

REGULATION**REGULATION****EQUAL EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES****Compliance Officer**

The Superintendent shall be the compliance officer. Any person who feels unlawfully discriminated against or to have been the victim of unlawful discrimination by an agent or employee of the District or who knows of such discrimination against another person should file a complaint with the Superintendent. If the Superintendent is the one alleged to have unlawfully discriminated, the complaint shall be filed with the President of the Board.

Complaint Procedure

The District is committed to investigating each complaint and to taking appropriate action on all confirmed violations of policy. The Superintendent shall investigate and document complaints filed pursuant to this regulation as soon as reasonable, within the established timelines. In investigating the complaint, the Superintendent will maintain confidentiality to the extent reasonably possible. The Superintendent shall also investigate incidents of policy violation that are raised by the Governing Board, even though no complaint has been made.

If after the initial investigation the Superintendent has reason to believe that a violation of policy has occurred, the Superintendent shall determine whether or not to hold an administrative hearing and/or to recommend bringing the matter before the Board.

If the person alleged to have violated policy is a teacher or an administrator, the due process provisions of the District's Policy GCQF shall apply, except that the supervising administrator may be assigned to conduct the hearing. In cases of serious misconduct, dismissal or suspension proceedings in accordance with A.R.S. 15-539 *et seq.* may be initiated.

If the person alleged to have violated policy is a support staff employee, the Superintendent may follow due process and impose discipline under Policy GDQD if the evidence so warrants. The Superintendent also may recommend a suspension without pay, recommend dismissal, or impose other appropriate discipline.

If the person alleged to have violated policy is a student, the Superintendent may impose discipline in accordance with Policies JK, JKD and JKE.

If the Superintendent's investigation reveals no reasonable cause to believe policy has been violated, the Superintendent shall so inform the complaining party in writing.

REGULATION**REGULATION****Timelines**

The complaint must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days after the complaining party knew or should have known that there were grounds for a complaint/grievance.

Once the written complaint has been filed using the forms provided by the District, the Superintendent shall require the immediate supervisor or site administrator to investigate and respond in writing to the complaining party within five (5) working days.

If the immediate supervisor or site administrator does not respond, the Superintendent will have ten (10) additional working days to respond in writing to the complaining party.

If the Superintendent does not respond within the established time, then the complaining party may request in writing that the issue be brought before the Board. The Board will then review the record of the investigation and have thirty (30) days to respond to the complaining party in writing.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES

Every child between the ages of six (6) and sixteen (16) years shall attend a school and shall be provided instruction in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies, and science. The person who has custody of the child shall choose a public, private, charter, or home school as defined in A.R.S. 15-802 to provide instruction.

The parent or person who has custody of the child shall do the following:

- If the child will attend a public, private, or charter school, enroll the child and ensure that the child attends the public, private, or charter school for the full time that school is in session. If the child attends a school that is operated on a year-around basis, the child shall regularly attend during school sessions that total not less than one hundred eighty (180) school days or two hundred (200) school days, as applicable, or the equivalent as approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- If the child will attend a private school or home school, file an affidavit of intent with the County School Superintendent stating that the child is attending a regularly organized private school or is being provided instruction in a home school, in accord with A.R.S. 15-802.
- If the child will attend home school, the child has not reached eight (8) years of age by September 1 of the school year, and the person who has custody of the child does not desire to begin home instruction until the child has reached eight (8) years of age, file an affidavit of intent pursuant to A.R.S. 15-802 stating that the person who has custody of the child does not desire to begin home school instruction.

A person is excused from the duties prescribed above if it is shown to the satisfaction of the school principal or the school principal's designee:

- The child is in such physical or mental condition that attendance at a public school is inexpedient or impracticable.
- The child has completed the high school courses necessary for completion of grade ten (10) as prescribed by the State Board of Education.
- The child has presented reasons for nonattendance at a public school which are satisfactory to the school principal or the school principal's designee. For purposes of this paragraph, the principal's designee may be the School District Governing Board.

EXHIBIT**EXHIBIT**

- The child is over fourteen (14) years of age and is, with the consent of the person who has custody of the child, employed at some lawful wage-earning occupation.
- The child is an enrollee in a work training, career education, vocational, or manual training program that meets the educational standards established and approved by the Department of Education.
- The child was either suspended and not directed to participate in an alternative education program or expelled from school as provided in law.
- The child is enrolled in an education program provided by a state educational or other institution.

ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS

Special Preschool

A child evaluated and recommended for special services for a disability in accord with statute, and who has reached the third (3rd) birthday, may be admitted to preschool. If otherwise eligible, the District may admit a child who is within ninety (90) days of reaching age three (3) years if it is determined to be in the best interest of the individual. The Superintendent shall make such determination based upon one (1) or more consultations with parent(s), guardian(s), the child, and the multidisciplinary placement team.

Kindergarten and First Grade

For admission to kindergarten, children must be five (5) years of age prior to September 1 of the current school year. If a full-day kindergarten is provided, the parent of a student eligible for full-day kindergarten shall be offered the opportunity to choose either a half-day or a full-day kindergarten program. The District shall provide an academically meaningful half-day kindergarten program in each District school where the half-day student enrollment is sufficient to fill a class with approximately the same number of students as the District-wide kindergarten classroom average.

Children may be admitted to first grade who are six (6) years of age, or shall be deemed six (6) years of age if they reach such age prior to September 1 of the current school year.

The Board may admit children who have not reached the required age as prescribed above if it is determined to be in the best interest of the children, and such children must reach the required age of five (5) for kindergarten and six (6) for first grade by January 1 of the current school year.

For a child who has not reached six (6) years of age (five [5] for kindergarten) before September, the determination of whether to admit shall be based upon one (1) or more consultations with the parent(s) or guardian(s), the child, the teacher, the school principal, and/or professional consultants.

When a child who has not reached age five (5) prior to September 1 was admitted for early enrollment in kindergarten, and the child then repeats kindergarten in the following year, the District is not eligible to receive basic state aid for the child's second year. When a child who has not reached age five (5) prior to September 1 was admitted for early enrollment in kindergarten but does not remain enrolled the District may receive a portion of basic state aid on behalf of that child in the subsequent year. The District may charge tuition for any child who is ineligible for basic state aid pursuant to A.R.S. 15-821.

High School

A high school graduate with a recognized diploma may be refused admission.

Students between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-one (21) years shall be admitted to high school. A student under sixteen (16) years of age who does not hold an eighth-grade certificate of promotion may be admitted to high school under the following conditions:

- The student must meet competency requirements in the adopted standards for promotion of students from the eighth (8th) grade as determined by the State Board of Education in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies.

The Superintendent will develop procedures for the student to demonstrate competency in the standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

Residency Verification

In accordance with guidelines and forms adopted by the Arizona Department of Education the District shall require and maintain verifiable documentation of residency in the State of Arizona for pupils who enroll in the District.

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LEGAL REF.:	A.R.S. 15-701	15-771
	15-701.01	15-821
	15-703	15-901
	15-766	15-901.02
	15-767	
	Section 78, Arizona Laws 2009, HB 2011	
	A.A.C. R7-2-301	

CROSS REF.: JF - Student Admissions
 JHD - Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
 JLC - Student Health Services and Requirements

ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS

A student who is a resident of the District and who meets the applicable age requirements established by state law shall be admitted without payment of tuition to the school in the attendance area in which the student resides and may be admitted as a resident transfer student to another school in the District in accordance with the District's open enrollment policy.

The following students are residents of the District:

- A student who is in the legal custody of a natural or adoptive parent or other person to whom custody has been granted by a court order and who resides with the parent or other person in the District.
- A student who is an emancipated minor and whose place of residence is in the District. When determining whether a minor is emancipated, the Superintendent will consider such factors as whether the student is married, financially independent, and residing away from the family domicile with parental consent.
- A student who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and whose place of residence is in the District.
- A student who is homeless, and who attended a school in the District at the time of becoming homeless.
- A student who resides with a family member living in the District while awaiting the outcome of a legal guardianship or custody proceeding if the family provides written documentary proof in accord with 15-821(D).

The residency of a student, natural or adoptive parent, or other person to whom custody of the student has been granted by court order shall be based upon evidence of the individual's physical presence and intent to remain in the District. Such evidence of residency may include, without limitation, landlord-tenant agreements, rent receipts, and receipts for utility payments.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-816 *et seq.*

15-821

15-823

15-824

42 U.S.C. 11301, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance

Act of 2001

CROSS REF.: IKEB - Acceleration
JFAB - Admission of Nonresident Students
JFABD - Admission of Homeless Students
JFB - Open Enrollment
JG - Assignment of Students to Classes and Grade Levels
JLCB - Immunizations of Students
JLH - Missing Students
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TUITION / ADMISSION OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

For purposes of open enrollment a "nonresident pupil" means a student who resides in this state and who is enrolled in or is seeking enrollment in a school district other than the school district in which the student resides. A student who is not a resident of the District but is a resident of Arizona who meets the age and other requirements for open enrollment established by state law and District policy shall be admitted to a school without payment of tuition.

A student shall also be admitted to a school *without tuition* payment, if:

- The student is the child of a United States resident who is not a resident of Arizona, if this is in the best interest of the student and the student is placed with a relative per A.R.S. 15-823 and the placement is not to avoid tuition payment.
- The student is a resident of the United States and evidence indicates that because the parents are homeless or the child is abandoned, as defined in A.R.S. 8-201, the child's physical, mental, moral or emotional health is best served by placement with a person who does not have legal custody of the child and who is a resident within the school district, unless it is determined that the placement is solely for the purpose of obtaining an education in this state without payment of tuition.
- The student presents a certificate of educational convenience issued by the County School Superintendent pursuant to A.R.S. 15-825.
- The student is a child of a nonresident teaching or research faculty member of a community college district or state university or a nonresident graduate or undergraduate student of a community college district or state university whose parent's presence at the district or university is of international, national, state, or local benefit.

The District shall admit the following students, *charging tuition* as prescribed in statute:

- The child of an Arizona resident who is not a resident of the District, if the District provides a high school and the student is a resident of an Arizona common school district that is not in a high school district and that does not offer instruction in the student's grade. Special circumstances may apply in accordance with A.R.S. 15-2041 after three hundred fifty (350) students have been admitted.

- For an Arizona resident who is not a resident of the District, if the district of residence provides only financing for students who are instructed by another school district and for students from a unified district that does not offer instruction in the student's grade.
- A pupil who is issued a certificate of educational convenience to attend school in the School District or adjoining the school district to that in which the pupil is placed by an agency of this state or a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction, as provided in A.R.S. 15-825.

The District shall admit a pupil who is the resident of a school district that has entered into a voluntary agreement with the District, *charging tuition* as agreed to in accordance with A.R.S. 15-824(E)(3).

The District may admit nonresident foreign exchange students without payment of tuition, or as it may otherwise prescribe.

The District shall not include in its student membership count students who are not Arizona residents. The District is prohibited from obtaining state funding for any student who is not a resident of the state.

"Residence" Defined

The residence of a student is the residence of the person having legal custody of the student, except as provided in A.R.S. 15-823 through A.R.S. 15-825.

Residency of the parent/guardian or surrogate may be determined by showing the individual's presence and intent to remain in the District. Documentation of residency may include, but is not limited to, landlord-tenant agreements, rent or lease receipts, and receipts for utility payments.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 8-201
 15-816 through 15-816.07
 15-821
 15-823 through 15-825
 42 U.S.C. 11301, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
 Act of 2001

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ADMISSION OF EXCHANGE AND FOREIGN STUDENTS

(Foreign Exchange Students)

The Governing Board may admit nonresident foreign students without payment of tuition or as it may otherwise prescribe.

The principal will review requests, and a decision will be made to allow or disallow admittance under this policy. The decision shall be final.

Exchange students who do not meet the conditions, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-823 and as outlined above, may be admitted on a tuition basis, following approval by the principal.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-823

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The District will not admit students who have graduated from their respective school systems.

Preference will be given to sponsoring organization(s) that have representative(s) living in the District.

The host families of foreign exchange students who attend District schools must reside within the attendance area of the school that will be attended.

High school diplomas will not be awarded. A certificate of achievement attendance may be awarded at the graduation commencement when appropriate.

Sponsoring organizations must provide evidence that each student has sufficient oral and reading proficiency in the English language to assure profitable educational and social experiences during the exchange year.

Each foreign student should plan to attend a District school for the school year, not for a single semester or a partial school year. Exceptions may be approved by the principal.

The school may determine whether it is a requirement for host families to have teen-agers who attend the host school.

The District does not provide foreign students with financial assistance for such things as class rings, yearbooks, activity cards, or lunches.

The school shall designate a person (school coordinator) to be the contact between the school and the sponsoring organization, to the host family and the District office.

ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

(Academic Credit Transfer)

Academic credit for students who transfer from private or public schools shall be determined on a uniform and consistent basis.

Elementary

Academic credit for placement in the common school subjects and grades shall be based upon teacher recommendations and previous grade level assignments subject to the determination that the student can meet the standards adopted by the State Board of Education for the grade level assignment.

Credit for Graduation Requirements

Core credit for purposes of this policy shall be the eleven and one half (11 1/2) units of credit specifically named as required for graduation by the State Board of Education in R7-2-302.04.

Each student who enrolls and requests the transfer of academic credits to fulfill graduation requirements shall be provided with a list specifying the courses for which credit has been accepted as core credit and those for which credit has been accepted as elective by the District. Transferred credit that satisfies any of the following criteria will be acceptable for fulfilling District core credit requirements and other specified courses required for graduation:

- The credit meets descriptors of core credit or other requirements and was from a course taught by a teacher certificated by the Arizona Department of Education in the subject or area of the credit.
- Awarding of the credit was based upon an assessment that included the standards adopted by the State Board of Education and evidence of the student having achieved the standards is provided.
- The credit meets descriptors of core credit or other requirements and was awarded by a school accredited by one (1) of the following accrediting agencies of colleges and schools; North Central Association, Southern Association, Middle States Association, New England Association, Northwestern Association, Western Association.

When transfer credit is not accepted as a core credit, within ten (10) school days the student may request to take an examination on the course subject matter designed and evaluated by a teacher in the receiving school who is certificated in and teaches the subject matter of the course for which the credit was requested. Upon receiving a satisfactory score as determined by the teacher, course credit will be awarded as core credit. All core credit courses must meet the standards adopted by the State Board of Education where such standards exist. Where standards have not been adopted by the State Board of Education, core credit courses must meet the standards established for the school to which the student has requested a transfer of credit.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-189.03
15-701.01
15-745

CROSS REF.: JG - Assignment of Students to Classes

ADMISSION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

This policy is intended to direct compliance with Arizona State Laws and Arizona Administrative Code and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001 and should be read as consistent with those documents.

The implementation of this policy shall assure that:

- homeless students are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless;
- homeless students are immediately enrolled in school;
- transportation is provided to and from the school of origin for the homeless student as applicable and found in the law and Policy JFAA.

Definitions

The term "homeless students" means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes:

- students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
- students who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- students who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- migratory students who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above.

The term "school of origin" means the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled.

The term "unaccompanied youth" includes a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Liaison for Homeless Students

The Superintendent will designate an appropriate staff person as liaison for homeless students who will carry out duties as assigned. Among those duties will be the responsibility to coordinate activities and programs in the best interest of homeless students that will include, but not be limited to, establishment of procedures to:

- continue the student's education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness:
 - in any case in which a family becomes homeless between academic years or during an academic year; or
 - for the remainder of the academic year, if the student becomes permanently housed during an academic year; or
- Enroll the student in any public school that nonhomeless students who live in the attendance area in which the student is actually living are eligible to attend.

Best Interest of the Homeless Student

In determining the best interest of the homeless student, the school shall:

- To the extent feasible, keep a homeless student in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the student's parent or guardian;
- Provide a written explanation, including a statement regarding the right to appeal, to the homeless student's parent or guardian, if the homeless student is sent to a school other than the school of origin or a school requested by the parent or guardian; and
- In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison for homeless students shall assist in placement or enrollment decisions, considering the views of such unaccompanied youth, and providing notice to such student of the right to appeal.

Other Relevant Policies and Procedures

Implementation of the McKinney-Vento Act requires the coordination with a number of policies and procedures. These policies and procedures are listed below as cross referenced and are incorporated in this policy and these procedures by such reference.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-816 through 15-816.07
15-821
15-823 through 15-825
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OPEN ENROLLMENT

The District has an open-enrollment program as set forth in A.R.S. 15-816 *et seq.* The open enrollment program described in this policy shall be placed on the District website and made available to the public on request.

No tuition shall be charged for open enrollment, except as authorized by applicable provisions of A.R.S. 15-764, 15-797, 15-823, 15-824, and 15-825.

Definition

Nonresident pupil means a pupil who resides in this state and who is seeking enrollment in a school district other than the school district in which the pupil resides.

Enrollment Options

District resident pupils may enroll in another school district. Nonresident pupils may enroll in schools within this District, subject to the procedures that follow.

Information and Application

The Superintendent shall prepare a written information packet concerning the District's application process, standards for acceptance or rejection, and policies, regulations, and procedures for open enrollment. The packet will be made available to everyone who requests it.

The information packet shall include the enrollment application form and shall advise applicants that they must submit enrollment applications.

Capacity

The Superintendent shall annually estimate how much excess capacity may exist to accept transfer pupils. The estimate of excess capacity shall be made for each school and grade level and shall take into consideration:

- District resident pupils, including those issued certificates of educational convenience and those required to be admitted by statute.
- The enrollment of eligible children of persons who are employed by the District.
- Nonresident pupils who were enrolled in the school the previous year.

The Governing Board shall make the final determination of excess capacity. The excess-capacity estimates shall be made available to the public in June of

each year.

Enrollment Priorities

If the Governing Board has determined that there is excess capacity to enroll additional pupils, such pupils shall be selected on the basis of designated priority categories from the pool of pupils:

- Who have properly completed and submitted applications; *and*
- Who meet admission standards.

Enrollment priorities and procedures for selection shall be in the order and in accordance with the following:

- Enrollment preference shall be given to nonresident pupils who were enrolled in the school the previous year and any sibling who would be enrolled concurrently with such pupils. If capacity is not sufficient to enroll all of these pupils, they shall be selected through a random selection process adopted by regulation of the Superintendent.
- Enrollment preference shall be given to nonresident pupils who were not enrolled in the school the previous year. If capacity is not sufficient to enroll all of these pupils, they shall be selected through a random selection process adopted by regulation of the Superintendent.

Admission Standards

A pupil who has been expelled by any school district in this state or who is not in compliance with a condition of disciplinary action imposed by any other school or school district or with a condition imposed by the juvenile court shall not be admitted. Acceptance for enrollment may be revoked upon finding the existence of any of these conditions.

A school shall not admit a pupil if the admission of the pupil would violate the provisions of a court order of desegregation or agreement by a school or district with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights directed toward remediation of alleged or proven racial discrimination.

Notification

The District shall notify the emancipated pupil, parent, or legal guardian in writing whether the applicant has been accepted, placed on a waiting list pending the availability of capacity, or rejected. The District shall also notify the resident school district of an applicant's acceptance or placement on a waiting list. If the applicant is placed on a waiting list, the notification shall inform the emancipated pupil, parent, or legal guardian of the date when it will be determined whether there is capacity for additional enrollment in a school. If the pupil's application is rejected, the reason for the rejection shall be stated in the notification.

As provided by A.R.S. 15-816.07, the District and its employees are immune from civil liability for decisions relative to the acceptance or rejection of the enrollment of a nonresident student when the decisions are based on good faith application of this policy and the applicable statutory requirements and standards.

Transportation of Students Admitted Through Open Enrollment

A resident transfer student is eligible for District transportation on routes within the attendance boundaries of the school to which the student has been accepted for open enrollment transfer. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians of the resident transfer student to have the student at a designated pickup point within the receiving school's transportation area.

Nonresident open enrollment students are eligible for District transportation from a designated pickup point on a bus route serving the attendance area of the school to which the student has been admitted, or as may be otherwise determined by the District.

The District *may* provide transportation for open enrollment nonresident students who meet the economic eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and child nutrition acts for free or reduced price lunches:

- of not more than twenty (20) miles to and from:
 - the school of attendance, or
 - a pickup point on a regular District transportation route, or
 - for the total miles traveled each day to an adjacent district.

The District *shall* provide transportation for nonresident transfer students with disabilities whose individualized education program (IEP) specifies that transportation is necessary for fulfillment of the program:

- of not more than twenty (20) miles to and from:
 - the school of attendance, or
 - a pickup point on a regular District transportation route, or
 - for the total miles traveled each day to an adjacent district.

