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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 4.1

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 22, 2026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Approval of Revisions to Policy IHA, *Basic Instructional Program* (second reading)

SUBMITTED BY: Sheryl Castro, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment

PRESENTED BY: Sheryl Castro, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment

Presented for your approval is Policy IHA, *Basic Instructional Program* which has been revised in accordance with A.R.S. §15-708 regarding advanced mathematics course placement in grades 6, 7, or 8.

Arizona law requires districts that offer advanced mathematics courses to automatically place qualifying students entering grades 6, 7, or 8 into the next appropriate advanced math course. Students qualify for automatic placement when they achieve the highest proficiency level in mathematics on the statewide assessment or an approved benchmark assessment. Parents retain the right to decline the advanced placement.

For students who are automatically placed, the District must notify parents of the purpose and goals of the advanced mathematics placement and explain how they may opt their child out if they wish to do so.

The paragraph regarding dyslexia training was moved to improve readability. No changes were made to the content of the paragraph.

Two changes were made to the policy since the first reading (i.e., “parent” to “parent/legal guardian” in paragraphs 5 and 6).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the governing board approve the revisions to Policy IHA, *Basic Instructional Program*, as presented.