

RIVERSIDE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Enabling Laws

Act 153 of 2016
A.C.A. §12-29-306 et seq.

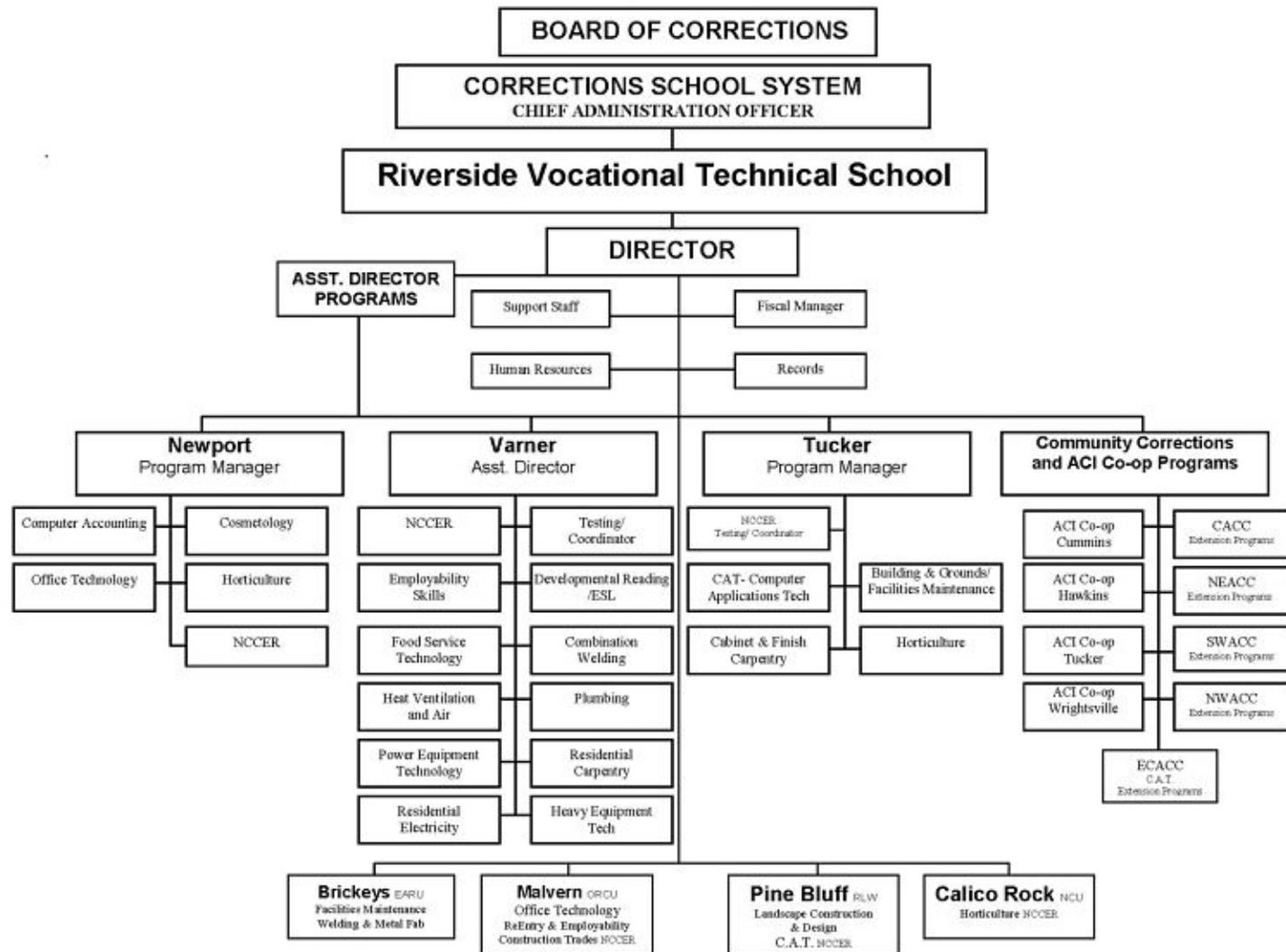
History and Organization

Vocational Education Programs began at the Tucker Unit, Arkansas Department of Correction in May, 1970 and at the Cummins Unit in August, 1970. Buildings were constructed utilizing funds from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Funding for staff, equipment and supplies was provided by the Manpower Development Training Act. These funds were later supplanted by the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. The guidelines established by Congress for participation in the Job Training Partnership Act ended federal funding on October 1, 1984.