Exception

Should there be excess capacity remaining for which no applications were submitted by the date established, the Superintendent, upon approval by the Board, shall authorize additional enrollment of nonresident pupils:

- Up to the determined capacity.
- On the basis of the order of the completed applications submitted after the notification date established in this policy.
- Without regard to enrollment preference.
- As long as admission standards are met.
- Whose applications are submitted.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-764
 15-797
 15-816 *et seq.*
 15-823
 15-824
 15-825
 15-922

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 IIB - Class Size
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REGULATION**REGULATION****STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES****(Absence Notification)**

When an excuse or authorization of absence from the parent or person having custody of the student has not been provided to the school office, the school shall make a reasonable effort to promptly telephone and notify parents or persons having custody of a student upon the student's absence.

- Students in grades kindergarten (K) through six (6):
 - Within two (2) hours after the first class in which the student is absent.
- Students in grades seven (7) and eight (8):
 - Within two (2) hours of an absence when the absence is from the student's first class of the day.
 - Within five (5) hours of an absence from a class other than the student's first class of the day.

The District and its Board, employees, or agents are not liable for failure to notify.

Further, on or before the enrollment of a student in grades kindergarten (K) through eight (8), the District shall notify parents or other persons who have custody of a student of their responsibility to authorize any absence of the student from school and to notify the school in advance or at the time of any absence. The District also requires that at least one (1) telephone number, if available, be given to the school office so that a "reasonable effort to notify by telephone" may be accomplished. This telephone number, if available, shall be provided at the time of enrollment of the student in the school. The parents or persons having custody of a student shall promptly notify the school of any change in this telephone number.

RELEASED TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Students at the school may be granted released time to attend religion classes near the school campus under the following conditions and guidelines:

- The person who has custody of the student has given written consent.
- Any religious instruction or exercise takes place at a suitable place away from school property designated by a church or religious denomination or group.
- Released time shall not interfere with the student's normal schedule.
- Any tardiness related to religious instruction will be unexcused.
- Religion classes may not be dropped prior to the end of the semester without approval by the Superintendent.
- School credit will not be given for religion classes, nor will the course title be placed on the permanent record of the student.
- Discipline problems, reporting to parents, and attendance and other procedures necessary to class operation shall be the responsibility of the religion class instructors or supervisors.
- Religion instructors shall be responsible for notifying parents when students violate attendance policies.
- Changes in policies relating to religion classes must be reviewed by the school administration and the Governing Board.
- The school administration shall have the responsibility of conferring with the appropriate church authorities in matters relating to this policy and, when deemed necessary, shall take appropriate action to see that such policies are followed.
- The desirability and value of the released-time program will be evaluated annually by the school administration and the Governing Board.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-806

EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

(Chronic Health Conditions)

The District will provide appropriate educational opportunities for any student identified by an appropriately certified health professional in the fields of podiatry, chiropractic medicine, naturopathic medicine, osteopathy, physician assistant, or registered nurse practitioner as having a chronic health condition requiring management on a long-term basis that will affect regular school attendance. Homework will be made available in a timely manner to ensure that such students have the opportunity to successfully complete assignments and avoid losing credit because of their absence from school. The assigned teacher(s) shall have the responsibility to provide, in a timely manner, homework for students designated as having chronic health conditions. Further, students with chronic health conditions shall be provided flexibility in physical education activity requirements so that they may participate in the regular physical education program to the extent that their health permits. Staff members responsible for physical education activities programs shall develop and implement such guidelines.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to obstruct, interfere with or override the rights of parents or guardians concerning the education and health care of pupils with chronic health problems.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to authorize school personnel to either:

- Authorize absences from school for a student with a chronic health problem without the prior consent of the student's parent or guardian.
- Recommend, prescribe or provide medication to a student with a chronic health problem without the prior consent of the student's parent or guardian.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for meeting the requirements of this policy.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-346

15-761
15-843
15-902
32-801 *et seq.*
32-900 *et seq.*
32-1401 *et seq.*
32-1501 *et seq.*
32-1601 *et seq.*
32-1800 *et seq.*
32-2501 *et seq.*

CROSS REF: IHBF - Homebound Instruction

EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

(Chronic Health Conditions)

Identification/Referral Process

Staff members shall be informed of procedures to follow in serving "students with chronic health conditions." Teachers will review registration data and make note of any students who were previously served as students with chronic health conditions.

Registration forms, enrollment data, and attendance registers will identify certified students with chronic health conditions who are eligible for modified instructional services.

The screening procedures used to screen kindergarten students and new enrollees for possible referral to special education or compensatory programs will provide an indication of whether students with high absenteeism have health conditions that may be considered chronic if they are due solely to illness, disease, pregnancy complications, an accident or severe health problems of an infant child of a student. Students can be identified or referred at any time during the school year.

The person responsible for collection of attendance data shall be informed of these available services and should be given direction for noting whether a student's frequent absences are due to illness, disease, pregnancy complications, an accident or severe health problems of an infant child of a student. Registration, enrollment, and attendance procedures shall indicate eligible students with chronic health conditions for documenting average daily membership (ADM) adjustments with the Arizona Department of Education, School Finance Section.

When a student is identified as possibly requiring services as a student with a chronic health condition (via registration, screening procedures, attendance data, or parent referral), a chronic health condition certification form with a letter of explanation shall be sent to the parents, to be returned within thirty (30) days. The teacher and parent shall meet within fifteen (15) days following return of the chronic health condition certification.

Upon referral of a student for chronic health condition certification, the school principal, if applicable, shall be consulted to include any chronic health condition data in the student's records (i.e., the annual report that identifies types of chronic illnesses monitored). The principal may provide information to assist teachers in dealing with chronic health conditions.

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The parents shall submit a written chronic health condition certification to the District, which will include:

- Certified health professional or nurse practitioner diagnosis.
- Certified health professional or nurse practitioner prognosis.
- Physical limitations affecting physical education activities and requirements.
- Anticipated surgeries, treatment, or hospitalizations that, although not expected to cause sufficient absences to require homebound services, may interfere with regular school attendance.
- Certified health professional or nurse practitioner signature and date signed.

The appropriate instructional services needed are to be recommended by the teacher after consultation with the parent according to the following considerations:

- The nature of the health condition relevant to the student's anticipated activity level during absences (based on review of the chronic health condition certification).
- The student's academic capacity.
- The teacher's recommendations for service delivery based on course-work difficulty and the student's ability to learn independently.
- The amount of face-to-face instruction time required by the student for optimum continuous learning outside the regular classroom.
- The most appropriate service delivery in order to maintain integration in the regular education program as much as possible (i.e., regular physical education activities).

After the teacher and the parent have discussed the student's needs, an instructional agreement will be recommended by the parent and the teacher specifying the delivery and return of homework assignments and anticipated contact time with the teacher to assist the student in completing required course work *during absences*. This agreement, together with the teacher's recommendation for appropriate instructional services, will be forwarded to the administration for review and modification, if necessary, prior to signature by the parent, teacher, and Superintendent.

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If the absences of a student who is classified and has served as a student with a chronic health condition amount to three (3) school months (or sixty [60] school days), another chronic health condition certification shall be obtained and reviewed by the teacher and the parent. They shall discuss the appropriate service delivery necessary for continuous learning. If homebound services are appropriate, the policies for referral shall be followed, which may entail:

- Obtaining parental consent to evaluate.
- Obtaining chronic health condition certification.

On a yearly basis, the District shall review instructional needs of any student with a chronic health condition. An updated chronic health condition certification shall be obtained for each school year to verify the need for continuing instructional modifications and ADM adjustments, if applicable. However, the student may be recertified at any time to reevaluate appropriate services needed.

Miscellaneous Provisions

Homework assignments will be provided *during absences* of students with chronic health conditions, and credit will be given for course work completed within established time lines.

Students with chronic health conditions will be given credit for completed course work if frequent absenteeism is due to chronic health conditions as certified by a Certified health professional or nurse practitioner.

Physical education course-work requirements shall include the option for students with chronic health conditions to participate in regular program activities as much as their health permits. Such students shall be provided integrated educational programming as much as possible. Modification to requirements may be made with Board approval.

The counselors who schedule students with chronic health conditions will take into consideration the anticipated days of absence (noted on the medical certification form) and the feasibility of completing courses requiring laboratory work or vocational workshops.

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Dear _____:

This letter is to inform you that the School District makes special arrangements for homework assignments for certain students who have "chronic (recurring) health conditions." As a result of frequent absences from school because of illness or an accident, _____ may be eligible to receive modified instructional services provided for "students with chronic health conditions."

A form is enclosed asking your family's certified health professional or nurse practitioner to state how this health condition is affecting school attendance. If your certified health professional or nurse practitioner believes the condition to be "chronic" and anticipates frequent absences for the school year (but fewer than sixty [60] school days, as for homebound services), please ask the certified health professional or nurse practitioner to fill out the medical certification form and return it to the school.

If _____ is eligible as a "student with a chronic health condition," the school will make sure that you receive homework and contact with a teacher *during* necessary absences. The teacher will work out an agreement for homework assignments with you to assure receipt of credit for completed homework.

If you have any questions, please contact me at _____.

Sincerely,

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**EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS
FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

**CERTIFICATION OF STUDENTS WITH
CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS**

(Obtained from a certified health professional or nurse practitioner)

Student's name	Parent's name	Address
District	SchoolGrade level	
Date of birth	Phone number	Date of initial consultation

Certified health professional or nurse practitioner diagnosis:

Certified health professional or nurse practitioner prognosis:

Physical limitations affecting physical education activities:

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Anticipated absences due solely to illness, disease, pregnancy complications, an accident or severe health problems of an infant child of a student (include anticipated surgeries, treatments, or hospitalizations that may interfere with school attendance during the _____ year):

Example 1: _____'s physical condition may result in frequent absences in the school year that may exceed ten (10) consecutive school days per semester, but I do not anticipate that _____ will be absent enough days to require homebound services.

Example 2: _____ will require three (3) hospitalizations of approximately four (4) days' duration each and three to five (3 - 5) treatments of one (1) day each during the school year.

Other relevant information:

Type or print certified health professional or nurse practitioner's name and licensed title

Date

Certified health professional or nurse practitioner's signature and title

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All students are entitled to enjoy the basic rights of citizenship that are recognized and protected by laws of this country and state for persons of their age and maturity. Each student is obligated to respect the rights of classmates, teachers, and other school personnel. District schools shall foster a climate of mutual respect for the rights of others. Such environment will enhance both the educational purpose for which the District exists and the educational program designed to achieve that purpose.

All District personnel shall recognize and respect the rights of students, just as all students shall exercise their rights responsibly, with due regard for the equal rights of others and in compliance with the rules and regulations established for the orderly conduct of the educational mission of the District. Students who violate the rights of others or who violate rules and regulations of the District or of their school are subject to appropriate disciplinary measures designed to correct their own misconduct and to promote adherence by them and by other students to the responsibilities of citizens in the school community.

The following basic guidelines of rights and responsibilities shall not be construed to be all-inclusive, nor shall it in any way diminish the legal authority of school officials and the Governing Board to deal with disruptive students.

Rights:

- Students have the right to a meaningful education that will be of value to them for the rest of their lives.
- Students have the right to a meaningful curriculum and the right to voice their opinions, through representatives of the student government, in the development of such a curriculum.
- Students have the right to physical safety, safe buildings, and sanitary facilities.
- Students have the right to consultation with teachers, counselors, administrators, and anyone else connected with the school if they so desire, without fear of reprisal.

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- Students have the right to free elections of their peers in student government, and all students have the right to seek and hold office in accordance with the provisions of the student government constitution and in keeping with the extracurricular guidelines of the District.
- Students have the right to be made aware of administrative and/or faculty committee decisions and to be aware of the policies set forth by the Governing Board and school.
- Legal guardians or authorized representatives have the right to see the personal files, cumulative folders, or transcripts of their children who are under the age of eighteen (18) years. School authorities may determine the time and manner of presentation of this information.
- Students' academic performance shall be the prime criterion for academic grades; however, noncompliance with school rules and regulations may affect grades (e.g., unexcused absences).
- Students shall not be subjected to unreasonable or excessive punishment.
- Students have the right to be involved in school activities, provided they meet the reasonable qualifications of sponsoring organizations, state organizations, and school regulations.
- Students have the right to express their viewpoints in accordance with District Policy JICEC - Freedom of Expression.
- Married students share these rights and responsibilities, including the opportunity to participate in the full range of activities offered by the school, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the school.

Responsibilities:

- Students have the responsibility to respect the rights of all persons involved in the educational process and to exercise the highest degree of self-discipline in observing and adhering to school rules and regulations.
- Students have the responsibility to take maximum advantage of the educational opportunities available and seek to achieve a meaningful education.

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- All members of the school community, including students, parents, and school staff members, have the responsibility to promote regular attendance at school.
- Students have the responsibility to protect school property, equipment, books, and other materials issued to or used by them in the instructional process. Students will be held financially responsible for any loss or intentional damage caused to school property.
- Students have the responsibility to complete all course assignments to the best of their ability and to complete make up work after an absence.
- Students have the responsibility to help maintain the cleanliness and safety of the school buildings and property.
- Students have the responsibility to present themselves in class at the prescribed time and with the necessary materials.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The organization of student councils in all schools is encouraged.

Student government is expected to be "of the students, by the students, for the students," representing the students in the school in communications with the administration and in the organization of student activities.

Members of student councils are to be elected democratically. The rights and responsibilities of the council should be clearly set forth by each school. Each student council must have a faculty advisor.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-341

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Students possess inalienable rights to develop, believe, and follow personal viewpoints and beliefs to the extent their viewpoints and beliefs do not infringe upon nor denigrate the same rights of others.

The District shall not discriminate against students or parents on the basis of a religious viewpoint or religious expression. If a student includes in an assignment a viewpoint expression, an evaluation of the student's work shall be based on ordinary standards of substance and relevance to the course curriculum or requirements of the coursework or assignment, and shall not penalize or reward the student on the basis of religious content or viewpoint.

Students are to be permitted to pray or engage in religious activities or expression in the same manner and to the same extent as students are permitted to engage in nonreligious activities or expression, before, during, and after the school day.

To the extent and in the manner that other types of clothing, accessories, and jewelry displaying messages or symbols are permitted, students are permitted to wear clothing, accessories, and jewelry that display religious messages or symbols.

Acknowledging and permitting the above freedoms is not to be interpreted to mean the District is requiring any person to participate in prayer or other religious activities nor attempting to violate the constitutional rights of any person.

The District does retain its rights to:

- Maintain order and discipline on District property in a content and viewpoint neutral manner.
- Protect the safety of students, employees, and visitors on District property.
- Adopt and enforce policies and regulations concerning student speech while on District property in a manner that does not violate a student's state and federal constitutional rights.
- Adopt and enforce policies and regulations that ban student clothing, accessories, and jewelry worn to convey affiliation with a criminal street gang.

A student or a student's parent is barred by statute from initiating legal action to enforce the student rights set out in this policy unless the student or the parent has:

- Submitted to the school principal a written complaint containing specific facts of the alleged violation.
 - The principal shall investigate the complaint and provide a written response within fifteen (15) days of receiving the complaint describing any action taken by the principal to resolve the complaint.

If the principal's actions do not resolve the complaint, the student or the student's parent shall:

- Submit written complaint containing specific facts of the alleged violation to the Superintendent or other designated administrator.
 - The Superintendent or other designated administrator shall investigate the complaint and provide a written response within twenty-five (25) days of receiving the complaint describing any action taken by the Superintendent or other designated administrator to resolve the complaint.

If the action taken by the Superintendent or other designated administrator does not resolve the complaint the student or the student's parent may pursue legal action to enforce this policy.

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15-110
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15-843
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20 U.S.C. 4071 *et seq.* Equal Access Act, (Section 801)

CROSS REF.: JI - Student Rights and Responsibilities
JII - Student Concerns, Complaints, and Grievances
JJAB - Limited Open/Closed Forum
JK - Student Discipline

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COMPLAINT FORM

(To be filed with the school principal)
Additional pages may be attached if more space is needed.

Please print:

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Another phone where you can be reached _____

During the hours of _____

E-mail address _____

I wish to complain against:

Name of person, school (department), program, or activity _____

Address _____

Specify your complaint by stating the problem as you see it. Describe the incident, the participants, the background to the incident, and any attempts you have made to solve the problem. Be sure to note relevant dates, times, and places.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

Students on school property or at school events shall not knowingly breath, inhale or drink a vapor-releasing substance containing a toxic substance, nor shall a student sell, transfer or offer to sell or transfer a vapor-releasing substance containing a toxic substance to a person under eighteen (18) years of age.

The nonmedical use, possession, or sale of

- alcohol,
- drugs,
- synthetic drugs,
- counterfeit drugs, or
- imitation drugs,

on school property or at school events is prohibited. *Nonmedical* is defined as "a purpose other than the prevention, treatment, or cure of an illness or disabling condition" consistent with accepted practices of the medical profession.

Students in violation of the provisions of the above paragraph shall be subject to removal from school property and shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Students attending school in the District who are in violation of the provisions of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary actions in accordance with the provisions of school rules and/or regulations.

For purposes of this policy, "drugs" shall include, but not be limited to:

- All dangerous controlled substances prohibited by law.
- All alcoholic beverages.
- Any prescription or over-the-counter drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy.
- Hallucinogenic substances.
- Inhalants.

- Synthetic, counterfeit or imitation drugs.
 - A compound or substance, regardless of its contents, compound or substance, that produces in the user an experience, effect and/or display of effects that mimic the experience, effect and/or display of effects produced by substances controlled or prohibited by law, or that is represented as producing in the user such experiences or effects.

Medical Marijuana

The conditions which follow are applicable to a District student who holds an identification as a medical marijuana cardholder issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services for the medical use of marijuana as set out in the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.).

The District will not refuse to enroll a student or otherwise penalize a student for being a medical marijuana cardholder unless failure to do so would cause the school to lose a monetary or licensing benefit under federal law or regulations.

A student medical marijuana cardholder is subject to, without bias, the same code of conduct and disciplinary standards applicable to all students attending the school.

A student medical marijuana cardholder shall not:

- undertake any task under the influence of marijuana that would constitute negligence.
- possess or engage in the medical use of marijuana,
 - on a school bus,
 - on the grounds of any preschool, elementary school or secondary school.
- smoke marijuana,
 - on any form of public transportation, or
 - in any public place.

- operate, navigate, or be in actual physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft or motorboat while under the influence of marijuana,
 - except that a registered qualifying student cardholder shall not be considered to be under the influence of marijuana solely because of the presence of metabolites or components of marijuana that appear in insufficient concentration to cause impairment.
- use marijuana in any manner not authorized by Chapter 28.1 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, or
- offer to give, sell, or dispense medical marijuana to another student or other individual on school property, in school-provided vehicles, at school events, or when functioning as a representative the school.

If District officials have a reasonable belief a student may be under the influence, in possession of or distributing medical marijuana in a manner not authorized by the medical marijuana statutes law enforcement authorities will be informed.

A student who violates any portion of this policy may be subject to warning, reprimand, probation, suspension, or expulsion, in addition to applicable civil and criminal prosecution.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 4-101
4-241
4-244
13-3401 through 13-3461
15-345
36-2801 *et seq.*, Arizona Medical Marijuana Act
20 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and
Communities Act

CROSS REF.: JLC - Student Health Services and Requirements
JLCD - Administering Medicines to Students

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

Drug Abuse Prevention

The following administrative procedures are to be used to implement the Governing Board policy on drug abuse prevention:

- It shall be the responsibility of all school employees to report to the principal or other administrator in charge all suspected instances of the use, possession, or sale of drugs.
- Distribution or sale of drugs:
 - When it is reasonably certain that a student is involved in the distribution or sale of drugs, law enforcement authorities and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be contacted.
 - A student who has been determined to be involved in the distribution of drugs shall be reported to the law enforcement authorities and shall be subject to suspension or expulsion.
- Possession of drugs:
 - Law enforcement authorities shall be contacted when the principal determines that drugs to be used for nonmedical purposes are found in the possession of a student. The principal may also contact law enforcement authorities to help make such a determination. Students who are in possession of drugs to be used for nonmedical purposes may be suspended or expelled.
 - A student who has been suspended for a drug-related offense for a second time will be referred to the Superintendent for further action (A.R.S. 15-843).
- Under the influence of drugs:
 - A student who is reasonably suspected of being under the influence of drugs shall be referred to the school office.
 - The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a student who is determined to be under the influence of drugs shall be contacted. The student may be suspended or expelled.
 - A student who has been involved in a drug-related offense for a second time will be referred to the Superintendent for further action (A.R.S. 15-843).

