

IHA BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Instructional programs, based on curriculum standards adopted by the Governing Board, will be developed and employed to provide for a balanced, integrated, and sequential delivery of the curriculum to students in the District. The curriculum will be broad in scope and provide for a wide range in rate, readiness, and potential for learning.

The instructional program shall reflect the importance of language acquisition/reading-skill development as the basic element in each student's education. The first priority of the instructional program will be language acquisition through a planned sequence of reading skills and language experiences beginning in the kindergarten program. The improvement of specific reading skills of students should be continuous throughout their education. Each school educating students in kindergarten and grades one (1) through three (3) shall have a reading program as required by A.R.S. [15-704](#) and applicable State Board of Education rules.

The instructional program will ensure that at least one (1) kindergarten through third (K-3) grade teacher, literacy coach or literacy specialist in each school has received training related to dyslexia that complies with the requirements prescribed in A.R.S. [15-219](#) and A.R.S. [15-501.01](#) which includes enabling teachers to understand and recognize dyslexia and to implement structured literacy instruction that is systematic, explicit, multisensory and evidence-based to meet the educational needs of students with dyslexia.

The second priority of the instructional program will be mastery of the fundamentals of mathematics, beginning in the kindergarten program.

If an advanced mathematics course is available, the District shall enroll a student entering grades six (6), seven (7), or eight (8) in the next advanced mathematics course for which the student qualifies, unless the student's parent/legal guardian objects. Automatic enrollment applies if the student demonstrates the highest level of proficiency in grade-level mathematics in either the statewide assessment or a benchmark assessment per A.R.S. [15-708](#).

When a student is automatically enrolled, the District shall notify the student's parent/legal guardian of the purpose and goals of the automatic enrollment and provide instructions for objecting to the placement.

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Attention to the above-listed priorities shall not result in neglect of other areas of the curriculum.

Minimum Course of Study for Students in Grades K-12

Students shall demonstrate competency as defined by the State Board-adopted academic standards, at the grade levels specified, in the following required subject areas:

- A. English language arts (ELA);
- B. Mathematics;
- C. Social studies; including:
 - 1. Civics; and
 - 2. Instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides for at least three (3) school days, or the equivalent, at least once in grades seven (7) through eight (8) and in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) respectively.
 - 3. Instruction in the Constitutions of the United States and Arizona, American institutions and ideals and in the history of Arizona, including the history of Native Americans in Arizona at least once in grades K through eight (8) and in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) respectively.
- D. Science;
- E. Visual and/or Performing Arts
- F. Health/Physical education, including mental health. Mental health instruction may be included as part of other subject areas and shall comply with A.R.S. [15-701.03](#).
- G. World languages

Minimum Course of Study for Graduation from High School

See Policy IKF.

Observance Days

September 11, in each year shall be observed as 9/11 Education Day. On 9/11 Education Day, each public school that provides instruction to students in any of grades seven (7) through twelve (12) shall provide age-appropriate instruction to students in each of grades seven (7) through twelve (12) on the terrorist attacks of September 11,

2001.

September 17, in each year, shall be observed as Constitution Day. On Constitution Day, each public school in the State of Arizona that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall dedicate a portion of the school day to age-appropriate activities about the U.S. Constitution.

September 25, in each year, shall be observed as Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day. On Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day, each public school in this state shall dedicate the majority of the school day to civics education.

If Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day or 9/11 Education Day, or Constitution Day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or other day when a public school is not in session, the preceding or following school day shall be observed in the public school as the observation day.

The Superintendent is directed to emphasize the use of the resources developed by the State Board of Education relating to civics education which align with the academic standards in social studies pursuant to A.R.S. [15-701](#) and [15-701.01](#).

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LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

[1-319](#)

[1-321](#)

[15-203](#)

[15-211](#)

[15-219](#)

[15-341](#)

[15-501.01](#)

[15-701](#)

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[15-704](#)

[15-708](#)

[15-710](#)

[15-710.02](#)

[15-741.01](#)

[15-802](#)

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[R7-2-301](#) *et seq.*

CROSS REF.:

[IJNDB](#) - Use of Technology Resources in Instruction

[IKF](#) - Graduation Requirements