In 1985, Act 288 of the legislature (A.C.A. § 12-29-306) created Riverside Vocational Technical School effective July 1, 1985. Funding from October 1, 1984 to July 1, 1985 was provided on an interim basis by the Vocational Education Division, the Arkansas Department of Correction and the Employment Security Division.

Legislative action, Act 496 of 2005 was passed placing Riverside Vocational Technical School and the Arkansas Department of Correction School District under the same umbrella, resulting in what is now known as the Arkansas Correctional School System.

Riverside Vocational Technical School is governed by the Corrections Board of Education. Riverside Vocational Technical School is responsible for Vocational, Technical and Career Education Programs provided within the Arkansas Department of Correction and the Department of Community Corrections. Programs are also provided in Career Technical Facilities at correctional institutions in Newport, Varner, Tucker, Pine Bluff, Malvern, Brickeys, and Calico Rock. Extension courses are also offered at ACC institutions in Little Rock, Osceola, Fayetteville, West Memphis and Texarkana. Riverside Vocational Technical School awards certificates in multiple fields. Nationally recognized credentials in industry based craft skills are provided through the use of standardized curriculum and assessments.



Agency Commentary

The mission of Riverside vocational Technical School is to provide quality vocational training to all qualified inmates incarcerated within the Arkansas Departments of Correction and Community Corrections. Successful completion of a program will allow the inmate to re-enter society with a marketable skill upon release from prison.

Studies have shown that inmates who participate in vocational technical programs have a lower recidivism rate than those who do not. Those who receive a G.E.D. and complete a technical program have a lower recidivism rate than those who receive only a G.E.D. or Vocational Technical certificate.

Programs at the Arkansas Department Correction are 1440 contact hours in length and enrollment is open entry open exit to better utilize training slots. During the 2016 Fiscal Year, there were two hundred and thirty five full program completion certificates issued by Riverside Vocation Technical School and eighty five nationally recognized industry-based certificates issued to incarcerated inmates through Riverside Vocational Technical School.

Currently, there are 8 programs offered at the Varner Unit, 4 programs at the Tucker Unit, 4 programs at the McPherson unit for female offenders at Newport, 3 programs at the Ouachita River Unit at Malvern, 2 programs at the East Arkansas Regional Unit at Brickeys, 1 program at the Arkansas Community Correction in West Memphis, 1 program at the North Central Unit in Calico Rock and 1 program at the Randle Williams Unit in Pine Bluff. Riverside also participates in Co-Operative programs with Arkansas Correctional Industries. Currently, there are 2 Co-Op programs at the Tucker Unit and Wrightsville Unit and 1 Co-Op program at the Hawkins Unit for women. Related study programs are available at the Tucker Unit and the Varner Unit. Arkansas Community Correction short term programs are available at Fayetteville, Little Rock, West Memphis and Texarkana.

At this time, we are requesting base level be restored.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
RIVERSIDE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Findings

None

Recommendations

None

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2016

None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	16	13	29	85 %
Black Employees	3	2	5	15 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			5	15 %
Total Employees			34	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

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Department Appropriation Summary

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Appropriation	2015-2016		2016-2017		2016-2017		2017-2018						2018-2019					
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
732 Riverside VT-State Operations	2,076,898	34	2,224,611	35	2,249,183	35	2,219,990	35	2,219,990	35	2,219,990	35	2,222,544	35	2,222,544	35	2,222,544	35
750 Plumbing Apprenticeship Program	80,496	1	76,588	1	77,006	1	76,624	1	76,624	1	76,624	1	76,624	1	76,624	1	76,624	1
Total	2,157,394	35	2,301,199	36	2,326,189	36	2,296,614	36	2,296,614	36	2,296,614	36	2,299,168	36	2,299,168	36	2,299,168	36