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- Student who seeks help:
 - The District does not condone the nonmedical use of drugs. The need for the availability of help to those who use/abuse drugs is recognized. It is the position of the District that communications between students and professional staff members will be held in trust unless it becomes evident that withholding information may result in harm or injury to the student or others. Staff members shall refer students who seek help to the school office.
- Involvement with medical drugs (medication):
 - A student who needs access to medical drugs in school shall leave them, in the original container, with the school principal. Permission and written directions from a physician concerning their use shall be left with the school office.
 - Students who are in possession of medically approved drugs, but have not followed the directions described above, shall be disciplined in accordance with school disciplinary policies.
 - Students who distribute such drugs to others will be considered as distributing drugs for nonmedical purposes.
- Parental involvement:
 - When the school principal questions a student who is reasonably suspected of having violated the school drug policy, reasonable efforts shall be made to notify the student's parents or legal guardian that such questioning has taken place.
 - Reasonable efforts shall be made to notify the parents or legal guardian of a student who has been determined to have violated the school drug policy.
- Medical services:
 - A student who is reasonably suspected of being under the influence of drugs while school is in session shall be referred to the school office. Such cases shall be treated like any other medical problem.
 - When there is reasonable suspicion that any student is under the influence of drugs while at a school activity and health services are unavailable, it shall be the responsibility of the supervisor on duty to call for appropriate assistance.

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- Return to school:
 - When a student has returned from a suspension for using drugs for nonmedical purposes, reasonable efforts should be made by school personnel and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to prevent the problem from recurring. The process could include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:
 - ▲ Utilization of community-based programs.
 - ▲ In-school group or individual counseling.
 - ▲ An effort by the professional staff to help the student emphasize the positive alternative to drug-use behavior.
- Student neglect, child abuse, or child maltreatment:
 - A staff member who believes that a parent or other adult is contributing to drug-using behavior of a student shall confer with the principal.
 - Such a conference does not change the duty of the staff member to ensure that the case is referred to the appropriate child protective services for further investigation.
- Drug education:
 - Substance abuse prevention shall be combined with health, science, citizenship, or a similar program.
 - In addition to the established curriculum, the principal shall direct the use of other educational information, including, but not necessarily limited to, assemblies, speakers, printed materials, class discussions, and bulletin board materials.
- Student counseling.
 - Counseling should emphasize drug abuse prevention as well as treatment, and an effort should be made to make it available to all students who desire this service.
 - Counseling may be done individually or in groups.
 - When a student seeks out an employee other than a counselor to discuss a drug problem, the particular staff member shall advise the counselor.

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- Staff education:
 - Within the first thirty (30) days of each school year, the Superintendent shall arrange a meeting that will include information on drug abuse prevention. The program will be conducted by personnel trained in drug abuse prevention and will include, but not necessarily be limited to, District policies and procedures, identification of commonly used drugs, and an approach that recognizes the dignity and worth of each student.
- Parent and community education:
 - At least once annually, the District shall sponsor a program for the community on its drug abuse prevention programs. In addition to presentations by school staff members, the program may include representatives of law enforcement agencies and medical professions.
 - Additionally, the District may offer programs in parent effectiveness training.
 - News releases and other forms of communications may be used to educate parents and the community, using regular school channels for such purposes. Such communications will be approved by the Superintendent.

Confidentiality

In order to preserve the rights of those in a counseling relationship, the counselor will inform the individual that information within the school setting cannot always be kept confidential. In some cases it will be referred to the appropriate individual or agency. Such cases may include those that endanger the welfare of the student or others.

The student shall be advised that school records include data concerning school achievement, test results, and attendance. School records are protected by federal and state statutes and do not include information concerning drug involvement.

WEAPONS IN SCHOOL

No student shall carry or possess a weapon or simulated weapon on school premises without authorization by a school administrator. The Superintendent shall prescribe regulations for student possession of bows or firearms on District property for the purpose of the student's participation in a course of training in bows or firearms approved by the Governing Board and as authorized by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 15-713, 15-714, and 15-714.01. No student shall use or threaten to use a weapon or simulated weapon to disrupt any activity of the District.

Any employee who observes any person in possession of a weapon or simulated weapon on school premises shall immediately report the matter to the school administrator. A school administrator who observes or receives a report of a student possessing a weapon on school premises shall immediately take appropriate safety and disciplinary actions in accordance with District policies and shall immediately report a violation of this policy to a peace officer, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-515, if the weapon is a deadly weapon or the student is a minor in possession of a firearm.

A student who violates this policy by carrying or possessing a firearm shall be placed in an alternative education program for a period of not less than one (1) year, suspended for a period of not less than one (1) year, or expelled and not be readmitted within a one (1)-year period, if ever. The Governing Board, in its sole discretion, may modify the one (1)-year duration of such disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis.

A student who violates this policy by any means other than carrying or possessing a firearm shall be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to expulsion. Disciplinary action against a student with one (1) or more disabilities shall be applied on a case-by-case basis in accordance with District policies and state and federal special education laws.

For the purposes of this policy:

- *Weapon* means any of the following:
 - A firearm.
 - A knife, other than a folding pocket knife with a blade length of not more than two and one-half (2 1/2) inches that cannot be locked in an open position.
 - A destructive device.
 - A dangerous instrument.

- *Simulated weapon* means an instrument displayed or represented as a weapon.
- *Firearm* means any of the following:
 - Any loaded or unloaded gun that will, that is designed to, or that may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.
 - The frame or receiver of any such firearm.
 - Any firearm muffler or silencer.
 - Any explosive, incendiary, poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four (4) ounces, missile having an explosive charge of more than one-fourth (1/4) ounce, mine, or similar device.
 - Any combination of parts that could be readily assembled to form a firearm.
- *Destructive device* means:
 - Any device other than a firearm that will, or is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by any means of propulsion, such as a BB/pellet gun, slingshot, bow, or crossbow.
 - Any collection of parts that could be readily assembled to form a destructive device.
- *Dangerous instrument* means anything other than a firearm, knife, or destructive device that is carried or possessed by a student for the purpose of being used or being available for use to cause death or inflict serious physical injury.
- *School premises* means the school, school grounds, school buses, or any premises, grounds, or vehicles used for school purposes and includes premises where school-sponsored events (for example, athletic games and competitions, music competitions, et cetera) are held away from District property.
- *Deadly weapon* means any weapon designed for lethal use, including a firearm.

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20 U.S.C. 7151 *et seq.*, The Gun-Free School Act of 1990

CROSS REF.: JI - Student Rights and Responsibilities
JIC - Student Conduct
JIH - Interrogations, Searches, and Arrests
JK - Student Discipline
JKD - Student Suspension
JKE - Expulsion of Students

STUDENT VIOLENCE / HARASSMENT / INTIMIDATION / BULLYING

The Governing Board believes it is the right of every student to be educated in a positive, safe, caring, and respectful learning environment. The Board further believes a school environment inclusive of these traits maximizes student achievement, fosters student personal growth, and helps students build a sense of community that promotes positive participation as members of society.

The District, in partnership with parents, guardians, and students, shall establish and maintain a school environment based on these beliefs. The District shall identify and implement age-appropriate programs designed to instill in students the values of positive interpersonal relationships, mutual respect, and appropriate conflict resolution.

To assist in achieving a school environment based on the beliefs of the Governing Board, bullying, harassment or intimidation as defined by this policy will not be tolerated.

Definitions

Bullying: Bullying may occur when a student or group of students engages in any form of behavior that includes such acts as intimidation and/or harassment that

- has the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm or damage to property,
- is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that the action, behavior, or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive environment in the form of physical or emotional harm,
- occurs when there is a real or perceived imbalance of power or strength, or
- may constitute a violation of law.

Bullying of a student or group of students can be manifested through written, verbal, physical, or emotional means and may occur in a variety of forms including, but not limited to

- verbal, written/printed or graphic exposure to derogatory comments,

extortion, exploitation, name calling, or rumor spreading either directly through another person or group or through cyberbullying,

- exposure to social exclusion or ostracism,
- physical contact including but not limited to pushing, hitting, kicking, shoving, or spitting, and
- damage to or theft of personal property.

Cyberbullying: Cyberbullying is, but not limited to, any act of bullying committed by use of electronic technology or electronic communication devices, including telephonic devices, social networking and other internet communications, on school computers, networks, forums and mailing lists, or other District-owned property, and by means of an individual's personal electronic media and equipment. Cyberbullying may include threats, hate speech, ridicule or posting false statements to humiliate a student.

Harassment: Harassment is intentional behavior by a student or group of students that is disturbing or threatening to another student or group of students. Intentional behaviors that characterize harassment include, but are not limited to, stalking, hazing, social exclusion, name calling, unwanted physical contact and unwelcome verbal or written comments, photographs and graphics. Harassment may be related, but not limited to, race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation, cultural background, economic status, size or personal appearance. Harassing behaviors can be direct or indirect and by use of social media.

Intimidation: Intimidation is intentional behavior by a student or group of students that places another student or group of students in fear of harm of person or property. Intimidation can be manifested emotionally or physically, either directly or indirectly, and by use of social media.

"Bullying" as used in this policy refers to "harassment, intimidation, and bullying."

Prohibitions and Discipline

Students are prohibited from bullying on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, at school sponsored events and activities, and through the use of electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on school computers, networks, forums, or mailing lists.

Disciplinary action may result for bullying which occurs outside of the school and the school day when such bullying results in a substantial physical,

mental, or emotional negative effect on the victim while on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, or at school sponsored events and activities, or when such act(s) interfere with the authority of the school system to maintain order. All suspected violations of law will be reported to local law enforcement.

Reporting Incidents of Bullying

A student who is experiencing bullying, or believes another student is experiencing bullying, or the parent of such student, is to report the situation to the principal or another school employee. A school employee who becomes aware of or suspects a student is being bullied shall immediately notify the school administrator and make a report in writing. School personnel shall maintain confidentiality of the reported information.

The initial notification of an alleged incident may be provided verbally. A detailed written description of the incident and any other relevant information must be provided on Complaint Form JICK-EA and submitted to the principal within one (1) school day of the verbal report. Should the principal be the employee who observes, is informed of, or suspects a student is experiencing bullying the principal shall document the incident or concern in writing. Failure by an employee to report a suspected case of bullying known to the employee may result in disciplinary action up to suspension without pay or dismissal pursuant to Board Policies GCQF and GDQF.

Reprisal by any student or staff member directed toward a student or employee related to the reporting of a case of bullying or a suspected case of bullying shall not be tolerated, and the individual(s) will be subject to the disciplines set out in applicable District policies and administrative regulations.

If a bullying incident is reported the principal shall provide to the student who has allegedly been bullied a written copy of student rights, protections and support services available to the student and shall notify the student's parent(s) of the report.

Knowingly submitting a false report under this policy shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion. Where disciplinary action is necessary pursuant to any part of this policy, relevant District policies shall be followed.

Investigating Incidents of Bullying

The principal shall investigate *all* reports of bullying. If the principal determines that bullying has occurred, discipline will be administered pursuant to Board Policies JK, JKD, and JKE. The principal will meet with the alleged victim on completion and disposition of the investigation to review the findings of the investigation and, if bullying has occurred, and notify the victim of the action taken. Regardless of the outcome of the investigation the principal will meet with the alleged perpetrator to review the findings of the investigation and, if bullying has occurred, notify the perpetrator of the discipline that will be administered. Subject to the restrictions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) set out in Policy JR, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the involved students shall also be informed of the findings of the investigation.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures designed to protect the health and safety of students who are physically harmed as the result of bullying. These will include, when appropriate, procedures for contacting emergency medical services, law enforcement agencies, or both.

Law enforcement authorities shall be notified any time District officials have a reasonable belief that an incident of bullying is a violation of the law.

Documentation of all incidents reported pursuant to this policy shall be maintained by the District for not less than six (6) years. In the event the District provides documentation of reported incidents to persons other than school officials or law enforcement all individually identifiable information shall be redacted. Restrictions established by FERPA on disclosure of personally identifiable student information must be observed at all times.

Dissemination Information on Bullying

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the dissemination of information to students, parents and guardians. The information will include, but not be limited to, Governing Board policies, incident reporting, support services (proactive and reactive) and student's rights. The dissemination of this information shall

- occur during the first (1st) week of each school year,
- be provided to each incoming student during the school year at the time of the student's registration,
- be posted in each classroom and in common areas of the school, and
- be summarized in the student handbook and on the District website, and

the Superintendent shall establish procedures for the dissemination of information to District employees including, but not limited to

- Governing Board policy,
- preventive measures,
- incident reporting procedures,
- available support services for students (both proactive and reactive),
and
- student rights.

Information will be provided to staff members at the beginning of each instructional year and on the first day of employment for new employees.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures designed to protect the health and safety of students who are physically harmed as the result of bullying. These will include, when appropriate, procedures for contacting emergency medical services, law enforcement agencies, or both.

Knowingly submitting a false report under this policy shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion. Where disciplinary action is necessary pursuant to any part of this policy, relevant District policies shall be followed.

Law enforcement authorities shall be notified any time District officials have a reasonable belief that an incidence of bullying is a violation of the law.

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CROSS REF.: JI - Student Rights and Responsibilities
 JII - Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances
 JIC - Student Conduct
 JK - Student Discipline
 JKD - Student Suspension
 JKDA - Removal of Students from School-Sponsored
 Activities
 JKE - Expulsion of Students
 JR - Student Records

REGULATION**REGULATION****STUDENT VIOLENCE / HARASSMENT /
INTIMIDATION / BULLYING**

The District does not tolerate bullying, harassment, or bullying in any form. Further, the District shall investigate each complaint of bullying, harassment, or bullying and will take appropriate, timely, and responsive action.

Bullying: Bullying may occur when a student or group of students engages in any form of behavior that includes such acts as intimidation and/or harassment that

- has the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm or damage to property,
- is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that the action, behavior, or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive environment in the form of physical or emotional harm,
- occurs when there is a real or perceived imbalance of power or strength, or
- may constitute a violation of law.

"Bullying" as used in this regulation refers to "harassment, intimidation, and bullying, including cyberbullying.

Reporting Incidents of Bullying

Any student who feels he or she has been the victim of bullying or suspects other students of being bullied, or the parent of such student, should file a complaint, Complaint Form JICK-EA, with the principal or the principal's designee or other school employee. The student's report may be provided verbally or in writing. A student's verbal report will be documented in writing by the employee receiving the report.

Any staff member who becomes aware of or suspects that a student is experiencing bullying shall file a complaint immediately notify the principal or the principal's designee. Employees may initially give verbal notice to the principal or the principal's designee, but shall submit a written report to the principal or the principal's designee within one (1) school day of the verbal report. Failure by an employee to report a suspected case of bullying known to the employee may result in disciplinary action up to suspension without pay or dismissal pursuant to Board Policies GCQF and GDQF.

REGULATION**REGULATION**

Reprisal directed toward a student or employee for the reporting of a case of bullying or a suspected case of bullying will not be tolerated. Students involved directly or indirectly in reprisal will be disciplined pursuant to Board Policies JK, JKD, and JKE. Any suspected violation of the law will be reported to law enforcement authorities.

If a bullying incident is reported, the principal shall provide to the student who is the alleged victim of the incident with a written copy of the rights, protections and support services available to that student and shall notify the student's parent(s) of the report.

Knowingly submitting a false report shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Investigating Incidents of Bullying

Investigation of submitted complaints shall be initiated by the principal or the principal's designee as soon as is feasible, but not later than two (2) school days after the initial report. Each investigation will be comprehensive to the extent determined appropriate by the principal or the principal's designee. In investigating the complaint, the principal or the principal's designee will maintain confidentiality to the extent reasonably possible, subject to the restrictions pertaining to disclosure of personally identifiable student information established in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Documentation of all incidents reported will be maintained by the District for at least six (6) years. In the event the District provides documentation of reported incidents to persons other than school officials or law enforcement, all individually identifiable information shall be redacted.

Should the principal or the principal's designee determine that bullying has occurred discipline will be administered pursuant to Board Policies JK, JKD, and JKE. The principal will meet with the alleged victim on completion and disposition of the investigation to review the findings of the investigation and, if bullying has occurred, notify the victim of the action taken. Regardless of the outcome of the investigation the principal will meet with the alleged perpetrator to review the findings of the investigation and, if bullying has occurred, notify the perpetrator of the discipline that will be administered. Additionally, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the involved students will be informed of the findings of the investigation.

REGULATION**REGULATION****Disseminating Information on Bullying**

The Superintendent is responsible for determining the methods of information delivery to employees and students. The Superintendent shall provide to the school principals, supervisors and all other District employees the information necessary to comply with Governing Board policy JICK. The information related to bullying is to include but not be limited to preventive measures, incident reporting, related support services available (proactive and reactive), student rights, employee responsibilities, and the ramifications of not reporting a bullying incident or suspicion of bullying. The information shall be disseminated to District personnel at the beginning of each year and as the Superintendent otherwise determines to be appropriate.

The principal or the principal's designee is responsible to ensure information related to bullying is disseminated to students, and parents and guardians. The information shall include but not be limited to Governing Board policy, incident reporting, support services (proactive and reactive) and student's rights. The dissemination of this information will

- occur during the first (1st) week of each school year,
- be posted in each classroom and in common areas of the school,
- be summarized in the student handbook and on the District website, and
- be provided to each incoming student during the school year at the time of registration.

The principal or the principal's designee is also responsible to ensure information is disseminated to all students who report bullying, including, at the time the incident is reported, a written copy of student rights, protections and support services available to the student; a copy of the report shall also be given to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).

The principal or the principal's designee is responsible for the maintenance of documentation related to bullying.

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**STUDENT VIOLENCE / HARASSMENT /
INTIMIDATION / BULLYING**

COMPLAINT FORM

(To be filed with any School District employee who will forward this document to the principal or the principal's designee)

Please print:

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Another phone where you can be reached _____

During the hours of _____

E-mail address _____

I wish to complain against:

Name of person(s) _____

Specify your complaint by stating the problem as you see it. Describe the incident, the participants, the background to the incident, and any attempts you have made to solve the problem. *Be sure to include all relevant dates, times, and places.* Additional pages may be attached if necessary.

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If there is anyone who could provide more information regarding this complaint, please list name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s).

Name	Address	Telephone Number
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_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

The projected solution:

Indicate what you think can and should be done to solve the problem. Be as specific as possible.

Reprisal by any student or staff member directed toward a student or employee related to the reporting of bullying or suspected bullying shall not be tolerated, and the individual will be subject to discipline.

Knowingly submitting a false report shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion.

For Staff Use Only: Provide to the student allegedly bullied a written copy of student rights, protections and support services and notify the student's parent of the report.

I certify this information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Complainant _____ Date _____

Document received by _____ Date _____

Investigating official _____ Date _____

STUDENT VIOLENCE / HARASSMENT / INTIMIDATION / BULLYING

(To be displayed in school buildings
and in student handbooks)

The Governing Board of the Mammoth-San Manuel Unified School believes it is the right of every student to be educated in a positive, safe, caring, and respectful learning environment. The Governing Board further believes a school environment that is inclusive of these traits maximizes student achievement, fosters student personal growth, and helps a student build a sense of community that promotes positive participation as citizens in society.

To assist in achieving a school environment based on the beliefs of the Governing Board, bullying in any form will not be tolerated.

Bullying: Bullying may occur when a student or group of students engages in any form of behavior that includes such acts as intimidation and/or harassment that

- has the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm or damage to property,
- is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that the action, behavior, or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive environment in the form of physical or emotional harm,
- occurs when there is a real or perceived imbalance of power or strength, or
- may constitute a violation of law.

Bullying of a student or group of students can be manifested through written, verbal, physical, or emotional means and may occur in a variety of forms including, but not limited to

- verbal, written/printed or graphic exposure to derogatory comments, extortion, exploitation, name calling, or rumor spreading either directly through another person or group or through cyberbullying,
- exposure to social exclusion or ostracism,
- physical contact including but not limited to pushing, hitting, kicking, shoving, or spitting, and
- damage to or theft of personal property.

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Cyberbullying: Cyberbullying is, but not limited to, any act of bullying committed by use of electronic technology or electronic communication devices, including telephonic devices, social networking and other internet communications, on school computers, networks, forums and mailing lists, or other District-owned property, and by means of an individual's personal electronic media and equipment.

Harassment: Harassment is intentional behavior by a student or group of students that is disturbing or threatening to another student or group of students. Intentional behaviors that characterize harassment include, but are not limited to, stalking, hazing, social exclusion, name calling, unwanted physical contact and unwelcome verbal or written comments, photographs and graphics. Harassment may be related, but not limited to, race, religious orientation, sexual preference, cultural background, economic status, size or personal appearance. Harassing behaviors can be direct or indirect and by use of social media.

Intimidation: Intimidation is intentional behavior by a student or group of students that places another student or group of students in fear of harm of person or property. Intimidation can be manifested emotionally or physically, either directly or indirectly, and by use of social media.

Students are prohibited from bullying on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, at school sponsored events and activities, and through the use of electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on school computers, networks, forums, or mailing lists.

Disciplinary action may result for bullying which occurs outside of the school and the school day when such acts result in a substantial physical, mental, or emotional negative effect on the victim, while on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, or at school sponsored events and activities, or when such act(s) interfere with the authority of the school system to maintain order. All suspected violations of law will be reported to local law enforcement.

