



Model Policies and Procedures 2026/2027: Part 2 Suggested Updates

Updates

The Trust is issuing policy and procedure updates in segmented parts for the 2026–2027 school year.

Part 1 was issued on July 22, 2026 and addressed USFR requirements.

The current update, Part 2, addresses requisite changes based on statutory revisions enacted during the 2026 legislative session as well as minor corrections.

The Trust will issue Part 3 by August 17, 2026, addressing changes related to enrollment of students from unorganized territories and provision of special education services (Chapter 102, House Bill 2621).

2026 Arizona Legislative Session

The Arizona Legislature adjourned on June 13, 2026. During the session, 2,190 bills were introduced, 211 passed the legislature, 123 were signed into law, and 88 were vetoed. Ten ballot referrals passed and have been sent to the Secretary of State. The general effective date for legislation passed during the session is September 12, 2026.

Policy and Procedure Revision

The Trust has revised eight (8) policies and four (4) procedures based on state legislation passed during the recently completed session and/or member input. The Trust also recommends one (1) new procedure in chapter 5.

General Recommendations

The Trust recommends that districts work with legal counsel to review and assist in policy and procedure revisions. The Trust also advises districts to retain copies of their existing procedures prior to making changes.

Please note that districts must obtain governing board approval for policy revisions. Unless board policy dictates otherwise, governing boards are not required to approve Proposed Changes to Trust Model Policy and Procedure Templates 2

procedures. The Trust recommends, however, that governing boards be advised of any changes to procedures. Additionally, we ask that you send your final approved policies and revised procedures to the Trust for placement on the district's MicroScribe platform.

The tables below describe proposed changes to the Trust model policies and procedures, along with a corresponding summary of the underlying legislation, regulation, or court holding. Actual proposed policy and procedure changes begin on p. 6, with additions and deletions noted in bold.

If you would like us to make these changes on the district's MicroScribe platform, please notify either Jennifer MacLennan at jmaclennan@the-trust.org or Lilian Le at lle@the-trust.org, or contact your member services coordinator.

Policy	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
© 1-302 Governing Board Meetings and Open Meeting Law Requirements	Chapter 62 (SB 2876) to be codified in Open Meeting Laws	Executive Session and Consent Agendas
The Open Meeting Law will require that districts refrain from placing certain items on a consent agenda: any action pertaining to tax rates and action items following an executive session.		

Policy and Procedure	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
© 1-401 Parent/Legal Guardian Rights in Education	Chapter 188 (SB 1711) to be codified in A.R.S. § 15-160.05	Educational Materials Regarding Prevention of Sexual Contact
© 1-401.A Parent/Legal Guardian Rights in Education— Parental Involvement		

The Trust has made a correction to a statutory citation in Policy 1-401.

In the accompanying procedure, the Trust recommends changes based upon the State Board of Education responsibility to develop a list of age-appropriate educational resources regarding the prevention and recognition of inappropriate contact, including sexual contact. School districts must make such resources available to students and parents/legal guardians once developed.

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Policy	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
© 2-101 Duties of the Superintendent	Chapter 58 (HB 2730) to be codified at A.R.S. § 15-341	Weapons Detection System
School districts have the option of using weapon detection systems. Governing boards may permit superintendents to alter the detection system. Revised language addresses this option; the Trust has also added headings and revised this policy for readability.		

Policy	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
© 3-109 Procurement	Chapter 231 (SB 1497) to be codified at A.R.S. § 15-382	Procurement of Insurance
Districts with at least three hundred employees that operate self-insurance programs for the purchase of specific insurance benefits must obtain quotes for insurance coverage and services once every four years. The requirement applies to district self-insurance programs for: (1) purchase of disability of health benefits plans insurance; (2) pooling of risks of loss for health or accident claims; and (3) the provision of health and medical services.		

Procedure	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
Procedure © 3-203.A Visitors— Prohibition Regarding Disruption	Chapter 236 (SB 1627) to be codified at A.R.S. § 13-3729	Drones

The criminal code prohibits the use of unmanned aircraft over school grounds when school is in session or when school activities are occurring. The Trust recommends that this be noted in the procedure prohibiting disruptions.

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Procedure	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
© 3-402.A Procedure— Records—Disclosure of Public Records	A.R.S. § 39-121 <i>et seq.</i>	Public Records Requests
Based upon member feedback after the updates issued in June 2026, the Trust recommends adding language back to this procedure to capture the requirement that a public records request be acknowledged within five days after receipt if a district does not have a centralized automated system for public records requests.		

Procedure	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
© 3-404.A Procedure— Insurance—Liability Coverage	.	Coverage Limits
Based upon member feedback, the Trust recommends that each member confirm that this procedure matches the limits listed in its coverage agreements with its insurance carrier, which are typically found in a member's proposal acceptance form (PAF).		

Policy	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
© 4-204 Mandatory Reporting	Chapter 143 (SB 1127) to be codified at A.R.S. § 13-3620 and A.R.S. § 15-514	Reporting to DCS
Mandatory reporters must make immediate reports to the Department of Child Safety if the reporter has direct knowledge of child abuse or neglect. Mandatory reporters may not delegate this duty. The Trust recommends conforming changes to policy.		

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© 5-201 Patriotic Exercises and Observance Days	Chapter 4 (HB 2312) to be codified at A.R.S. § 15-120.08	Patriotic Youth Groups
The proposed change adds optional language to permit building administrators to allow patriotic youth groups to address students and distribute materials during the first quarter of the school year.		

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Procedure	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
Procedure © 5-216.B Promotion and Retention of Students; Passing Grades—Advanced Math NEW	Chapter 92 (HB 2423) to be codified at A.R.S. § 15-708	Placing Students in Advanced Math
The Trust proposes a new procedure to align to requirements that districts automatically place students in an advanced mathematics course if the students reach the highest proficiency on the statewide assessment or benchmark. The procedure outlines parental rights regarding objections to advanced math placement.		

Policy	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
© 5-402 Department of Child Safety Interview and Custody	Chapter 28 (SB 1126) to be codified at A.R.S. § 15-141	DCS access to records and interviews
Suggested revisions to policy address explicit requirements to permit Department of Child Safety (DCS) workers to access educational records. Districts may not prohibit interviews of school employees, contractors, or volunteers.		

Policy	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
© 5-410 Interscholastic Athletics	Chapter 213 (HB 4043) to be codified at A.R.S. § 15-120.07	Requisite Employee Training

The Trust recommends updates to address training requirements for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and automated external defibrillators, which will become mandatory on August 1, 2027.