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
General Revenue 4000010	2,157,394	100.0	2,301,199	100.0			2,296,614	100.0	2,296,614	100.0	2,296,614	100.0	2,299,168	100.0	2,299,168	100.0	2,299,168	100.0
Total Funds	2,157,394	100.0	2,301,199	100.0			2,296,614	100.0	2,296,614	100.0	2,296,614	100.0	2,299,168	100.0	2,299,168	100.0	2,299,168	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0		0				0		0		0		0		0		0	
Grand Total	2,157,394		2,301,199				2,296,614		2,296,614		2,296,614		2,299,168		2,299,168		2,299,168	

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2014 - 2015						FY2015 - 2016						FY2016 - 2017					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
36	33	3	36	0	8.33 %	36	34	2	36	0	5.56 %	36	34	2	36	0	5.56 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 732 - Riverside VT-State Operations

Funding Sources: ETR - Riverside Vocational Technical School Fund

Riverside Vocational Technical School operates five (5) campuses within the Department of Community Correction. These are the Varner Unit, Tucker Unit, Wrightsville Unit, Grimes Unit, and the McPherson Unit for female offenders. Short term or part-time programs are available at the Little Rock, Pine Bluff, and Osceola facilities of the Department of Community Corrections. Emphasis is placed on education and skill development which will result in lower recidivism rate and employment upon release. This appropriation is funded by general revenue.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching include the continuation of the previously authorized 2017 Salaries and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching includes the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

The Base Level Request is \$2,219,900 in FY18 and \$2,222,544 in FY19.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 732 - Riverside VT-State Operations

Funding Sources: ETR - Riverside Vocational Technical School Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			2017-2018			2018-2019		
		2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	1,425,801	1,527,916	1,528,186	1,523,692	1,523,692	1,523,692	1,525,792	1,525,792	1,525,792
#Positions		34	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Personal Services Matching	5010003	481,827	507,591	531,893	507,194	507,194	507,194	507,648	507,648	507,648
Operating Expenses	5020002	165,385	183,604	183,604	183,604	183,604	183,604	183,604	183,604	183,604
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	3,885	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		2,076,898	2,224,611	2,249,183	2,219,990	2,219,990	2,219,990	2,222,544	2,222,544	2,222,544
Funding Sources										
General Revenue	4000010	2,076,898	2,224,611		2,219,990	2,219,990	2,219,990	2,222,544	2,222,544	2,222,544
Total Funding		2,076,898	2,224,611		2,219,990	2,219,990	2,219,990	2,222,544	2,222,544	2,222,544
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		2,076,898	2,224,611		2,219,990	2,219,990	2,219,990	2,222,544	2,222,544	2,222,544

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 750 - Plumbing Apprenticeship Program

Funding Sources: ETR - Riverside Vocational Technical School Fund

The Plumbing Apprenticeship Program is administered by Riverside Vocational Technical School. Program costs consists of personal services for one (1) faculty member and provides technical training in the area of plumbing to qualified persons incarcerated in facilities of the Department of Community Correction. The goal is to provide individuals with marketable skills to re-enter the workplace upon release from prison. This appropriation is funded by general revenue.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching include the continuation of the previously authorized 2017 Salaries and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching includes the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

The Base Level Request is \$76,624 for both years of the 2017-2019 Biennium.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 750 - Plumbing Apprenticeship Program

Funding Sources: ETR - Riverside Vocational Technical School Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			2017-2018			2018-2019		
		2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	62,027	58,815	58,815	58,815	58,815	58,815	58,815	58,815	58,815
#Positions		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching	5010003	18,469	17,773	18,191	17,809	17,809	17,809	17,809	17,809	17,809
Total		80,496	76,588	77,006	76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624
Funding Sources										
General Revenue	4000010	80,496	76,588		76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624
Total Funding		80,496	76,588		76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		80,496	76,588		76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624	76,624