Students who believe they are experiencing being bullied or suspect another student is bullied should report their concern to any staff member of the School District. School personnel are to maintain appropriate confidentiality of the reported information.

Reprisal by any student directed toward a student or employee related to the reporting of a case or a suspected case of bullying shall not be tolerated, and the individual(s) will be subject to the disciplines set out in applicable District policies and administrative regulations.

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Students found to be bullying others will be disciplined up to and including suspension or expulsion from school.

Knowingly submitting a false report under this policy shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion. Where disciplinary action is necessary pursuant to any part of this policy, relevant District policies shall be followed.

Law enforcement authorities shall be notified any time District officials have a reasonable belief that an incidence of bullying is a violation of the law.

STUDENT CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS, AND GRIEVANCES

The Superintendent is directed to establish procedures whereby students with sufficient concern may present a complaint or grievance regarding a violation of their constitutional rights, equal access to programs, discrimination, or personal safety provided that:

- The topic is not the subject of disciplinary or other proceedings under other policies and regulations of this District, and
- The procedure shall not apply to any matter for which the method of review is prescribed by law, or the Governing Board is without authority to act.

A complaint or grievance may be raised regarding one (1) or more of the following:

- Violation of the student's constitutional rights.
- Denial of an equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity for which the student qualifies not related to the student's individual capabilities.
- Discriminatory treatment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.
- Concern for the student's personal safety.

Refer to Board Policy JICK for procedures applying to a complaint or grievance that alleges incidences of student violence, harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

The accusation must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the time the student knew or should have known that there were grounds for the complaint or grievance. The initial complaint or grievance should be made using form JII-EA; however, a verbal complaint or grievance may be made to any school staff member. The receiving staff member shall immediately inform an administrator of the complaint or grievance.

When the initial complaint or grievance is submitted in a manner other than on the prescribed form, the administrator shall obtain from the student the particulars of the accusation and complete form JII-EA immediately thereafter. The administrator shall especially note all student-provided particulars determined by the Superintendent to be necessary for the complaint or grievance to be investigated. Any question concerning whether a complaint or grievance falls within this policy shall be determined by the Superintendent.

If the receiving school administrator is included in the allegation, the complaint or grievance shall be transmitted to the next higher administrative supervisor. Failure by the staff member to timely inform a school administrator or next higher administrative supervisor of a student's allegation may subject the staff member to disciplinary action. The staff member shall preserve the confidentiality of the subject, disclosing it only to the appropriate school administrator or next higher administrative supervisor or as otherwise required by law.

A student or student's parent or guardian may initiate the complaint process by completing Exhibit JII-EA.

A complaint or grievance may be withdrawn at any time. Once withdrawn, the process cannot be reopened if the resubmission is longer than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the occurrence of the alleged incident.

Retaliatory or intimidating acts against any student who has made a complaint under this policy and its corresponding regulations, or against a student who has testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation relating to a complaint or grievance, are specifically prohibited and constitute grounds for a separate complaint.

To assure that students and staff are aware of its content and intent, a notice of this policy and procedure shall be posted conspicuously in each school building and shall be made a part of the rights and responsibilities section of the student handbook. Forms for submitting complaints are to be available to students, staff and parents or guardians in the school offices.

Disposition of all complaints or grievances shall be reported to the Superintendent and the compliance officer for discrimination if other than the Superintendent. The Superintendent will determine if the policies of the District have been appropriately implemented and will make such reports and/or referrals to the Board as may be necessary.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the maintenance and confidentiality of documentation related to the receipt of a student's complaint or grievance, findings of the investigation, and disposition of the matter. The documentation shall not be used to impose disciplinary action unless the appropriate school official has investigated and determined there was an actual occurrence of the alleged incident.

Knowingly submitting a false report under this policy shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion. Where disciplinary action is necessary pursuant to any part of this policy, relevant District policies shall be followed.

When District officials have a reasonable belief or an investigation reveals that a reported incident may constitute an unlawful act, law enforcement authorities will be informed.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-341

CROSS REF.: AC - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity

ACA - Sexual Harassment

GBEB - Staff Conduct

JB - Equal Educational Opportunities

JIC - Student Conduct

JICFA - Hazing

JICK - Student Violence, Harassment, Intimidation,
or Bullying

JK - Student Discipline

JKD - Student Suspension

JKE - Expulsion of Students

KE - Public Concerns and Complaints

REGULATION**REGULATION****STUDENT CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS,
AND GRIEVANCES**

A student who complains or grieves regarding constitutional rights, equal access to programs, discrimination, or personal safety issues may complain directly to a school administrator, or to a school staff member within thirty (30) days of an alleged occurrence. The initial complaint or grievance should be made using form JII-EA, however, a verbal complaint or grievance may be made. When a school staff member receives the information, the staff member will immediately inform a school administrator. If the complaint or grievance involves a school administrator the staff member shall forward the complaint or grievance to the next administrative level.

Complaints and grievances related to student violence, harassment, intimidation or bullying are to be filed in accordance with Governing Board Policy JICK.

At a minimum the complaint or grievance shall contain the identifying information on the complainant and such specificity of names, places and times as to permit an investigation to be carried out. The written complaint or grievance should contain a requested solution and the submission should be signed and attested to by the complainant. However, an unsigned form will be processed in the same manner as a signed form.

The complaint or grievance will be investigated by a school administrator, a supervising administrator, or another person approved by the Superintendent. The student shall be contacted not later than the school day following the date the school administrator or the administrator's immediate supervisor receives the information. The procedures to be followed are:

- An investigation of the reported incident or activity shall be made within ten (10) school days when school is in session or within fifteen (15) days during which the school offices are open for business when school is not in session. Extension of the time line may only be by necessity as determined by the Superintendent.
- The investigator shall meet with the student who submitted the complaint or grievance at or before the end of the time period and shall discuss the conclusions and actions to be taken as a result of the investigation. Confidentiality of records and student information shall be observed in the process of making such a report.
- The investigator shall prepare a written report of the findings and a copy of the report shall be provided to the principal and/or the Superintendent as circumstances warrant.

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- A confidential record of each complaint and grievance made pursuant to Policy JII shall be maintained at the District office. The record shall include a copy of the complaint or grievance filed by a student, findings of the investigation, and the disposition of the matter.
- Unless a determination has been made by the appropriate investigating official that the reported incident actually occurred, the record shall not be used for the imposition of discipline.

Where disciplinary action is necessary, District policies shall be followed.

When District officials have a reasonable belief or an investigation reveals that a reported incident may constitute an unlawful act, law enforcement authorities will be informed.

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**STUDENT CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS,
AND GRIEVANCES**

COMPLAINT FORM

(To be filed with a school administrator or the administrator's immediate supervisor, or a school staff member who will forward this form to the school administrator or the administrator's immediate supervisor)
Additional pages may be attached if more space is needed.

Please print:

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Another phone where you can be reached _____

During the hours of _____

E-mail address _____

I wish to complain against:

Name of person, school (department), program, or activity _____

Address _____

Specify your complaint by stating the problem as you see it. Describe the incident, the participants, the background to the incident, and any attempts you have made to solve the problem. *Be sure to note all relevant dates, times, and places.*

STUDENT CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS, AND GRIEVANCES

(To be displayed in school buildings
and in student handbooks)

Students may present a complaint or grievance regarding one (1) or more of the following:

- Violation of the student's constitutional rights.
- Denial of an equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity for which the student qualifies not related to the student's individual capabilities.
- Discriminatory treatment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.
- Concern for the student's personal safety.

Complaints and grievances related to allegations of student violence, harassment, intimidation or bullying are to be filed in accordance with Board Policy JICK.

Provided that:

- The topic is not the subject of disciplinary or other proceedings under other policies and regulations of this District, and
- The procedure shall not apply to any matter for which the method of review is prescribed by law, or the Governing Board is without authority to act.

The guidelines to be followed are:

- The accusation must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the time the student knew or should have known that there were grounds for the complaint/grievance.
- The complaint/grievance shall be made only to a school administrator or a school staff member.
- The person receiving the complaint will gather information for the complaint form.
- All allegations shall be reported on forms with the necessary particulars as determined by the Superintendent. *Forms are available in the school office.*
- The person receiving the complaint shall preserve the confidentiality of the subject, disclosing it only to the appropriate school administrator or next higher administrative supervisor or as otherwise required by law.

Any question concerning whether the complaint or grievance falls within this policy shall be determined by the Superintendent.

A student or student's parent or guardian may initiate the complaint process by completing Exhibit JII-EA.

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A complaint or grievance may be withdrawn at any time. Once withdrawn, the process cannot be reopened if the resubmission is longer than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the occurrence of the alleged incident. False or unproven complaint documentation shall not be maintained.

Retaliatory or intimidating acts against any student who has made a complaint under the District policy and its corresponding regulations, or against a student who has testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation relating to a complaint or grievance, are specifically prohibited and constitute grounds for a separate complaint.

Knowingly submitting a false report under this policy shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion. Where disciplinary action is necessary pursuant to any part of this policy, relevant District policies shall be followed.

When District officials have a reasonable belief or an investigation reveals that a reported incident may constitute an unlawful act, law enforcement authorities will be informed.

LIMITED OPEN / CLOSED FORUM

Student meetings may be held in the school(s) of the District that offer instruction in grades seven (7) and eight (8) or above under a "limited open forum" if requested by a pupil in grade seven (7) or above. Furthermore, insofar as the District has a procedure defined as a "limited open forum" under the provisions of Title VIII, the Equal Access Act, Section 801 *et seq.*, the District school(s) shall offer to students a fair opportunity to conduct meetings using school facilities whereupon:

- Such meetings are voluntary and student initiated.
- There is no sponsorship of such meetings by the District, District employees or governmental entities, or employees of governmental entities.
- District employees present at religious meetings will be present only in a nonparticipatory capacity.
- Such meetings shall not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities of the District.
- Nonschool persons shall not be permitted to direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend such student group meetings.

Neither the District, any employee or agent of the District, nor of any State or federal governmental entity shall be permitted to:

- Influence the form or content of any prayer or other religious activity connected with student meetings.
- Require any person to participate in prayer or other religious activity.
- Expend public funds beyond the incidental cost of providing the space for such student-initiated meetings.
- Compel any employee of the District to attend a school meeting that is contrary to the beliefs of the employee.
- Sanction meetings that are otherwise unlawful.
- Limit the rights of groups of students to avail themselves under the provisions of this policy to a specified numerical size.
- Abridge either Arizona or U.S. constitutional rights of any employee, official, or student of the District.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to limit the authority of the school or its agents or employees to maintain order and discipline on school premises, to protect the well-being of students and employees, and to assure that attendance of students at such meetings is voluntary.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-720
20 U.S.C. 4071 *et seq.* Equal Access Act, (Section 801)
20 U.S.C. 7905

CROSS REF.: KF - Community Use of School Facilities

STUDENT FUND - RAISING ACTIVITIES

Fund-raising activities by students on school premises or elsewhere as representatives of the school will be permitted only for the types of fund-raising activities approved by the Governing Board and when connected with specific school activities approved by the Governing Board.

Participation in contests or fund-raising activities shall be governed by the following criteria:

- The aim of the activity shall benefit youth in educational, civic, social, and ethical development.
- The activity shall not be detrimental to the regularly planned instruction.

The proceeds of all fund-raising activities shall be deposited in the Student Activity Fund, and funds from such activities shall be used only as specified in the Uniform System of Financial Records.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-1121 through 1123

CROSS REF.: DIC - Financial Reports and Statements
JJF - Student Activities Funds

CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

Student participation in contests shall be limited to activities and events that relate to the educational needs and interests of students and do not promote private or commercial interests. The Superintendent shall establish procedures and regulations governing participation in such contests.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-1241
A.A.C. R7-2-313

REGULATION**REGULATION****CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS**

Participation in contests shall be optional and shall be kept within reasonable bounds. The following statements shall be a guide for determining participation in contests:

- The primary educational aims and the needs and interests of the students must be a consideration at all times.
- The school and its students shall not be used to promote private or commercial interests.
- All materials or activities initiated by private sources shall be judged on grounds of their:
 - Direct contribution to educational values.
 - Factual accuracy.
 - Good taste.
- Consideration shall be given in all cases to protecting students and teachers against unreasonable added work and responsibilities.
- Arizona Interscholastic Association regulations shall prevail with students who officially represent San Manuel High School.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

General

The purpose of interscholastic athletics is both educational and recreational. The school sports program should encourage participation by as many students as possible and should always be conducted with the best interests of the participants as the first consideration.

District participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the Board. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations, or conferences, and of any new agreements with other schools for a series of games or events.

The following rules shall be observed for participation by individual students:

- For each type of sport in which the student engages, the parents or guardian must give written consent.
- The student must be determined by a physician to be physically fit for the sport.

The Superintendent shall set up other rules for participation, such as those governing academic standing, in accordance with policies of the District and pertinent regulations and recommendations of the state interscholastic athletic association.

Health and Safety of Participants

The health and safety of participants in interscholastic athletic activities must receive careful consideration.

The Board shall develop, in consultation with the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) guidelines, information and forms to inform and educate coaches, pupils and parents of the dangers of concussions and head injuries and the risks of continued participation in athletic activity after a concussion.

Before a student participates in an athletic activity, the student, the student's parents, and the coaches shall participate in a District program to educate program participants of the danger of concussions, head injuries, and the risk of continued participation in athletic activity after a concussion. Students and parents shall sign the AIA form (Exhibit JJIB-E) at least once each school year stating awareness of the nature and risk of concussion. The District shall retain documentation of the participation of all affected coaching staff members in the program. For the purpose of this policy, athletic activity does not include:

- dance,
- rhythmic gymnastics,
- competition or exhibitions of academic skills or knowledge or other similar forms of physical noncontact activities,
- civic activities or academic activities, whether engaged in for the purpose of competition or recreation.

A student who is suspected of sustaining a concussion in a practice session, a game, or other interscholastic athletic activity shall be immediately removed from the athletic event. A coach from the student's team or an official or licensed health care provider may remove a student from play. A team parent may also remove his or her own child from play. A student may return to play on the same day if a health care provider rules out a suspected concussion at the time the student is removed from play. On a subsequent day, the student may return to play if the student has been evaluated by and receives written clearance to resume participation in athletic activity from a health care provider who has been trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries as prescribed by A.R.S. 15-341.

A group or organization that uses property or facilities owned or operated by the District for athletic activities shall comply with the policies of the Board related to concussions and head injury. This requirement does not apply to teams based in another state participating in athletic events in Arizona.

A District employee, team coach, official, team volunteer or a parent or guardian of a team member is not subject to civil liability for any act, omission or policy undertaken in good faith to comply with the requirements of this policy or for decisions made or actions taken by a health care provider. Further, the District and its employees and volunteers are not subject to civil liability for any other person's or organization's failure or alleged failure to comply with the requirements of this policy.

Participants must be provided access to water at all times during practice sessions, games, or other interscholastic athletic activities.

The Superintendent shall require that regulations for health and safety of participants in interscholastic athletics be developed, implemented, and enforced. Such regulations may, at the discretion of the Superintendent, be incorporated into this policy as an administrative regulation.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-341
 15-802.01
 A.G.O. I86-095
 A.A.C. R7-2-808

CROSS REF.: JJJ - Extracurricular Activity Eligibility
 KF - Community Use of School Facilities

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The Superintendent shall establish a program that will be presented prior to the start of any athletic activity each year and as needed throughout the school year to educate students, parents/guardians of students, and coaches who participate or coach athletic activities of the danger of concussions, head injuries, and the risk of continued participation in athletic activity after a concussion. The program shall comply with the guidelines, information and forms developed in consultation with the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

Information related to attending a District-established program and the requirements to attend a District-established program prior to participation in an athletic event will be made available by the principal to students, parents/guardians of students, and coaches prior to the start of athletic activities each school year and throughout the school year.

School principals shall be responsible for the implementation of the program at the school site and shall ensure that no student participates in an athletic activity prior to the student and the student's parents/guardians having annually attended the District's established program as verified by their signatures. Further, the principals shall be responsible for the participation and documentation of all coaches in the program prior to beginning a coaching assignment.

Signature verification of all program participants shall be provided on the District-approved form (JJIB-E), submitted to the school principal, and filed in the school office.

The principals shall advise all staff members assigned to the school of the requirements of Policy JJIB and this regulation.

Groups or Organizations

The principals shall ensure that all groups or organizations using property or facilities owned or operated by the District for athletic activities shall comply with Governing Board Policy JJIB related to concussions and head injury.

All groups or organizations who request use of District-owned or -operated property or facilities shall submit to the principal a written document describing the group's or organization's program and verifying that the program is and shall continue to be compliant with A.R.S. 15-341 and Board Policy JJIB. The submitted document must be signed by an official authorized by the group or organization, dated and submitted with the District's Community Use of School Facilities form to the principal a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the requested first use date.

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Records Compliance

All documentation related to Board Policy JJIB will be maintained pursuant to management standards adopted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records and Board Policy EHB, Data/Records Retention.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

(Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (MTBI) / Concussion)

STATEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

I, _____ (student), acknowledge that I have to be an active participant in my own health and have the direct responsibility for reporting all of my injuries and illnesses to the school staff (e.g., coaches, team physicians, athletic training staff). I further recognize that my physical condition is dependent upon providing an accurate medical history and a full disclosure of any symptoms, complaints, prior injuries and/or disabilities experienced before, during or after athletic activities.

By signing below, I acknowledge:

- My institution has provided me with specific educational materials including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Concussion Fact Sheet (<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/youth.html>) on what a concussion is and has given me an opportunity to ask questions.
- I have fully disclosed to the staff any prior medical conditions and will also disclose any future conditions.
- There is a possibility that participation in my sport may result in a head injury and/or concussion. In rare cases, these concussions can cause permanent brain damage, and even death.
- A concussion is a brain injury, which I am responsible for reporting to the team physician or athletic trainer.
- A concussion can affect my ability to perform everyday activities, and affect my reaction time, balance, sleep, and classroom performance.
- Some of the symptoms of concussion may be noticed right away while other symptoms can show up hours or days after the injury.
- If I suspect a teammate has a concussion, I am responsible for reporting the injury to the school staff.
- I will not return to play in a game or practice if I have received a blow to the head or body that results in concussion related symptoms.
- I will not return to play in a game or practice until my symptoms have resolved AND I have written clearance to do so by a qualified health care professional.
- Following concussion the brain needs time to heal and you are much more likely to have a repeat concussion or further damage if you return to play before your symptoms resolve.

Based on the incidence of concussion as published by the CDC the following sports have been identified as high risk for concussion; baseball, basketball, diving, football, pole vaulting, soccer, softball, spiritline and wrestling.

I represent and certify that I and my parent/guardian have read the entirety of this document and fully understand the contents, consequences and implications of signing this document and that I agree to be bound by this document.

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Student Athlete:

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or legal guardian must print and sign name below and indicate date signed.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reproduction of AIA FORM 15.7-C 02/11 which may be used in lieu of this document.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Superintendent shall recommend policies and develop procedures for the discipline of students that comply with A.R.S. 15-843. These policies and procedures will apply to all students traveling to, attending, and returning from school, and while visiting another school or at a school-sanctioned activity and may be imposed if the student's behavior affects the school order. When suspension or expulsion is involved, notice, hearing, and appeal procedures shall conform to applicable legal requirements.

The discipline, suspension and expulsion of pupils shall not be based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry. A substantial or deliberate failure to comply with the prohibition against race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry may subject the District to the loss of funds imposed by A.R.S. 15-843.

The principal of each District school shall ensure that a copy of all rules pertaining to discipline, suspension, and expulsion are distributed to each student's parents at the time the student enrolls in school each year.

Behavior Management and Discipline of Students with Special Needs

The Superintendent shall oversee a collaborative process for the identification, description, and monitoring of best practices for behavioral management and discipline of special needs students. The practices shall include, but not be limited to:

- authorized and prohibited disciplinary methods,
- recommended and required training for special education program teachers and aides, and
- requirements for conveying notice of disciplinary measures taken.

The Superintendent shall, by administrative regulation, prescribe procedures for implementation of the best practices, subject to Governing Board approval.

Temporary Removal

Teachers are authorized to temporarily remove a student from a class. A teacher may temporarily remove a student to the principal, or to a person designated by the school administrator, in accord with:

- Rules established for the referral of students.

- The conditions of A.R.S. 15-841, when applicable.

The Superintendent shall establish such rules as are necessary to implement the temporary removal procedure.

