

School of Innovation (SOI) Application Timeline 2022-2023

August

- Tuesday, August 30, 2022 [10:00-11:30 a.m.] - Zoom meeting: Overview of SOI application process

September

- September 26-27, [2022 Innovation Rally](#): SOI informational session to hear from current SOI schools

October

- Monday, October 3, 2022 Intent to Apply due.
Access the "Intent to Apply" form at [SOI Application, Designation & Renewal](#)
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022, [9:00-2:00 p.m.] - SOI new application training, Arch Ford ESC, Plumerville, AR

November

- Personalized support by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Office of Innovation for Education (OIE) through regional meetings, Zoom, webinar opportunities, and school site visits.

December

- Wednesday, December 7, 2022 [9:00-2:00 p.m.] - SOI final application training support, Arch Ford ESC, Plumerville, AR

January

- Personalized support by DESE and OIE through regional meetings, Zoom webinar opportunities, and school site visits

February

- Thursday, February 16, 2023 [9:00-11:30 a.m.] - SOI Application Virtual Meeting for all schools to finalize their application. Legal services and other DESE staff will be available to discuss waivers, course approvals, CTE, and other information.

March

- Wednesday, March 1, 2023, draft of SOI Application available for DESE to review by 4:30 p.m.
- Initial feedback from DESE and OIE available in the SOI portal for schools. Personalized support provided by DESE and OIE.

April

- Ongoing feedback from DESE and OIE available in the SOI portal for schools to make appropriate revisions and edits to the application. Personalized support provided by DESE and OIE.

May

- Monday, May 1, 2023 final SOI application due to DESE by 4:30 p.m.
- SOI committee reviews SOI applications and makes recommendation to the Secretary of Education

June-July

- Secretary of Education review of SOI Applications for approval
- Secretary of Education notifies schools of decision