

Desegregation Verification Reporting  
Fiscal Year 2024  
A.R.S. §15-910(J)(3)

District Name: Amphitheater Unified

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- \_\_\_\_\_ (d) any dates that property tax levies to provide funding for desegregation expenses were increased.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (k) verification that the desegregation funding will supplement and not supplant funding for other academic and extracurricular activities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (l) verification that the desegregation funding is educationally justifiable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (m) any documentation that supports the proposition that the requested desegregation funding is intended to result in equal education opportunities for all pupils in the school district.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (n) verification that the desegregation funding will be used to promote systemic and organizational changes within the school district.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (o) verification that the desegregation funding will be used in accordance with the academic standards adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to A.R.S. §§15-701 and 15-701.01.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (p) verification that the desegregation funding will be used to accomplish specific actions to remediate proven discrimination pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 United States Code section 2000d) as specified in the court order or administrative agreement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (q) an evaluation by the school district of the effectiveness of the school district's desegregation measures.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (r) an estimate of when the school district will be in compliance with the court order or administrative agreement and a detailed account of the steps that the school district will take to achieve compliance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (s) any other information that the district deems necessary to assist ADE in carrying out the purposes of this paragraph.

Please check each reporting item approved by the governing board of the school district. The determination that the documentation being submitted to the Arizona Department of Education meets the requirements listed above has been made by the district. All submitted documentation will be provided to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairpersons of the education committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as required by A.R.S. §15-910.

I certify that the attached documents of the Amphitheater Unified District, meet the requirements outlined in A.R.S. §15-910(J)(3), listed above, and have been authorized by the Governing Board of the District for submission to the Arizona Department of Education.

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President of the Governing Board

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In addition, electronic copies of documentation, in either Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, portable document format (pdf), or other electronic method should be e-mailed to [SFBudgetTeam@azed.gov](mailto:SFBudgetTeam@azed.gov).

**15-910(J)(3)(k)**

**Verification that the desegregation funding will supplement and not supplant funding for other academic and extracurricular activities**

The Amphitheater Unified School District desegregation programs did not exist in their current form at the time the federal Office of Civil Rights required the District, by administrative agreement, to develop those programs and services. Those programs and services have changed over time, but do and will supplement, and do not and will not supplant the programs and services, which existed prior to the administrative agreements.

**15-910(J)(3)(1)**

**Verification that the desegregation funding is educationally justifiable.**

The Amphitheater District's April 1993 administrative agreement with the U.S. Office for Civil Rights mandated the implementation of a new system of imposing, documenting and auditing student discipline, for the purpose of ensuring equity and the absence of discriminatory impact in student discipline-related functions. The District's January 1994 administrative agreement with the U.S. Office for Civil Rights required programs and activities which would assure access to and equity in programs in District programs and services for minority students. Desegregation funding received by the Amphitheater District is used to implement these agreements. Thus, the purpose, intent and requirements of the administrative agreements are educationally justified as is the funding of the same.

**15-910(J)(3)(m)**

**Any documentation that supports the proposition that the requested desegregation funding is intended to result in equal education opportunities for all pupils in the school district.**

Substantial documentation of the basis, purpose and intent of the Amphitheater District's desegregation funding was included in the District's September 19, 2003 Sunset Review submission concerning the desegregation funding statute, which was submitted to Ms. Kimberly Yee at the Arizona State Senate.

**15-910(J)(3)(n)**

**Verification that the desegregation funding will be used to promote systemic and organizational changes within the school district.**

The 1993 and 1994 Office for Civil Rights administrative agreements mandated substantial systemic and organizational changes within the Amphitheater District. New programs and services were required. For example, prior to the 1993 Agreement, student discipline records were maintained on a localized, school-site basis. The administrative agreements required, among other things, the District implement a centralized, district- wide recordkeeping system. That centralized system was, and continues to be, made possible by the District's desegregation funding. Desegregation funding also supports other programs such as auditing of disciplinary records and expanded, comprehensive ELL services, both of which were also changes in District organization in place at the time of the respective Office of Civil Rights Agreement.

**15-910(J)(3)(o)**

**Verification that the desegregation funding will be used in accordance with the academic standards adopted by the state board of education pursuant to sections 15-701 and 15-701.01.**

District programs and services made possible by the District's desegregation funding are in accordance with Arizona State Board of Education academic standards, as these standards are applicable.

**15-910(J)(3)(p)**

**Verification that the desegregation funding will be used to accomplish specific actions to remediate proven discrimination pursuant to title VI of the Civil Rights act of 1964 (42 United States Code § 2000d) as specified in the court order or administrative agreement.**

The desegregation funding received by the District has been and will continue to be used to accomplish specific actions which will ensure equity in the provision of programs and services for LEP and minority students, and remediate alleged or proven discrimination, as required by the Office of Civil Rights administrative agreements and as permitted by A.R.S. § 15-910.

### **15-910(J)(3)(q)**

#### **An evaluation by the school district of the effectiveness of the school district's desegregation measures.**

All of Amphitheater's desegregation activities have been highly effective at resolving the issues that gave rise to them. One very clear indication of their success is the fact that OCR has ceased monitoring Amphitheater compliance under both corrective action agreements. This reflects OCR's determination that the Amphitheater is compliant, *i.e.*, that Amphitheater provides the requisite programs and services for LEP student and that Amphitheater evidences demonstrable proof of equitable disciplinary practices. Other measures of success and effectiveness include the following:

- In 1996-1997, as the Lau Agreement was nearing just its third year of implementation, Amphitheater's rate of ESL students being reclassified as English Proficient was higher (9.3%) than the statewide rates reported by the Arizona Department of Education (2.7%). In November 1998, as OCR concluded monitoring under the Lau Agreement, it found that for the entire five years of monitoring, Amphitheater's reclassification rates remained consistently high, at approximately the 9% mark or higher.
- Amphitheater's Lau Agreement activities continue to result in high numbers of students being reclassified from LEP status to English Proficient status, and specific reclassification rates verifying this are already annually reported to the Arizona Department of Education.
- The Arizona Department of Education has specifically recognized the quality and effectiveness of Amphitheater Sheltered English Immersion programs and staff, and it has approved training programs for staff in order for the same to continue.
- Amphitheater implemented in-school suspension and behavioral intervention alternatives years before the legislature required the same by virtue of A.R.S. § 15-841(1), recognizing the effectiveness of such programs.
- Amphitheater maintains consistently high correlation in the data found in school based student disciplinary records and those maintained centrally.
- OCR determined that Amphitheater made significant gains in accuracy of student disciplinary records while at the same time decreasing student disciplinary incidents.

**15-910(J)(3)(r)**

**An estimate of when the school district will be in compliance with the court order or administrative agreement and a detailed account of the steps that the school district will take to achieve compliance.**

The Office of Civil Rights has determined that the Amphitheater District is in compliance with the 1993 and 1994 Administrative Agreements. District desegregation efforts and funding continue to maintain compliance.