Threatened an Educational Institution

Threatened an educational institution means to interfere with or disrupt an educational institution as found in A.R.S. 15-841 and 13-2911. A student who is determined to have threatened an educational institution shall be expelled from school for at least one (1) year except that the District may modify this expulsion requirement for a pupil on a case-by-case basis and may reassign a pupil subject to expulsion to an alternative education program if the pupil participates in mediation, community service, restitution or other programs in which the pupil takes responsibility for the results of the threat. The District may require the student's parent(s) to participate in mediation, community service, restitution or other programs with the student as a condition to the reassignment of the pupil to an alternative education program.

Information concerning a student's disciplinary record will be held in the strictest confidence.

Disciplinary actions taken will be recorded in an administrative log, and all types of suspensions or expulsions will be recorded in a separate file for each student.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 13-403 *et seq.*
 13-2911
 15-341
 15-342
 15-841
 15-842
 15-843
 15-844

CROSS REF.: GBEB - Staff Conduct
 JIC - Student Conduct
 JKA - Corporal Punishment
 JKD - Student Suspension
 JKE - Expulsion of Students

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A student may be subject to disciplinary action when the student:

- Engages in conduct that is disorderly, i.e., intentionally causing public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, by:
 - Fighting or engaging in violent behavior.
 - Making unreasonable noise.
 - Using abusive or obscene language or gestures.
 - Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
 - Creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act that serves no legitimate purpose.
- Engages in conduct that is insubordinate, i.e., failing to comply with the lawful directions of a teacher, school administrator, or other school employee in charge of the student.
- Endangers the safety, morals, health, or welfare of others by any act, including but not limited to:
 - Selling, using, or possessing alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances or drug paraphernalia.
 - Selling, using, or possessing weapons, fireworks, or other dangerous instruments or contraband.
 - Selling, using, or possessing obscene materials.
 - Using profane, vulgar, or abusive language (including ethnic slurs).
 - Gambling.
 - Hazing.
 - Engaging in lewd behavior.

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- Engages in any of the following forms of academic misconduct:
 - Lateness for, missing, or leaving school or class without permission or excuse.
 - Cheating (including but not limited to copying, using unauthorized help sheets and the like, illegally obtaining tests in advance, substituting for a test-taker, and other forms of unauthorized collusion).
 - Plagiarism.
- Engages in conduct violative of the Board's rules and regulations for the maintenance of public order on school property.
- Uses personal portable electronic instruments, communication, and entertainment devices, including but not limited to cell phones, still and video cameras and equipment, recording/playback apparatus, and other electronic equipment which may be used for similar purposes, during the school day or during directed student study time unless such use has been specifically authorized by the school administrator.
- Has a record of excessive absenteeism.
- Is believed to have or actually has committed a crime.

Reasonableness of use of physical force in self-defense, defense of others, and defense of property will be considered as a mitigating factor in determining penalties for misconduct. The threat or use of physical force by a student is not reasonable (i) when made in response to verbal provocation alone, (ii) when assistance from a school staff member is a reasonable alternative, or (iii) when the degree of physical force used is disproportionate to the circumstances or exceeds that necessary to avoid injury to oneself or to others or to preserve property at risk.

Permissible Penalties

The range of penalties that may be imposed for violations of student discipline rules include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning.
- Written warning.
- Written notification to parents.
- Probation.

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- Detention.
- Suspension from transportation.
- Suspension from athletic participation.
- Suspension from social or extracurricular activities.
- Suspension of other privileges.
- Exclusion from a particular class.
- In-school suspension.
- Involuntary transfer.
- Community service.
- Suspension.
- Alternative to Suspension Program.
- Expulsion.
- Alternative to Expulsion Program.

Depending upon the nature of the violation, student discipline may be progressive, i.e., generally, a student's first violation should merit a lighter penalty than subsequent violations. A District employee or agent should take into account all other relevant factors in determining an appropriate penalty. The above penalties may be imposed either alone or in combination.

Student Disciplinary Proceeding

Each school will establish a procedure that at a minimum will provide the principal, or the designee of the school administrator, with documentation of the teacher's reason(s) for the temporary removal of a student from class.

Refusal to readmit per A.R.S. 15-841:

- Upon discussion, by the administrator with the teacher, of disciplinary action implemented in conjunction with a temporary removal in accord with the rules established by the Board, the teacher will be required to state an intent to readmit or refuse to readmit the removed student. If the teacher refuses to readmit the student, the reason shall be written by the teacher, explaining the conditions used to determine the removal, and shall be provided to the administrator by the next business day following the temporary removal.

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- Either of the following conditions must exist for a temporary removal per A.R.S. 15-841:
 - The teacher has documented that the pupil has repeatedly interfered with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the other pupils in the class or with the ability of the other pupils to learn.
 - The teacher has determined that the pupil's behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it seriously interferes with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the other pupils in the classroom or with the ability of the other pupils to learn.
- The matter will be referred to the school placement review committee (SPRC) constituted in accord with statute if the conditions are consistent with those stated in A.R.S. 15-841. Within three (3) business days following the date of temporary removal, the SPRC shall determine to either place the student in a new class or return the student to the existing class if that is the best or only practicable alternative.
- If the student is qualified for educational services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), any change in the student's individualized education program (IEP) shall be determined by the individualized education program (IEP) team in accord with federal regulations.

Any teacher, administrator, Board member, parent, or other person may report a violation of student disciplinary rules to an administrator. The administrator will then make an investigation of the charges as deemed appropriate and will institute appropriate proceedings.

This information for the maintenance of public order on school property will be publicized and explained to all students and provided in writing to parents as requested. In order to promote effectiveness of student discipline, the assistance of parents in enforcing rules for student discipline shall be invited and encouraged.

Involving Staff Members

The principal is responsible for involving staff members of the school in the development of a positive plan for student discipline. All staff members are responsible for implementing the plan of student discipline for the school.

DETENTION OF STUDENTS

Reasonable detention during break-time, noon, or at the close of the school day is permitted, provided that appropriate consideration is given to student transportation, weather, and other extenuating circumstances. However, a student shall not be denied the privilege of eating. Detention should not exceed one (1) hour per day.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-843

REGULATION**REGULATION****DETENTION OF STUDENTS**

Teachers may keep students after school to make up work or for disciplinary reasons. The names of students to be kept after school will be reported to the District office not later than 2:00 p.m. each day.

Students may be kept after school only if prior notice has been given to their parents, and only on days when the District provides a late bus. Teachers are responsible to see that all students are released in time to board the late bus.

STUDENT SUSPENSION

A student may be removed from contact with other students as a temporary measure.

The authority to suspend a student for up to ten (10) days, after an informal hearing is held, rests with the Superintendent. If a danger to students or staff members is present, the Superintendent may immediately remove the student from school, with prior contact with the parents and with a notice and hearing following as soon as practicable. Each suspension shall be reported to the Governing Board, within five (5) days, by the person imposing it. [A.R.S. 15-843]

In all cases, except summary suspension where a clear and present danger is evident, the student shall remain in school until applicable due process procedures are instituted. In *no* instance shall students be released early from school unless parents have been notified.

The Superintendent may designate a hearing officer for suspension hearings.

Regular Education Students

Suspension for ten days or less:

- *Step 1:* The student will receive notice, written or oral, of the reason for suspension and the evidence the school authorities have of the alleged misconduct.
 - After having received notice, the student will be asked for an explanation of the situation.
 - The authorized District personnel shall make reasonable efforts to verify facts and statements prior to making a judgment.
- *Step 2:* Following Step 1:
 - Provided that a written record of the action taken is kept on file, authorized District personnel may:
 - ▲ Suspend the student for up to ten (10) days.
 - ▲ Choose other disciplinary alternatives.
 - ▲ Exonerate the student.
 - ▲ Suspend the student for ten (10) days pending a recommendation that the student be given a long-term suspension or expulsion or both.

- When suspension is involved:
 - ▲ A parent must be notified before the student is allowed to leave campus. If no parent contact can be made, the student may be isolated until dismissal time and then given a written message to the parents.
 - ▲ A letter to the parents will be written within a reasonable time to explain the terms (including the possibility that a long-term suspension and/or expulsion is being recommended) and reasons for the suspension and to request a meeting to solicit their help.
- No appeal is available from a short-term suspension.

Suspension for over ten days:

- *Step 3:* If the offense is one that could result in a suspension of over ten (10) days, in addition to Step 1 and Step 2 a formal hearing will be arranged and conducted by a hearing officer or by the Superintendent.
- *Step 4:* A formal letter to the responsible parent or guardian will be mailed by certified mail with return receipt requested or delivered by hand (with an adult witness present) at least five (5) working days prior to the formal hearing. A copy of this letter will remain on file, and the letter should contain the following information:
 - The charges and the rule or regulation violated.
 - The extent of the punishment to be considered.
 - The date, time, and place of the formal hearing.
 - A designation of the District's witnesses.
 - That the student may present witnesses.
 - That the student may be represented by counsel at student's expense.
 - If a hearing officer has been designated, the name of the hearing officer.
- *Step 5:* A formal hearing will be held, during which the student will be informed of the following:

- Nothing in these procedures shall be construed to prevent the students who are subject to the action and their parents or legal guardians and legal counsel from attending any executive (closed) session pertaining to the proposed disciplinary action, or from having access to the minutes and testimony of such session or from recording such a session at the parent's or legal guardian's expense.
 - The student is entitled to a statement of the charges and the rule or regulation violated.
 - The student may be represented by counsel, without bias to the student.
 - The student may present witnesses.
 - The student or counsel may cross-examine witnesses presented by the District.
 - The burden of proof of the offense lies with the District.
 - Either the hearing must be recorded on tape or an official record must be kept in some other appropriate manner. In addition, parents are to be allowed to tape-record the hearing at their own expense.
 - The District has the right to cross-examine witnesses, and may be represented by an attorney.
- *Step 6:* The decision and appeal procedure, if applicable, upon the conclusion of the hearing will be as follows:
 - Upon the conclusion of a hearing by a hearing officer in which a decision of long-term suspension is made, the decision may be appealed to the Board. To arrange such an appeal, the parent(s) of the suspended student or the student must deliver to the Superintendent a letter directed to the Board within five (5) days after receiving written notice of the long-term suspension. The letter must describe in detail any objections to the hearing or the decision rendered.
 - The appeal to the Board will be on the record of the hearing held by the hearing officer. If the Board determines that the student was not afforded due process rights or that this policy was not followed in all substantive respects, the student shall be given another hearing. If the Board determines that the punishment was not reasonable, they may modify the punishment.
 - The decision of the Board is final.

Special Education Students

Suspension for ten days or less. Short-term suspension (ten [10] days or less) may be used for special education students for disciplinary reasons on the same basis as for a regular education student. (It is not considered a change of placement.)

- *Step 1:* The student will receive notice, written or oral, of the reason for suspension and the evidence the school authorities have of the alleged misconduct.
 - After having received notice, the student will be asked for an explanation of the situation.
 - The authorized District personnel involved shall make reasonable efforts to verify facts and statements prior to making a judgment.
- *Step 2:* Following Step 1:
 - Provided that a written record of the action taken is kept on file, authorized District personnel may:
 - ▲ Suspend the student for up to ten (10) days.
 - ▲ Choose other disciplinary alternatives.
 - ▲ Exonerate the student.
 - ▲ Suspend the student for ten (10) days pending a recommendation that the student be given a long-term suspension or expulsion or both.
 - When suspension is involved:
 - ▲ A parent must be notified before the student is allowed to leave campus. If no parent contact can be made, the student may be isolated until dismissal time and then given a written message to the parents.
 - ▲ A letter to the parents will be written within a reasonable time to explain the terms (including the possibility that a long-term suspension and/or expulsion is being recommended) and reasons for the suspension and to request a meeting to solicit their help.
 - No appeal is available from a short-term suspension.

Suspension for over ten days

If a special education student is recommended for a suspension of more than ten (10) days during the school year (a possible change in placement), a manifestation determination conference must be held.

- *Step 3:* A recommended suspension of a special education student for more than ten (10) consecutive days, or a series of suspensions totaling more than ten (10) days, may constitute a change of placement and shall require a manifestation determination conference. Such a conference shall be for the purpose of determining whether or not the offense is a manifestation of the student's disability.
- *Step 4:* If the offense is not a manifestation of the disability of the student, the student may be suspended by following the District policies for students in general, provided that educational services are continued during the period of disciplinary removal for a student with a disability qualified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). A student with a disability qualified for educational services under the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and not qualified under IDEA, may be suspended or expelled from school, and educational services may be ceased, if nondisabled students in similar circumstances do not continue to receive educational services.
- *Step 5:* If the behaviors are a manifestation of the disability of the student, the District may not extend the suspension of the student beyond the initial ten (10) school days.

An exception to the above allows for an IDEA qualified student to be given a change in placement to an interim alternative educational setting for not more than forty-five (45) days, in accord with federal law and regulation, if the removal is for IDEA defined drug or weapons offenses or is based upon a due process hearing officer's determination that injury to the child or another is substantially likely if current placement is maintained.

Any interim alternative educational setting must be selected so as to enable the child to continue to progress in the general curriculum, although in another setting, and to continue to receive those services and modifications, including those described in the child's current IEP; and include services and modifications which are designed to prevent the behaviors for which the placement was made from recurring. (Caution: refer to IDEA statutes and regulations before implementing the exception.)

Alternative to Suspension

Students meeting the following requirements may participate in an alternative to suspension program described below at the determination of the Superintendent:

- Suspension from school has been determined as the punishment for an offense and any appeal has been denied.
- The immediate suspension was not due to:
 - Fighting or engaging in violent behavior
 - Threatening an educational institution
 - Selling, using or possessing weapons, firearms, explosives, or dangerous instruments
 - Making a bomb threat
 - Engaging in arson
- The student has not served more than one (1) short-term suspension or alternative to suspension of ten (10) days or less during the current academic year.
- The student has admitted to or taken responsibility for the act upon which suspension was imposed in a written statement signed by the student and attested to by the student's parent or guardian.
- The student and parent or guardian has received a written admonition that the suspension as originally determined will be imposed summarily and in its entirety should the student violate the conditions or requirements of the Alternative to Suspension Program. (*Note: Follow appropriate dismissal procedures.*)
- Parent(s) or guardian(s) shall agree to participate by:
 - Providing transportation as necessary to and from the program location.
 - Furnishing meals prepackaged or purchasing same for the student.
 - Establishing and monitoring in consultation with the school a supervisory routine limiting the student's contact to that which is necessary with other students and friends during the program.

The Alternative to Suspension Program is to be one of social isolation. It shall be discipline intensive, requiring academic work and as determined may involve community service, groundskeeping, and litter control. Parents will participate by providing support and supervision.

- Students will be isolated from others by means of barriers or distance at a location determined by the District. No participation in any school sponsored activity will be permitted during the program.
- Communication by students with others will be limited to adult District staff or as directed by the adult supervisor on duty.
- Ordered study time will be established for each student consistent with the number of classes in which the student is enrolled, divided proportionately through the academic day.
- Students are confined to their assigned areas and seats except as designated by the supervisor. All personal maintenance will be planned and approved by the supervisor.
- Students are to bring all books, workbooks, paper and necessary instruments for each class in which they are enrolled to the program daily and take the same material home each day of the program.
- Protocols for implementation of the Alternative to Suspension Program following the requirements above may be established by the administrator at each location.

Procedures and Conditions for Readmission of Students Suspended for More Than Ten Days

Early readmission procedures

The Superintendent may authorize early readmission of a student suspended for more than ten (10) days. The student shall be considered for readmission only upon completion of the major portion of the suspension (usually one [1] day more than half [1/2] with consideration for the grading period or academic division as necessary). The following conditions must be met:

- A written request must be submitted to the Superintendent on behalf of the student by the student's parent or guardian asking for readmission and requesting a meeting to determine any requirements.
- Accompanying the written request shall be a summary of the student's

activities and accomplishments during the suspension period written and signed by the student and signed and attested to by the parent or guardian. (Parents of elementary grade students may prepare the summary.)

- The request shall include a signed statement from local law enforcement officials that there have been no infractions of local or state codes for which the student could have been charged during the period of the suspension.
- At the time of the meeting to review the request the student may be required to explain the incident or incidents leading up to the suspension.
- The determination to allow readmission may be based on, but not limited to, the following elements:
 - The age of the student.
 - The frequency, type, and relative magnitude of previous misbehavior by the student.
 - The relative severity of the event(s).
 - Whether the student's behavior violated civil or criminal laws.
 - The degree to which the incident(s) interfered with the educational process.
 - The extent to which the event created endangerment to the student, others or property.
 - Special intellectual, psychological, emotional, environmental and physical characteristics of the student.
 - The student's attitude concerning the event(s).
 - The expressed intent concerning the student's future behavior.
- Should early readmission be granted, the student, with parent or guardian affirmation, shall agree to the following conditions:
 - Regular attendance—no unexcused absences.
 - No violation of school rules or policies.
 - Attendance at after school events for the remaining term of

EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

A recommendation to expel shall be by the Superintendent. The authority to expel rests only with the Board. All expulsions requested shall have supporting data indicating the required due process procedure provided at the time of recommendation.

The Governing Board (***Option A***: will decide in executive session whether the Board will conduct an expulsion hearing or designate one [1] or more hearing officers to hear the evidence) ***OR (Option B***: directs all expulsions hearings to be conducted by a hearing officer selected from a list of hearing officers approved by the Board).

Expulsion

Regular Education Students

Expulsion is the permanent exclusion of a student from school and school activities, unless the Governing Board reinstates the student's privileges to attend school.

- *Step 1:* Each recommendation for expulsion shall be delivered to the Superintendent. A recommendation for expulsion may be made before, after or in conjunction with a long-term suspension hearing, if one is to be held.
- *Step 2:* If the Superintendent concurs with the recommendation, the Superintendent shall (***Option A***: present the recommendation to the Governing Board) ***OR (Option B***: present the recommendation for expulsion to a hearing officer selected from a list of hearing officers approved by the Board).
- *Step 3:* In each case in which a recommendation for expulsion receives approval by the Superintendent, (*and the Board has not determined that all expulsion hearings are to be conducted by a hearing officer*), the Governing Board will meet in executive session:
 - to determine whether the nature of the accusations against the student justify an expulsion hearing,
 - to determine whether the hearing will be held before the Governing Board or before a hearing officer,
 - to designate a hearing officer if one will be used, and

- if the hearing will be conducted by the Governing Board to determine whether the hearing will be conducted in executive session. Under normal circumstances, the Governing Board will not review any documents or other pertinent evidence during the initial executive session.
- *Step 4:* The expulsion hearing should be scheduled so it may be resolved, if reasonably possible, during the period of any suspension.
- *Step 5:* A formal letter to the responsible parent or guardian will be mailed by certified mail with return receipt requested or delivered by hand (with an adult witness present) at least five (5) working days prior to the formal hearing. A copy of this letter will remain on file, and the letter should contain:
 - A statement of the charges and the rule or regulation violated.
 - The extent of the punishment to be considered.
 - The date, time, and place of the formal hearing.
 - A designation of the District's witnesses.
 - That the student may present witnesses.
 - That the student may be represented by counsel at the student's expense.
 - If a hearing officer has been appointed, the name of the hearing officer and how the hearing officer may be contacted, or a statement that the Governing Board will preside at the hearing.
 - Copies of this policy and A.R.S. 15-840 and 15-843 unless previously provided in connection with the same infraction.
- *Step 6:* The parent, guardian or emancipated student shall be informed of the following:
 - Nothing in these procedures shall be construed to prevent the students who are subject to the action and their parents or legal guardians and legal counsel from attending any executive (closed) session pertaining to the proposed disciplinary action, or from having access to the minutes and testimony of such session or from recording such a session at the parent's or legal guardian's expense.
 - The student is entitled to a statement of the charges and the rule or regulation violated.

- The student may be represented by counsel, without bias to the student.
 - The student may present witnesses.
 - The student or counsel may cross-examine witnesses presented by the District.
 - The burden of proof of the offense lies with the District.
 - Either the hearing must be recorded on tape or an official record must be kept in some other appropriate manner. In addition, parents are to be allowed to tape-record the hearing at their own expense.
 - The District has the right to cross-examine witnesses, and may be represented by an attorney.
 - If the hearing is held before a hearing officer, the hearing will be conducted in private with the attendance of only the hearing officer, administrative representatives, the student and parent(s), counsel for the parties, and witnesses necessary to the proceedings, unless the parent(s), guardian(s) or emancipated student requests in writing that the hearing be open to public attendance.
 - If the hearing is held before the Governing Board the Board will conduct the hearing in executive session with the attendance of only the hearing officer, administrative representatives, the student and parent(s), counsel for the parties, and witnesses necessary to the proceedings, unless the parent(s), guardian(s) or emancipated student requests in writing that the hearing be open to public attendance.
- *Step 7:* A formal hearing will be held:
 - When a parent or legal guardian has disagreed that the hearing should be held in executive (closed) session, it shall be held in an open meeting unless:
 - ▲ If only one (1) student is subject to the proposed action, and disagreement exists between that student's parents or legal guardians, then the Board (hearing officer), after consultation with the student's parents or legal guardians, shall decide in executive (closed) session whether the hearing will be in executive (closed) session.

