer learning content will be available for the duration of the six-week program at myarpbs.org/riseandshine.

You can also access the content in the Engage Arkansas PBS app and through the PBS Video app on streaming devices.

Q: What are you doing about places in Arkansas that may not receive Arkansas PBS on broadcast or cable/satellite?

A: “Rise and Shine” broadcasts are being made available on multiple platforms – including myarpbs.org/riseandshine, the Engage Arkansas PBS app, the PBS Video app and the Arkansas PBS channel for YouTube TV subscribers – to ensure anyone, anywhere can watch anytime.

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Q: How much of the state gets the Arkansas PBS broadcast signal?

A: Approximately 80% of the state receives our broadcast signal. We are currently expanding transmitter coverage with funds awarded by the Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee to ensure educational services are available for all in the future. By the end of 2021, we hope to have broadcasts reaching 99.5% of the state.

Q: Can I livestream this content if I live in another state?

A: Due to our video player restrictions, livestreaming content is geo-blocked for anyone without an IP address in Arkansas. This also affects those trying to stream it over mobile devices because many people have IP addresses showing as out of state. The best way to watch this content is through a desktop computer.

Q: Do you have more questions?

For help with broadcast:

For help with broadcast or finding Arkansas PBS on TV, contact Arkansas PBS Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 800-662-2386 or info@myarkansaspbs.org.

For help with educational instruction:

For help with educational instruction, contact the Arkansas PBS education team via email at RiseandShineHelp@myarkansaspbs.org.

Q: What about high school students – will there be a summer learning broadcast for them?

A: PBS has partnered with WORLD Channel on a content block for children in grades 6-12, which will be made available from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Find out how to watch WORLD Channel at myarpbs.org/watch, and learn more at worldchannel.org.

Q: Will my regular programs on Arkansas PBS be disrupted during this time?

A: Arkansas PBS will modify regularly scheduled daytime programming for six weeks to offer specific K-5 resources weekdays from 8-11:30 a.m. Families will have access to instructional packets to facilitate meaningful learning.

Early learning programming will also be available on our Arkansas PBS KIDS channel, which features PBS KIDS series 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The schedule of children’s daytime programming will differ on Arkansas PBS and Arkansas PBS KIDS, offering families a variety of options. Arkansas PBS KIDS is also available to livestream on various devices and with an interactive gaming feature. Learn more at pbskids.org.

Online resources:

“Rise and Shine” webpage: myarpbs.org/riseandshine

Arkansas Department of Education: dese.ade.arkansas.gov

Ways to watch Arkansas PBS: myarpbs.org/watch

Arkansas PBS resources for parents: myarkansaspbs.org/parents

Arkansas PBS resources for educators: myarkansaspbs.org/educators

Professional Development for Arkansas educators: ideas.myarkansaspbs.org

Sign up for learning resource emails: myarpbs.org/signup

Play games, print activities, download apps, watch PBS KIDS: pbskids.org/

PBS Parents delivers resources to help kids thrive: pbs.org/parents/