- ▲ If more than one (1) student is subject to the proposed action and disagreement exists between the parents of different students, then separate hearings shall be held subject to the provisions of A.R.S. 15-843.
- *Step 8:* The decision and appeal procedure, if applicable, upon the conclusion of the hearing will be as follows:
 - Upon conclusion of a hearing conducted by a hearing officer, if a recommendation for expulsion is made, the decision may be appealed to the Board at the time the Board considers the recommendation. A formal letter to the responsible parent or guardian will be mailed by certified mail with return receipt requested or delivered by hand (with an adult witness present) indicating the recommendation that will be made to the Board. A copy of this letter will remain on file, and the letter should explain:
 - ▲ The time and place of the Board meeting at which the recommendation will be made.
 - ▲ That the recommendation may be appealed at the time the recommendation is made to the Board.
 - ▲ That the appeal shall be in writing delivered to the Superintendent prior to the time of the Board meeting.
 - ▲ That the written appeal shall indicate a spokesperson on behalf of the student.
 - ▲ That the spokesperson will be given time to speak to the Board on appeal.
 - ▲ The Board may accept the hearing officer's recommendation or reject the recommendation and impose a different disciplinary action including assignment to an alternative educational program. The Board may grant a new hearing, take the matter under advisement, or take any further action deemed necessary. If the Board decides to expel the student the expulsion shall become effective the day after the Board's decision. The decision of the Board is final.
 - Upon conclusion of a hearing on expulsion conducted by the Board, the decision of the Board is final.

Special Education Students

A student qualified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as revised in 2004 may not be expelled from school but in compliance with federal law and regulation may be given a change in placement. The Individualized Education Program Team generally determines a change in placement of an IDEA qualified student. During any change in placement the school must provide services to the extent necessary to enable the child to appropriately progress in the general curriculum and appropriately advance toward achieving the goals set out in the child's Individualized Education Programs.

A student with a disability qualified under the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and not qualified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as revised in 2004, may be suspended or expelled from school and education services may be ceased, if nondisabled students in similar circumstances do not continue to receive education services.

Readmittance procedure:

- A student expelled from the District may request readmittance by making a written application to the Board. Readmission is at the discretion of the Governing Board. In addition, it is the prerogative of the Board to stipulate appropriate conditions for readmittance. The application for readmittance shall occur no less than nine (9) months after the date of the expulsion; however, the student may not be readmitted until at least two (2) complete semesters have passed (the remainder of the semester in which the violation has occurred and two [2] additional semesters). The application must:
 - Be written and be directed to the attention of the Governing Board.
 - Contain all information that the student and parent(s) consider relevant to the Governing Board's determination as to whether or not to readmit the student. This should include information indicating:
 - ▲ An appreciation by the student of the severity and inappropriateness of the student's prior misconduct.

- ▲ That such misconduct or similar misconduct will not be repeated.
- ▲ A description of the student's activities since the expulsion.
- ▲ Support of the student's application for readmission.
- Be filed in the Superintendent's office.
- The Governing Board shall meet in executive session to consider an initial application for readmission. The student and parents have the right to be present in the executive session but do not have the right to make a presentation or address the Governing Board unless they are asked to do so by the Governing Board. For this reason, it is important that the application for readmission contain all information that the Governing Board may deem important in determining whether to readmit the student. The Governing Board, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether the student should be readmitted, and, if so, under what restrictions and conditions. The burden is on the student and parent(s) to convince the Governing Board that readmission is appropriate considering the interests of the expelled student, the District, and the interests of the other students and staff members. The Governing Board's decision is final.
- A student may file more than one (1) application for readmission. Applications subsequent to an initial application, however, may not be filed more frequently than every ninety (90) days, and the Governing Board shall meet to discuss and consider the application only if at least two (2) members of the Governing Board ask that the matter be placed on an agenda for discussion in executive session.

Readmittance conditions

As a condition for readmission from an expulsion, the student, with parent(s) or guardian affirmation, shall agree to the following conditions:

- Regular attendance – no unexcused absence.
- No violation of school rules or policies.
- Completion of all classroom tasks in a timely fashion, as directed.

- Depending upon the nature of the original violation for which the expulsion was provided, the student may be limited as to attendance or participation in after school activities, school sports, and extracurricular events or activities.

A student allowed readmission following expulsion shall receive a written admonition that the original expulsion will be summarily reinstated should the student commit a violation of the conditions for readmission or a criminal or civil violation reflecting on the school order.

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LEGAL REF.:	A.R.S. 15-342	15-841
	15-766	15-842
	15-767	15-843
	A.G.O. I78-103	I80-055
	I78-218	I84-036
	A.A.C. R7-2-401	R7-2-405
	20 U.S.C. 1400 <i>et seq.</i> , Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	
	20 U.S.C. 7151 <i>et seq.</i> , The Gun-Free School Act of 1990	
	29 U.S.C. 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (Section 504)	

CROSS REF.: IHB - Special Instructional Programs
JR - Student Records

STUDENT WELLNESS

The School District strives to make a significant contribution to the general well being, mental and physical capacity, and learning ability of each student while affording them the opportunity to fully participate in the educational process.

The District is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Healthy eating is demonstrably linked to reduced risk for mortality and development of many chronic diseases as adults.

To ensure the health and well-being of all students, the Board shall promote and monitor student wellness in a manner that the Board determines is appropriate in the following areas:

- *Nutrition Guidelines:* All foods available in each school during the day will have as a primary goal the promotion of student health and the reduction of childhood obesity. All guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, as those regulations and guidance apply to schools.
- *Nutrition Education:* The goal is to influence students' eating behaviors by providing nutrition education that is appropriate for students' ages; reflects students' cultures; is integrated into health education or core curricula; and provides opportunities for students to practice skills and have fun.
- *Physical Activity:* The goals for physical activity are to provide opportunities for every student to develop the knowledge and skills for specific physical activities, to maintain students' physical fitness, to ensure students' regular participation in physical activity, and to teach students the short- and long-term benefits of a physically active and healthful lifestyle.
- *Other School-Based Activities:* The goal is to create a total school environment that is conducive to healthy eating and physical activity.
- *Evaluation:* A primary goal will be to regularly (at least annually) evaluate the effectiveness of this policy in promoting healthy eating and changing the program as appropriate to increase its effectiveness.

- *Parent, Community and Staff Involvement:* A primary goal will be to engage family members, students, and representatives of the school food authority, the Governing Board, school administrators, and the public in development and regular review of this school policy.

The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations to implement this policy, including such provisions as may be necessary to address all food and beverages sold and/or served to students at school (i.e., competitive foods, snacks and beverages sold from vending machines, school stores, after-school programs, and funding-raising activities and refreshments that are made available at school parties, celebrations and meetings), including provisions for staff development, family and community involvement and program evaluation. Regulations and exhibits created for the purpose of implementing this policy shall be considered, in effect, to be an extension of this policy subject to Governing Board review.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-108
15-242

42 U. S. C. 1751 *et seq.* (National School Lunch Act)

42 U. S. C. 1771 *et seq.* (Child Nutrition Act)

CROSS REF.: ABA - Community Involvement in Education
ABAA - Parental Involvement
BBA - Board Powers and Responsibilities
EF - Food Services
EFE - Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines
IA - Instructional Goals and Objectives

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An annual report shall be made to the Board on the District's compliance with law and policies related to student wellness. The report may include but not be limited to:

- Evaluation of the food services program.
- Recommendations for policy and/or program revisions.
- Review of all foods and beverages sold in schools for compliance with established nutrition guidelines.
- Assessment of school environment regarding student wellness issues.
- Listing activities and programs conducted to promote nutrition and physical activity.
- Providing feedback received from District staff, students, parents/guardians, and community members.

In accordance with the National School Lunch Act (42 U. S. C. 1751 *et seq.*) and the Child Nutrition Act (42 U.S.C. 1771 *et seq.*), as amended, an assurance that District guidelines for reimbursable meals are not less restrictive than regulations and guidelines issued for schools in accordance with federal law shall be provided annually. The Superintendent shall receive assurances from all appropriate administrators and supervisors prior to making the annual Board report.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition education shall focus on students' eating behaviors, be based on theories and methods proven effective by research and be consistent with state and local District health education standards. Nutrition education at all levels of the curriculum shall include, but not be limited to, the following essential components designed to help students learn:

- Age-appropriate nutritional knowledge, including the benefits of healthy eating, essential nutrients, nutritional deficiencies, principles of healthy weight management, the use and misuse of dietary supplements, safe food preparation, handling and storage and cultural diversity related to food and eating;
- Age-appropriate nutrition-related skills, including, but not limited to,

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planning a healthy meal, understanding and using food labels and critically evaluating nutrition information, misinformation and commercial food advertising; and

- How to assess one's personal eating habits, set goals for improvement and achieve those goals.

In order to reinforce and support nutrition education efforts, the guidelines will ensure that:

- Nutrition instruction provides sequential, comprehensive health education in accordance with the Arizona Department of Education curriculum regulations and academic standards;
- Cooperation with agencies and community organizations is encouraged to provide opportunities for appropriate student projects related to nutrition;
- Consistent nutrition messages are disseminated from the District throughout the schools, communities, homes and media; and
- Nutrition education is extended beyond the school environment by engaging and involving families and community.

Nutrition Guidelines and Food Services Operations

All foods and beverages made available on kindergarten (K) through eighth (8th) grade campuses during the school day are to be consistent with the Arizona Nutrition Standards. Guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to law. The District will create procedures that address all foods (including Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value and Competitive Food Sales) available to students throughout the school day in the following areas:

- National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Meals.
- À la carte offerings in the food service program.
- Vending machines and school stores.
- Classroom parties, celebrations, fund-raisers, rewards and school events.
- Snacks served in after-school programs.

In keeping with the District's nutrition program goals, only food prepared or

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obtained by the District's food services program should be served. This includes classroom reward or incentive programs involving food items as well as foods and beverages offered or sold at school-sponsored events during the regular school day. Approval is required to ensure that the foods served meet the requirements of the District's nutrition policy and regulation (i.e., all foods served fit in a healthy diet and contribute to the development of lifelong healthy eating habits for the District's students).

Physical Activity

District schools shall strive to provide opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity during the school day for all students.

Other School-Based Activities

The goal for other school-based activities is to ensure whole-school integration with the wellness program. The District will achieve the goal by addressing elements that include, but are not limited to, school meal times, dining environment, food as an incentive, marketing and advertising, skin cancer prevention and sun safety, staff wellness, and staff development and training.

Program Evaluation

In each school, the principal will ensure compliance with established District-wide student wellness goals and will report on the school's compliance to the Superintendent.

The District, and individual schools within the District, will, as necessary, revise the policy and develop action plans to facilitate their implementation.

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Physical Activity Goals

The primary goal for the District's physical activity component is to provide opportunities for every student to develop the knowledge and skills for specific physical activities, maintain physical fitness, regularly participate in physical activity, and understand the short- and long-term benefits of a physically active and healthy lifestyle.

A comprehensive physical activity program encompasses a variety of opportunities for students to be physically active, including physical education, recess, walk-to-school programs, after-school physical activity programs, health education that includes physical activity as a main component, and physical activity breaks within regular classrooms.

Physical education (high school graduation requirements): Students must, at the least, satisfy the state and District's physical education credit requirement.

Physical activity (time, frequency, and/or intensity): Schools will ensure that students are moderately to vigorously active at least fifty percent (50%) of the time while participating in physical education classes.

Physical activity outside of physical education: Schools may offer after-school intramural programs and/or physical activity clubs that meet the needs and interests of all students, including those who are not athletically involved or those with special health care needs.

Walking or biking to school to promote physical activity: The District shall annually review safe routes for students who walk or bike to school.

Prohibition of use of punishment: The District will discourage the use of physical activity as punishment, the withholding of participation in physical education class as punishment, or the use of physical education class time to complete assignments from other classes.

After-school programs: The District shall encourage after-school programs to provide developmentally appropriate physical activity for participating children and reduce or eliminate the time spent in sedentary activities such as watching television or videos.

Community use: The District shall encourage community access to, and student and community use of, the school's physical activity facilities outside the normal school day.

IMMUNIZATIONS OF STUDENTS

Subject to the exemptions as provided by law, immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rubeola (measles), mumps, rubella (German measles), hepatitis B, haemophilus influenzae b (Hib), and varicella is required for attendance of a student in District school. A student's immunization record must be submitted prior to attendance, although a student may be conditionally enrolled provided that necessary immunizations have been initiated and a schedule has been established for completion of the required immunizations. The school administrator shall review the school immunization record at least twice each school year until the pupil receives all of the required immunizations. A student shall not be allowed to attend school without submitting documentary proof of compliance to the school administrator unless the student is exempted from immunization. On enrollment, the school administrator shall suspend that student if the administrator does not have documentary proof of compliance and the student is not exempted from immunization. A student who fails to comply with the immunization schedule shall be suspended from school attendance until documentary proof of compliance is provided to the school administrator, except that a homeless student shall not be suspended from attendance until the fifth (5th) calendar day after enrollment.

Any student with serologic confirmation of the presence of specific antibodies against a vaccine-preventable disease shall not be subject to immunization against that disease as a condition for attending school.

The District will cooperate with county and state health departments in programs of immunization. Parents' permission must be secured before a student may participate in such immunization projects.

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LEGAL REF.:	A.R.S. 15-871	R9-6-353
	15-872	R9-6-356
	15-873	R9-6-365
	15-874	R9-6-368
	A.A.C. R9-6-203	R9-6-372
	R9-6-313	R9-6-388
	R9-6-350	R9-6-701 through 707

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Subject to the exemptions in A.R.S. 15-873, immunization against each of the following diseases is required for attendance of a child in any school:

- Diphtheria;
- Tetanus;
- Hepatitis B;
- Pertussis;
- Poliomyelitis;
- Measles (rubeola);
- Mumps;
- Rubella (German measles);
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib);
- Varicella; and
- Meningococcal.
- Hepatitis A, for a child one (1) through five (5) years of age in a day care program in Maricopa County.

Unless exempt in accord with R9-6-706, the schedule for compliance with the requirement for immunization against varicella is:

Grade student entering	as of September 1,
Kindergarten (K) through grade four (4) and grades seven (7) through ten (10)	2008
Kindergarten (K) through grade five (5) and grades seven (7) through eleven (11)	2009
Kindergarten (K) through grade twelve (12)	2010

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Unless exempt in accord with R9-6-706, the schedule for compliance for a student eleven (11) years or older who has not previously received the meningococcal vaccine is:

Grade student entering	as of September 1,
Grade six (6)	2008
Grades six (6) and seven (7)	2009
Grades six (6) through eight (8)	2010
Grades six (6) through nine (9)	2011
Grades six (6) through ten (10)	2012
Grades six (6) through eleven (11)	2013
Grades six (6) through twelve (12)	2014

The preceding schedules will remain in effect unless the school is notified by the Arizona Department of Health Services of a modification to one (1) or both of the schedules.

A child is in compliance with the requirements if the child has met the criteria of the appropriate immunization schedule as recommended by the Department of Health Services or is actively in the process of meeting such criteria as evidenced by having received one (1) dose of each of the required immunizations and has established a schedule for completion of the required immunizations.

A child shall not be allowed to attend school without submitting documentary proof to the school administrator unless the child is exempted from immunization pursuant to section 15-873. Upon enrollment, schools shall forbid attendance or (suspend) a student not meeting the requirements for immunization or exemption from immunization. Homeless students shall be referred to the liaison for homeless students and shall not be required to comply with the immunization requirements until the fifth (5th) calendar day after enrollment.

The admitting official shall deem the student to be in compliance with the requirements of this regulation if:

- The student's immunization record complies with the documentary proof required pursuant to A.A.C. R9-6-704, and the student has received or is in the process of receiving all required age-specific vaccine doses according to exhibit JLCB-EA; or

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- An exemption from immunization is submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in R9-6-706.

When the student's immunization record is not available at the time of enrollment, the school shall provide the responsible person with the following:

- Notification of the lack of compliance with the immunization requirements;
- A written notice that specifies when the required doses shall be completed, notes the availability of exemptions to immunization, and refers the student to a physician or local health department for review of the student's immunization history and provision of immunizations as needed; and
- Notification that the student is suspended in accordance with 15-872 until an acceptable immunization record that meets the standards of documentary proof is presented to the school.

When immunization records are presented that do not comply with the standards for documentary proof, the school shall:

- Notify the responsible person of the lack of compliance with the immunization requirements; and
- Obtain a review and verification of the student's immunization record by or in consultation with a certificated school nurse, a public health nurse, a licensed physician, or an authorized representative of a local health department.

If the admitting official is unable to verify the accuracy of the student's immunization record pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the school shall provide to the responsible person:

- A written referral to a physician or local health department for further review of the student's immunization history and provision of immunizations as needed; and
- Notification that the student is suspended until an immunization record that meets the standards of documentary proof is presented to the school.

Each school shall maintain a current list of students without evidence of

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immunization or immunity to the diseases listed in R9-6-702, which shall include the names of all students with incomplete immunization histories or exemptions for personal or medical reasons where evidence of immunity has not been provided.

Schools shall forbid attendance by a student lacking proof of immunization or immunity against any of the immunization-preventable diseases as determined by the State Department of Health Services or local health department during periods of outbreaks of the diseases for which immunity is lacking. The announcement of an outbreak of disease and the length of the period of communicability shall be as declared by the state or local health department.

Standards for Documentary Proof

Proof of immunity to the diseases listed in R9-6-702 shall be documented in accordance with R9-6-704.

Immunization records or statements of immunity shall be signed by a physician or authorized representative of a health agency.

Exemptions to Immunizations

Students who have reached their fifth (5th) birthday shall be exempt from the Hib immunization requirement.

Students who have reached their seventh (7th) birthday shall be exempt from the pertussis immunization requirement.

Any student with laboratory evidence of immunity shall not be subject to immunization against that disease as a condition for attending school, provided that such evidence is submitted to the school.

In accordance with A.R.S. 15-873, documentary proof is not required for a student to be admitted to school if one (1) of the following occurs:

- The parent or guardian of the student submits a signed statement to the school administrator stating that the parent or guardian has received information about immunizations provided by the Department of Health Services, understands the risks and benefits of immunizations and the potential risks of nonimmunization, and that, due to personal beliefs, the parent or guardian does not consent to the immunization of the student.
- The school administrator receives written certification, signed by the

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parent or guardian and by a physician, that states that one (1) or more of the required immunizations may be detrimental to the student's health and indicates the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstance that precludes immunization.

An exemption pursuant to the preceding subparagraph is valid only during the duration of the circumstance or condition that precludes immunization.

If a medical exemption is granted in accordance with A.R.S. 15-873, it shall be defined by the grantor as either permanent or temporary.

- A permanent medical exemption may be provided for one (1) or more vaccines.
- A temporary medical exemption shall specify the date of its termination. A student with a temporary medical exemption shall be allowed to attend school on the condition that the required immunizations are obtained at the termination of the exemption. The responsible person shall be notified of the date by which the student shall complete all required immunizations.

Any exemption granted in accordance with A.R.S. 15-873 shall be recorded on the school immunization record in the student's permanent file.

Students who lack documentary proof of immunization shall not attend school during outbreak periods of communicable immunization-preventable diseases as determined by the Department of Health Services or local health department. The Department of Health Services or local health department shall transmit notice of this determination to the school administrator responsible for the exclusion of the students.

Reporting Communicable Diseases

The administrator of a school shall submit by telephone a report to the local health department any case, suspected case, or outbreak of a communicable disease as follows:

- Within twenty-four (24) hours after detecting a case or suspected case of:
 - Cryptosporidiosis
 - Enterohemorrhagic *Escherichia coli*
 - *Haemophilus influenzae*: invasive disease
 - Hepatitis A
 - Measles

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- Meningococcal invasive disease
 - Mumps
 - Pertussis (whooping cough)
 - Rubella (German measles)
 - Salmonellosis
 - Shigellosis
- Within twenty-four (24) hours after detecting an outbreak of:
 - Conjunctivitis: acute
 - Diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting
 - Scabies
 - Streptococcal Group A infection
 - Within five (5) working days after detecting a case or a suspected case of:
 - Campylobacteriosis
 - Varicella (chicken pox)

The report shall include:

- The name and address of the school
- The number of individuals having the disease, infestation, or symptoms
- The date and time the disease or infestation was detected or the symptoms began
- The number of rooms, grades, or classes affected and the name of each
- Information about each affected individual to include:
 - Name,
 - Date of birth or age,
 - Residential address and telephone number,
 - Whether the individual is a staff member, student, child in care, or a resident,
- The number of individuals attending or residing in the school, and

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- The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the report.

Other Required Reports

By November 15 of each year, the Superintendent shall submit a report on the immunization status of students to the state or local health department on a form provided by the Department.

Each Superintendent of a school whose nurses are authorized to administer vaccines or immunizing agents shall submit monthly reports to the county health department in accordance with the procedures set forth in R9-6-707. Reports are due by the fifth (5th) day of the following month.

An immunization record shall be maintained for each student in the school. Each immunization record shall include the following information:

- Name of the student;
- Date of birth;
- The date of the student's admission to the school;
- The month and year in which each vaccine was received, except for measles, mumps, and rubella, for which the day, month, and year are required;
- The type of immunizing agents administered to the student;
- The date each dose of immunizing agent is administered to the student; and
- The established schedule for completion of immunizations if the student is admitted to or allowed to continue to attend a school pursuant to section 15-872, subsection E.

By November 15 of each year, each administrator of a public-school-based day care program or preschool shall submit a report to the state or local health department on a form provided by the Department.

A school shall transfer an immunization record and signed requests for provision of immunizations, including any revocations thereof, with the mandatory permanent student record and provide at no charge, on request, a copy of the immunization record to the parent or guardian of the pupil.

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IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

2011-2012 ARIZONA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Age	Under Age Seven (7)	Seven (7) through ten (10) years	Eleven (11) years and older	Eleven (11) years and older
Grade	Kindergarten (K) and above	Kindergarten (K) through fifth (5th) grades	Sixth (6th) through ninth (9th) grades only	Ninth (9th) through twelfth (12th) grades
Vaccines				
<p>DTaP / DTP / DT</p> <p>(Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis)</p>	<p>Four (4) or five (5) doses.</p> <p>At least one (1) dose at four (4) years of age or older is required.</p> <p>A sixth (6th) dose is needed if five (5) doses have been given before four (4) years of age.</p>	<p>History of four (4) DTaP or a total of three (3) tetanus and diphtheria doses given after twelve (12) months of age.</p>	<p>One (1) Tdap dose is required when five (5) years have passed since the last DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td.</p> <p>Students starting or finishing the first three (3) tetanus and diphtheria doses must receive one (1) Tdap as part of the three (3) dose series.</p>	<p>Students who have not already received Tdap are required to receive one (1) Tdap dose when ten (10) years have passed since the last DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td.</p> <p>Students starting or finishing the first three (3) tetanus and diphtheria doses must receive one (1) Tdap as part of the three (3) dose series.</p>
Td				
Tdap				

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<p>Meningococcal</p>			<p>One (1) dose</p>	<p>One (1) dose recommended. Not required during 2010-2011 school years</p>
<p>Polio</p>	<p>Three (3) to Four (4) doses Three (3) doses meet the requirement if the third (3rd) dose was given at four (4) years of age or older. Four (4) doses meet the requirement even if all four (4) doses were given during the first (1st) year of life.</p>			
<p>MMR (Measles, mumps, rubella)</p>	<p>Two (2) doses A third (3rd) dose will be required if the first (1st) dose was given before twelve (12) months of age.</p>			
<p>Hepatitis B</p>	<p>Three (3) doses A fourth (4th) dose will be required if the third (3rd) dose was given before twenty-four (24) weeks of age.</p>			
<p>Varicella* (Chickenpox)</p>	<p>One (1) dose if given before thirteen (13) years of age. Two (2) doses if first (1st) dose was given at thirteen (13) years of age or later. Varicella vaccination, or history of chickenpox disease, is required for kindergarten (K) and grades one (1) through twelve (12). *Students attending school prior to 9/1/2011 with parental recall of chicken pox disease are allowed to continue with parental recall of disease. As of 9/1/2011, students enrolling in school for the first time are required to present proof of varicella immunization, or valid exemption due to laboratory evidence of immunity, medical reasons personal beliefs.</p>			

Source: Arizona Immunization Program Office

SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS

Psychological services, including testing, are available to students through the public schools. Initial referrals for psychological evaluations may come from certificated staff members or parents, or from the student.

Prior written or oral consent of a parent or the legal guardian of a minor child must be obtained in the manner and as required by A.R.S. 36-2272 to procure, solicit to perform, arrange for the performance of or perform mental health screening in a nonclinical setting or mental health treatment on a minor. Eligible student (age eighteen [18] years and beyond) authorization must be obtained prior to the referral or performance of a mental health screening or mental health treatment as described above, except as otherwise provided by law or a court order. These restrictions do not apply when an emergency exists that requires a person to perform mental health screening or provide mental health treatment to prevent serious injury to or save the life of a minor child.

A school psychologist shall administer preliminary tests to determine the need for psychological evaluations.

Referrals to outside agencies shall be made only with parental or eligible student authorization, except as otherwise provided by law or a court order.

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MISSING STUDENTS

Following proper notification, the records of each missing child will be flagged with a red sticker in the upper-right-hand corner of the cumulative folder. When records are requested for missing children, the local law enforcement agency will be notified and no records will be sent.

The parent or surrogate of each new enrollee in the school, except homeless students, will be asked to produce one (1) of the following proofs:

- A certified copy of the child's birth certificate.
- Other reliable proof of the student's identity and age, including the student's baptismal certificate, an application for a Social Security number, or original school registration records *and* an affidavit explaining the inability to provide a copy of the birth certificate.
- A letter from the authorized representative of an agency having custody of the student (pursuant to statute) certifying that the student has been placed in the custody of the agency as prescribed by law.

The parent or surrogate will be given thirty (30) days to provide documentation requested as listed above. If documentation is not provided, a second (2nd) letter will be sent to notify the parent or guardian that unless the documentation is provided within ten (10) days, the local law enforcement agency will be notified.

Nothing contained in this policy shall authorize the school to disclose to any person a student's educational record without prior parental consent unless the school makes a determination that disclosure of such records is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student.

Within five (5) days after enrolling a transfer student from a public school or from a private school, the school will request, directly from the previous school, a certified copy of the student's record. When records are requested by another school, within ten (10) days the school will comply with the request unless the record has been flagged pursuant to A.R.S. 15-829 or the request does not conform to the requirements related to proper release of records by an emancipated student or a parent or guardian.

For purposes of this policy:

- *Flag* means to mark or identify as pertaining to a missing child, or an indication identifying an item as pertaining to a missing child.
- *Missing child* means a person who is under the age of eighteen (18) years, whose temporary or permanent residence is in this state or is believed to be in this state, whose location has not been determined, and who has been reported as missing to a law enforcement agency.

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Act of 2001

CROSS REF.: JF - Student Admissions
JFAB - Admission of Nonresident Students
JR - Student Records
JRCA - Request for Transfer of Records

STUDENT DISMISSAL PRECAUTIONS

PARENTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - CUSTODIAL AND NONCUSTODIAL

Parent Rights

When parents of a student are estranged, separated, or divorced, building personnel will uphold the parents' rights.

- With the only exception being a court order (provided by the custodial parent) that restricts any of the following listed rights for the noncustodial parent, both parents have the right to:
 - View the child's school records.
 - Receive school progress reports.
 - Visit the child briefly at school.
 - Participate in parent/teacher conferences.
- *Custodial parent.* The parent with whom the student resides is known as the custodial parent unless a legal document or signed parental agreement indicates otherwise. Verification may be required from the custodial parent.

Release of Student to Parent

While both parents can visit the student at school, only the custodial parent has the right to remove the child from school property. Only a verified note from the custodial parent will be cause for exception to this provision. If school personnel anticipate a possible student abduction (by the noncustodial parent or any other person), law enforcement personnel are to be notified immediately.

Parent Responsibilities

The custodial parent has the responsibility to:

- Keep the school office informed as to the address of residence and how the custodial parent may be contacted at all times.
- Provide a copy of any legal document that restricts the rights of the noncustodial parent.

The noncustodial parent is to inform the school office of a phone number and/or address where the noncustodial parent may be contacted regarding student progress/problems.

REGULATION**REGULATION****STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES****(Tax Credit Contributions)**

The receipt and expenditure of fees or cash contributions may be for "Extracurricular activities" as indicated in A.R.S. 43-1089.01 and 15-342 with contributions also used for "character education programs" as described in A.R.S. 15-719.

To comply with the requirements of A.R.S. 43-1089.01 concerning the receipt and expenditure of fees or cash contributions from taxpayers during the previous *calendar* year for support of extracurricular activities and character education programs of the District, annually not later than February 28 each school in the District shall provide the following information on forms prescribed by the Arizona Department of Revenue:

- Total number of fees and contribution payments received.
- Total dollar amount received.
- Total dollar amount spent, categorized specifically by:
 - Extracurricular activity.
 - Character education program.
- Total number of student participants, categorized specifically by:
 - Extracurricular activity.
 - Character education program.

When a school has a school council, the school council shall determine how contributions not designated for a specific purpose are to be used at the school. When a school does not have a school council, the principal shall make the determination.

If at the end of a fiscal year a public school has unspent contributions that were previously designated for a specific purpose or program and that purpose or program has been discontinued or has not been used for two (2) consecutive fiscal years, these contributions shall be considered undesignated in the following fiscal year for the purposes of this subsection.

STUDENT RECORDS

Required student records (regular and special education) will be prepared in a manner consistent with State and federal laws, the requirements of the Arizona Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) and those of the Arizona Department of Libraries, Archives and Public Records. Retention periods and disposition of records shall be as specified in the USFR, the Arizona Department of Library Archives and Public Records and relevant federal statutes and regulations.

The District will comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT ACT), and the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) in the establishment, maintenance, correction, and disposition of student records.

The Board directs the Superintendent to establish procedures for such compliance, including informing parents, students, and the public of the contents. The Superintendent will implement procedures as required by law and will establish procedures for dealing with violations.

If a parent or eligible student believes that the District is violating the FERPA, that person has a right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. The address is:

The Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605
Telephone number: (202) 260-3887

In adopting this policy it is the intent of the Board that the policy and related procedures be implemented immediately. Copies of the policy and procedures will be available for parent and eligible student review in the District office.

Confidentiality

The right to inspect and review education records and the release of or access to such records, other information, or instructional materials will be consistent with federal law in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20, United States Code, sections 1232g and 1232h, the USA PATRIOT ACT, NCLB, and with federal regulations issued pursuant to such act.

Annual Notification

Within the first three (3) weeks of each school year, the District will publish in a District communication a notice to parents and eligible students of their rights under the FERPA and this procedure. This notice will also be provided to each parent of new students enrolling after school begins [34 C.F.R. 99.7]. The District will arrange to provide translation of the notice to non-English-speaking parents in their native language or mode of communication [34 C.F.R. 300.9]. The notice shall inform the parents of:

- The right of the parent or an eligible student to inspect and review the student's education records.
- The intent of the District to limit the disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in a student's education records, including disciplinary records, except by the prior written consent of the parent or eligible student or under certain limited circumstances as permitted by the FERPA, the USA PATRIOT Act or the NCLB Act.
- The right of the parent or eligible student to seek to correct parts of the school education records that the student or the parent believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of student rights. This right includes the right to a hearing to present evidence that the record should be changed if the District decides not to alter it according to the parent's or eligible student's request.
- The right of the parent or eligible student to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education if they believe the District has violated the FERPA.

Parents and eligible students have the following rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and this procedure [34 C.F.R. 99.7 and 300.613]. The notice shall also include:

- The procedure for exercising the right to inspect and review education records.
- The procedure for requesting amendments of education records that the parent or eligible student believe to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise a violation of the student's privacy rights.
- The conditions when prior consent is not required, the criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest.

If the School District permits the release of directory information relating to pupils, the information shall be released on or before October 31 of each year. The Superintendent shall develop procedures to communicate to students and their parents in a timely manner information relating to access to the Arizona Department of Education form which is designed to allow pupils to request that directory information not be released pursuant to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001.

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 41-1346 *et seq.*
 41-1354
 44-1373
 10 U.S.C. 503
 20 U.S.C. 1232
 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*, Individuals with Disabilities
 Education Act
 20 U.S.C. 7908
 34 C.F.R. 300

CROSS REF.: IHB - Special Instructional Programs
 JF - Student Admissions
 JFAB - Admission of Nonresident Students
 JLH - Missing Students
 JRCA - Request for Transfer of Records

REGULATION**REGULATION****STUDENT RECORDS**

This procedure is designed to meet the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA). All personnel in the District are expected to fulfill the requirements of policy and the following procedures in order to protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages [34 C.F.R. 300.612].

The Superintendent has the responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information [34 C.F.R. 300.612].

All rights and protections given parents under the FERPA and this procedure transfer to the student upon reaching age eighteen (18) except where the student continues as a dependent under specified circumstances, or enrolling in a postsecondary school. The student then becomes an "eligible student" [34 C.F.R. 99.5 and 300.625].

Definitions

For the purpose of the procedure, the District has used the following definitions of terms:

- *Student* - Any person who attends or has attended a program of instruction sponsored by the District and for whom the District maintains education records.
- *Eligible student* - A student who has reached age eighteen (18) or is attending a postsecondary school.
- *Parent* - Either the natural parent of a student, unless the parent's rights under the FERPA have been removed by a court order, statute, or other legal document, or a guardian, or an individual acting as a parent or guardian in the absence of the student's parent or guardian. The District may presume that the parent has the authority to inspect and review education records relating to his or her child unless the District has been advised that the parent does not have authority under applicable law.
- *Education records* - Any information directly related to a student recorded in any way including, but not limited to, handwriting, print, computer media, video or audio tape, film, microfilm or microfiche, that is maintained by the District, an employee of the District, or any agent of the District except:
 - Personal records kept by an employee of the District that meets the following tests:

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- ▲ It is used only as a personal memory aid.
 - ▲ It is kept in the personal possession of the individual who made it.
 - ▲ It is not accessible and has never been revealed to any other person except the employee's temporary substitute.
- Medical treatment records maintained for "eligible students."
 - Records collected and maintained by a law enforcement unit of the school.
 - Records containing only information about a person after that individual is no longer a student in the District.
 - An employment record that is used only in relation to a student's employment by the District. (*Employment* for this purpose does not include activities for which a student receives a grade or credit in a course.)
 - Related alumni records after the student no longer attends classes provided by the District, and the records do not relate to the person as a student.
- *Personally identifiable information* - Any data or information that makes the subject of a record known. This includes the student's name, the name(s) of the student's parent(s) or other family member(s), the student's address, the student's Social Security number, a student number, a list of personal characteristics, or other information that would make the student's identity easily traceable.
 - *Signed and dated written consent* - May include a record and signature in electronic form that:
 - Identifies and authenticates a particular person as the source of the electronic consent.
 - Indicates such person's approval of the information contained in the electronic consent.

Locations of Education Records

A list of types and locations of education records collected, maintained, or used will be provided to the parents on request [34 C.F.R. 300.616]. See Exhibit JR-EA.

REGULATION**REGULATION****Procedure to Inspect
Education Records**

Parents of a student, the designated representative of the parents, and an eligible student may inspect and review the student's education records that are collected, maintained, or used by the District [34 C.F.R. 300.501]. In some circumstances it may be mutually more convenient for the record custodian to provide copies of records. Charges for the copies of records will be costs of copying unless the fee would effectively prevent the parent from exercising rights to inspect and review those records [34 C.F.R. 300.613 and 300.617].

Since a student's records may be maintained in several locations, the school principal will offer to collect copies of records or the records themselves from locations other than a student's school so they may be inspected at one (1) site. However, if parents and eligible students wish to inspect records where they are maintained, the school's principal will make every effort to accommodate their wishes.

Parents, the designated representative of the parents, or the eligible student should submit to the student's school principal a signed and dated written request that identifies as precisely as possible the record or records wanted for inspection. The District will respond to any request without unnecessary delay before any meeting regarding any individual education program or hearing relating to the identification, evaluation, placement of a student, or the provision of a free appropriate public education, and in no case more than forty-five (45) days after the request has been made [34 C.F.R. 300.613 and 99.10]. See Exhibit JR-ED.

The principal, or other education records custodian, will contact the parent of the student or the eligible student to discuss how access will be best arranged (e.g., copies, at the exact location, or records brought to a single site).

Parents have the right, upon reasonable request, for explanations and interpretations of the information contained in the records and a right to request copies of the records containing the information, if not in violation of stated policy of FERPA. Parents have the right to have a representative of the parent to inspect and review the records [34 C.F.R. 300.613 and 99.10].

The principal, or other education records custodian, will make the needed arrangements as promptly as possible and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. This procedure must be completed in forty-five (45) days or less after receipt of the request for access [34 C.F.R. 300.613].

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If for any valid reason, such as working hours, distance between record location sites, or health, the parent or eligible student cannot personally inspect and review a student's education records, the District will arrange for the parent or eligible student to obtain copies of the record. See below for information regarding fees for copies of records [34 C.F.R. 300.613 and 99.10].

When a record contains information about students other than a parent's child or the eligible student, the parent or eligible student may not inspect and review the records of the other students [34 C.F.R. 300.615, 99.5 and 99.12].

Fees for Copies of Records

All records subject to disclosure under this procedure shall be available for inspection free of charge. If copies are desired, they shall be furnished by the District to the parent or eligible student on request and free of charge. Additional copies may be sent to other schools or agencies without charge. However, the District reserves the right to charge up to thirty-five cents (35¢) per page for multiple or excessive requests. Copies of available records shall be produced as promptly as possible upon receipt of the request. No fee will be charged for search and retrieval of records [34 C.F.R. 300.617 and 99.11].

The District will provide copies of records:

- When the refusal to provide copies effectively denies access to the records by the parent or eligible student [34 C.F.R. 300.617].
- At the request of the parent or eligible student, when the District has provided the records to third parties by the prior consent of the parent or eligible student.
- At the request of the parent or eligible student when the District has forwarded the records to another school where the student seeks or intends to enroll.

Directory Information

The District designates the following personally identifiable information contained in a student's education records as "directory information" and may disclose that information without prior written consent [20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(5)(A)]:

- The student's name.
- The student's address.
- The student's telephone listing.

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- The student's date and place of birth.
- The student's electronic mail address.
- The student's photograph.
- The student's grade level.
- The student's major field of study.
- The student's dates of attendance.
- The student's enrollment status (e.g., part time or full time).
- The student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
- The student's weight and height if a member of an athletic team.
- The student's honors and awards received.
- The student's most recently attended educational agency or institution.

Within the first three (3) weeks of each school year the District will publish in a District communication or send home with each student the above list, or a revised list, of the items of directory information designated as directory information. For a student who enrolls after the notice is published, the list will be given to the parent or eligible student at the time and place of enrollment. See Exhibit JR-EB.

After the parents or eligible student have been notified, they will have two (2) weeks to advise the District in writing (a letter to the Superintendent's office) of any or all of the items they refuse to permit the District to designate as directory information about that student.

According to state and federal law if the Governing Board permits the release of directory information relating to students to persons or organizations who inform students of educational or occupational opportunities, then the Governing Board shall provide access to directory information on the same basis to military official recruiting representatives for the purpose of informing students of educational and occupational opportunities available to them. Directory information shall be released on or before October 31 of each year unless the parent or eligible student requests in writing to the District (a letter to the Superintendent's office within two (2) weeks after notification) not to release directory information to any person or organization without prior signed and dated written consent. The District shall distribute a form,

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separate from any other form, designed and provided to Districts by the Arizona Department of Education allowing pupils to request that directory information not be released. If the District distributes materials to pupils through electronic communication or on an internet website, the form may be distributed in the same manner. A person who is wrongfully denied access to directory information or access to school buildings, school grounds or other property may notify the Department of Education, which shall report the alleged violation to the United States Department of Education. If the parent or eligible student refuses to allow the release of directory information without prior signed and dated written consent, then the District will not provide military recruiters, upon request, directory information containing the student's name, addresses and telephone listings.

At the end of the two (2)-week period, if the parent or eligible student has not returned the form indicating refusal to allow the release of directory information, the District will assume it has their permission to release the above-mentioned information. This designation will remain in effect until it is modified by the prior signed and dated written direction of the parent or eligible student. The student's records will be appropriately marked by the records custodian to ensure compliance with the parents' or eligible student's request.

Use of Student Education Records

To carry out their responsibilities, school officials will have access to student education records for legitimate educational purposes. The District will use the following criteria to determine who are school officials [34 C.F.R. 99.31]:

- A person duly elected to the Board (under limited circumstances).
- A person certificated by the state and appointed by the Board to an administrative or supervisory position.
- A person certificated by the state and under contract to the Board as an instructor.
- A person employed by the Board as a temporary substitute for administrative, supervisory, or instructional personnel for the period of such performance as a substitute.
- A person employed by or under contract to the Board to perform a special task, such as a secretary, a clerk, the Board attorney, or auditor, for the period of such performance as an employee or contractor.

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School officials who meet the criteria listed above will have access to a student's records if they have a legitimate educational interest in doing so [34 C.F.R. 99.32]. A "legitimate educational interest" is the person's need to know in order to:

- Perform an administrative task required in the school employee's position description approved by the Board.
- Perform a supervisory or instructional task directly related to the student's education.
- Perform a service or benefit for the student or the student's family, such as health care, counseling, student job placement, or student financial aid.

Records of students placed in special educational programs will be under the direct supervision of the program administration. All persons collecting or using personally identifiable information in records of students determined to be a student with a disability will receive training or instruction regarding Arizona's policies and procedures for the protection of these records at the collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages in accordance with FERPA and IDEA [34 C.F.R. 300.623].

The District will maintain for public inspection a current listing of the names and positions of employees who have access to personally identifiable information maintained on students placed in special education [34 C.F.R. 300.623]. When the information maintained in these records is no longer needed to provide educational services to the student, the District will notify the parents of their right to have the personally identifiable information destroyed [34 C.F.R. 300.624]. However a permanent record of a student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed will be maintained [34 C.F.R. 300.624]. Destruction of records will be accomplished in accordance with the requirements of Arizona law and regulations of the Department of Library, Archives, and Public Records [34 C.F.R. 300.623].

The District will release information from or permit access to a student's education records only with a parent's or eligible student's prior signed and dated written consent, except that the Superintendent or a person designated in writing by the Superintendent may permit disclosure [34 C.F.R. 99.30, 99.31, 99.34, and 99.37]:

- When a student seeks or intends to enroll in another school district or a postsecondary school the District will not further notify parents or eligible students prior to such a transfer of records. Parents and student have a right to obtain copies of records transferred under this provision. See Exhibit JR-EC.

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- When certain federal and state officials need information in order to audit or enforce legal conditions related to federally supported education programs in the District.
- To parties who provide or may provide financial aid to a student to:
 - Establish the student's eligibility for the aid.
 - Determine the amount of financial aid.
 - Establish the conditions for the receipt of the financial aid.
 - Enforce the agreement between the provider and the receiver of financial aid.
- If a state law adopted before November 19, 1974, required certain specific items of information to be disclosed in personally identifiable form from student records to state or local officials.
- If a state law adopted before November 19, 1974, required certain specific items of information to be disclosed in personally identifiable form from student records to state or local officials of the juvenile justice system and the officials certify in writing that the information will not be disclosed to any other party, except as provided under state law, without prior signed and dated written consent of the parent or the eligible student.
- When the District has entered into a written agreement or contract for an organization to conduct studies on the District's behalf to develop tests, administer student aid, or improve instruction.
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions.
- To parents of an eligible student if the parents claim the student as a dependent as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. The District will make a reasonable effort to notify the parent or the eligible student before making a disclosure under this provision unless directed otherwise by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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- To comply with an *ex parte* order from a court of competent jurisdiction requiring the District to permit the U.S. Attorney General or U.S. Attorney General's designee to collect education records in the possession of the District that are relevant to an authorized investigation or prosecution of an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. 2332b(g)(5)(B) for an act of domestic or international terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2331. An *ex parte* order is an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction without notice to the adverse party. A disclosure pursuant to an *ex parte* order will not be recorded as a disclosure of information from a student's education records by the District.
- If the District initiates legal action against a parent or student, the District may disclose to the court, without a court order or subpoena, the education records of the student that are relevant for the District to proceed with the legal action.
- If a parent or eligible student initiates legal action against the District, the District may, without a court order or subpoena, disclose the student's education records that are relevant for the District to defend itself.
- To comply with the request of authorized law enforcement officials conducting an investigation of acts of terrorism.
- The disclosure is in connection with a health or safety emergency. Time is an important and limiting factor in determining whether the disclosure is in connection with a health or safety emergency. The District will permit any school official to make the needed disclosure from student education records in a health or safety emergency if:
 - The official deems the disclosure is warranted by the seriousness of the threat to the health or safety of the student or other persons.
 - The information is necessary and needed to address the emergency.
 - The persons to whom the information is to be disclosed are qualified and in a position to deal with the emergency.

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- The District may release student attendance, disciplinary, and other education records to a law enforcement agency and county attorney pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the District, the law enforcement agency, the county attorney, and other state, local, or tribal government agencies to create a local or tribal juvenile justice network for the purpose of:
 - providing appropriate programs and services to intervene with juveniles currently involved in the juvenile justice system.
 - providing appropriate programs and services designed to deter at-risk juveniles from dropping out of school or other delinquent behavior.
 - increasing the safety and security of the community and its children by reducing juvenile crime.
- Education records provided pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement entered into in accord with the above provisions shall be used solely for the purposes of the agreement and shall not be disclosed to any other party, except as provided by law.

A District school official may release information from a student's education records, other than directory information, to a third party if the parent or the eligible student gives prior signed and dated written consent for the disclosure and the third party agrees that the information will not be disclosed to any other party without the prior consent of the parent or eligible student. The signed and dated written consent must include at least:

- A specification of the records to be released.
- The reasons for the disclosure.
- The person or the organization or the class of persons or organizations to whom the disclosure is to be made.
- The signature of the parent or eligible student.
- The date of the consent and, if appropriate, a date when the consent is to be terminated.

The parent or the eligible student may obtain a copy of any records disclosed under this provision, unless otherwise provided.

REGULATION**REGULATION****Records of Requests for Access
and Disclosures Made from
Education Records**

The District will maintain an accurate record of all requests for it to disclose information from or to permit access to a student's education records, and of information it discloses and access it permits, with some exceptions as listed below. This record will be kept with, but will not be a part of, each student's cumulative school records. It will be available only to the record custodian, the eligible student, the parent of the student, or to federal, state, or local officials for the purpose of auditing or enforcing federally supported educational programs [34 C.F.R. 99.32]. See Exhibit JR-EE.

The record will include at least:

- The name of the person, organization or agency that made the request.
- The interest the person, organization or agency had in the information.
- The date the person, organization or agency made the request.
- Whether the request was granted and, if it was, the date access was permitted or the disclosure was made.

The District will maintain this record as long as it maintains the student's education records. The record will not include requests for access or access granted to:

- the parent or eligible student,
- authorized law enforcement officials conducting an investigation of acts of terrorism,
- school officials who have a legitimate educational interest in the student,
- requests for or disclosures of information contained in the student's education records if the request is accompanied by or authorized by the prior signed and dated written consent of the parent or eligible student, or
- for requests for or disclosures of directory information designated for that student.

REGULATION**REGULATION****Procedures to Seek to Correct
Education Records**

[34 C.F.R. 99.20 and 99.21]

Parents of students and eligible students have a right to seek to change any part of the student's record they believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of student rights [34 C.F.R. 300.618 and 99.20]. (*Note:* Under the FERPA, the District may decline to consider a request to change the grade a teacher assigns for a course.)

For the purpose of outlining the procedure to seek to correct education records, the term *incorrect* will be used to describe a record that is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of student rights. The term *correct* will be used to describe a record that is accurate, not misleading, and not in violation of student rights. Also, in this section, the term *requester* will be used to describe the parent of a student or the eligible student who is asking the District to correct a record.

To establish an orderly process to review and correct education records for a requester, the District may make a decision to comply with the request for change at several levels in the procedure [34 C.F.R. 300.618 and 99.20].

First-level decision. A parent of a student or an eligible student who finds an item in the student's education records that appears to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of student rights should immediately ask the record custodian to correct it. If the record is incorrect because of an obvious error and it is a simple matter to make the record change at this level, the record custodian will make the correction. However, if the record is changed at this level, the method and result must satisfy the requester.

If the custodian cannot change the record to the requester's satisfaction or the record does not appear to be obviously incorrect, the custodian will:

- Provide the requester a copy of the questioned record at no cost.
- Ask the requester to initiate a written request for the change.
- Follow the procedure for a second-level decision.

Second-level decision. The written request to correct a student's education records through the procedure at this level should specify the correction the requester wishes the District to make. It should at least identify the item thought to be incorrect and state whether the requester believes the item:

- Is inaccurate and why,

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- Is misleading and why, or
- Violates student rights and why.

The request will be dated and signed by the requester.

Within two (2) weeks after receiving a written request, the record custodian will study the request, discuss it with other school officials (the person who made the record or those who may have a professional concern about the District's response to the request), make a decision to comply or decline to comply with the request, and complete the appropriate steps to notify the requester or move the request to the next level for a decision.

If, as a result of this review and discussion, a decision is reached that the record should be corrected, the record custodian will affect the change and notify the requester, in writing, of that action. Each such notice will include an invitation for the requester to inspect and review the student's education records to make certain the record is in order and the correction is satisfactory.

If a decision is reached that the record is correct, the custodian will make a written summary of any discussions with other officials and of the findings in the matter. This summary and a copy of the written request will be transmitted to the Superintendent.

Third-level decision. The Superintendent will review the material provided by the record custodian and, if necessary, discuss the matter with other officials such as the school attorney or the Board (in executive session unless otherwise requested by parent[s]). The Superintendent will then make a decision concerning the request and complete the steps at this decision level. Ordinarily, this level of the procedure should be completed within two (2) weeks. If it will take longer, the Superintendent will notify the requester in writing of the reasons for the delay and a date when the decision will be made.

If the Superintendent decides the record is incorrect and should be changed, the record custodian will be advised to make the changes. The record custodian will advise the requester of the change.

If the Superintendent decides the record is correct, a letter to the requester will be prepared that will include [34 C.F.R. 300.619 and 99.20]:

- The District's decision that the record is correct and the basis for the decision.

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- A notice to the requester explaining the requester's right to ask for a hearing to present evidence that the record is incorrect and that the District will grant such a hearing.
- Instructions for the requester to contact the Superintendent to discuss acceptable hearing officers, convenient times, and a satisfactory site for the hearing. (The District will not be bound by the requester's positions on these items but will, as far as possible, arrange the hearing as the requester wishes.)
- Advice that the requester may be represented or assisted in the hearing by other parties, including an attorney, at the requester's expense.

Fourth-level decision. After the requester has submitted (orally or in writing) any wishes concerning the hearing officer and the time and place for the hearing, the Superintendent will, within one (1) week, notify the requester when and where the District will hold the hearing and whom it has designated as the hearing officer [34 C.F.R. 300.621, 99.21, 99.22, and 99.34].

At the hearing, the hearing officer will provide the requester a full and reasonable opportunity to present material evidence and testimony to demonstrate that the questioned part of the student's education records is incorrect as shown in the requester's written request for a change in the record (second level).

Within one (1) week after the hearing, the hearing officer will submit to the Superintendent a written summary of the evidence submitted at the hearing. Along with the summary, the hearing officer will submit recommendations, based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing, that the record should be changed or should remain unchanged.

The Superintendent will prepare the District's decision within two (2) weeks after the hearing. That decision will be based on the summary of the evidence presented at the hearing and on the hearing officer's recommendation. However, the District's decision will be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. Therefore, the Superintendent may overrule the hearing officer if the hearing officer's recommendation is deemed inconsistent with the evidence presented. As a result of the District's decision, the Superintendent will take one (1) of the following actions:

- If the decision is that the District will change the record, the Superintendent will instruct the record custodian to correct the record. The record custodian will correct the record and notify the requester as at the second-level decision [34 C.F.R. 300.620 and 99.21].

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- If the decision is that the District will not change the record, the Superintendent will prepare a written notice to the requester that will include [34 C.F.R. 300.620 and 99.21]:
 - The District's decision that the record is correct and will not be changed.
 - A copy of a summary of the evidence presented at the hearing and a written statement of the reasons for the District's decision.
 - Advice to the requester that an explanatory statement may be placed in the student's education records stating the reasons for disagreement with the District's decision and/or the reasons for believing the record to be incorrect.

Final administrative step in the procedure. When the District receives an explanatory statement from a requester after a hearing, it will maintain that statement as part of the student's education records as long as it maintains the questioned part of the record. The statement will be attached to the questioned part of the record and whenever the questioned part of the record is disclosed the explanatory statement will also be disclosed [34 C.F.R. 300.620 and 99.21].

**Annual Notification to Parents Regarding
Confidentiality of Student Education
Records [34 C.F.R. 300.612]**

Dear Parent:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. The Governing Board has established written policies regarding the collection, storage, retrieval, release, use, and transfer of student educational information collected and maintained pertinent to the education of all students to ensure the confidentiality of the information and to guarantee parents' and students' rights to privacy. These policies and procedures are in compliance with:

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act; Title 20, United States Code, Sections 1232g and 1232h; and the Federal Regulations (34 C.F.R., Part 99) issued pursuant to such act;

Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT ACT);

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB);

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The Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act; 20 U.S.C. Chapter 33; and the Federal Regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 300); and

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 15, sections 141 and 142.

Student education records are collected and maintained to help in the instruction, guidance, and educational progress of the student, to provide information to parents and staff members, to provide a basis for the evaluation and improvement of school programs, and for legitimate educational research. The students' records maintained by the District may include - but are not necessarily limited to, identifying data, report cards and transcripts of academic work completed, standardized achievement test scores, attendance data, reports of psychological testing, health data, teacher or counselor observations, and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.

These records are maintained in the office of the District under the supervision of the school administrator and are available only to the teachers and staff members working with the student. Upon request, the School discloses education records, including disciplinary records, without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. Otherwise, records are not released to most agencies, persons or organizations without prior signed and dated written consent of the parent [34 C.F.R. 99.7]. The signed and dated written consent may be in electronic form under certain conditions [34 C.F.R. 99.30].

You shall be informed when personally identifiable information collected, maintained, or used is no longer needed to provide educational services to your child. The information must be maintained for two (2) years after the date your child was last enrolled in this school district.

You have the right to inspect and review any and all records related to your child within forty-five (45) days of the day of receiving a request for access, including a listing of persons or organizations who have reviewed or have received copies of the information [34 C.F.R. 99.7]. Parents who wish to review their children's records should contact the principal for an appointment or submit to the principal a written request that identifies the record(s) you wish to inspect. School personnel will make arrangements for access and notify you of the time and place where the records may be inspected. School personnel will be available to explain the contents of the records to you. Copies of student education records will be made available to parents when it is not practicable for you to inspect and review the records at the school. Charges for the copies of records will be costs of copying unless the fee prevents the parent from exercising rights to inspect and review those records.

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You have the right to request that an amendment be made to the student's education records and to add comments of your own if you believe information in the record file is inaccurate or misleading [34 C.F.R. 99.7(a)(1)]. You should write the principal, clearly identify the part of the record you want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by you, the School will notify you of the decision and advise you of the right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to you when notified of the right to a hearing.

You have the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Copies of the District student education records confidentiality policies and procedures may be reviewed in the assigned office in each school [34 C.F.R. 99.7]. You have the right to file a complaint with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office in Washington, D.C., concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA [34 C.F.R. 99.7]. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

**Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605**

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF RECORDS

Requesting Records of Transfer Students

Upon enrollment of a transfer student from a private school or from a public school in another district, the principal shall request that the student's parent or guardian (or an emancipated student) authorize consent for the request for the student's education records on form JR-ED.

Within five (5) school days after enrolling a transfer student from a private school or from a public school in another district, the principal shall request, directly from the student's previous school, a certified copy of the student's record.

Responding to Requests for Student Records

Upon receiving a request for the records of a student who has withdrawn from school, the principal shall comply and forward the record within ten (10) days after receipt of the request, unless:

- The record has been flagged pursuant to A.R.S. 15-829, in which case the record shall not be forwarded and law enforcement officials shall be notified.
- The request does not conform to the requirements related to proper release of records by an emancipated student or parent.

STUDENT BIOMETRIC INFORMATION

Student biometric information, i.e., noninvasive electronic measurement of physical characteristics of a person used to electronically identify that person, may be collected by a school only after the following requirements have been satisfied:

- Written notice to the parents or guardians of the students of the intent to collect biometric information.
 - Provided to the parents or guardians not less than thirty (30) days prior to commencing collection of the information
 - Shall include a statement that the parent or guardian must give written permission to collect the information
 - ▲ The statement shall be printed in not less than eighteen (18) point boldface type.

The Superintendent may develop regulations for determining the type of student biometric information to be collected, and for assuring that the requisite notice, the receipt and validation of parent and guardian permission, and the collection and use of student biometric information are appropriately accomplished.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-109

CROSS REF.: JLCA - Physical Examinations of Students
JR - Student Records
LC - Relations with Education Research Agencies

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

The Superintendent, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, shall develop procedures for parental involvement in the school(s). These shall include:

- A plan for parent participation in the school designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance, and discipline.
- A method by which parents may learn about the course of study for their children and review learning materials, including the source of any supplemental educational materials.
- A procedure by which parents who object to any learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw their children from the activity or from the class or program in which the material is used and request an alternative assignment. Objection to a learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful includes objection to a material or activity because it questions beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion or, because of sexual content, violent content, or profane or vulgar language.
- A procedure by which parents or guardians of students enrolled in the District shall have access in advance to the instructional materials, learning materials and activities currently used by, or being considered for use by, the District.
- A procedure by which the District shall obtain signed, written consent from a student's parent or guardian before using video, audio or electronic materials that may be inappropriate for the age of the student.
- Procedures to prohibit the School District from providing sex education instruction to a student unless the student's parent provides written permission for the student to participate in the sex education curricula if the School District offers any sex education curricula pursuant to A.R.S. 15-711 on the requirement to include instruction to student in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) on laws relating to sexual conduct with a minor or 15-716 concerning instruction on immune deficiency syndrome, or pursuant to any rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

- Procedures by which parents will be notified in advance of and given the opportunity to withdraw their children from any instruction or presentations regarding sexuality in courses other than formal sex education curricula.
- Procedures by which parents may learn about the nature and purpose of clubs and activities that are part of the school curriculum, extracurricular clubs, and activities that have been approved by the school.
- Procedures by which parents may learn about parental rights and responsibilities under the laws of this state, including the following:
 - The right to opt in to a sex education curriculum if one is provided by the District.
 - Open enrollment rights pursuant to A.R.S. 15-816.01, relating to the District policies on open enrollment.
 - The right to opt out of assignments pursuant to A.R.S. 1-601, Parents Bill of Rights. [See Exhibit KB-EB]
 - The right to opt out a child out of immunizations as authorized by A.R.S. 15-873, relating to an outbreak of a communicable disease.
 - The promotion requirements prescribed in A.R.S. 15-701 for students in grades one (1) through eight (8).
 - The minimum course of study and competency requirements for graduation from high school prescribed in A.R.S. 15-701.01.
 - The right to opt out of instruction on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome as provided by A.R.S. 15-716.
 - The right to review their child's standardized norm-referenced test results pursuant to A.R.S. 15-743.
 - The right to participate in gifted programs pursuant as prescribed by A.R.S. 15-779.01.
 - The right to access instructional materials as directed by A.R.S. 15-730.
 - The right to receive the school's annual report card pursuant to A.R.S. 15-746.

- The school attendance and age requirements for children prescribed in A.R.S. 15-802, 15-803 and 15-821.
- The right to public review of courses of study and textbooks in the common schools (preschool programs through grade eight [8]), as prescribed in A.R.S. 15-721.
- The right to be excused from school attendance for religious purposes as described by A.R.S. 15-806.
- Policies related to parental involvement pursuant A.R.S. 15-102 and set out herein.
- The right to seek membership on school councils pursuant to A.R.S. 15-351, describing the purpose, duties, and membership of a school council. [Subject to the exemption of certain school districts exempted as described in A.R.S. 15-352].
- The right to participate in a parental satisfaction survey to be distributed to the parent of every child enrolled at the school, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-353.
- Information about the student accountability information system (SAIS) as prescribed in section 15-1042.
- The right to access the failing schools tutoring fund pursuant to A.R.S. 15-241.

Optional language: The following bulleted items setting out the manner in which parents may be made aware of the District's Parental Involvement Policy are optional in whole or in part as determined by the local Governing Board.

The District plan under this policy may also include:

- Making parents aware of this District parental involvement policy, including:
 - Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, as revised (20 U.S.C. 1232g) relating to access to children's official records.
 - The parent's right to inspect the District policies and curriculum.

- Efforts to encourage the development of parenting skills.
- The communication to parents of techniques designed to assist the student's learning experience in the home.
- Efforts to encourage access to community and support services for children and families.
- The promotion of communication between the school and parents concerning school programs and the academic progress of the parents' children.
- Identifying opportunities for parents to participate in and support classroom instruction at the school.
- Efforts to support, with appropriate training, parents as shared decision makers and to encourage membership on school councils.
- The recognition of the diversity of parents and the development of guidelines that promote widespread parental participation and involvement in the school at various levels.
- The development of preparation programs and specialized courses for certificated employees and administrators that promote parental involvement.
- The development of strategies and programmatic structures at schools to encourage and enable parents to participate actively in their children's education.
- Provide to parents the information in this policy in an electronic form.

Resumés of all current and former instructional personnel shall be maintained and available for inspection by parents and guardians of pupils enrolled. The resumé shall include individual educational and teaching background and experience in a particular academic content subject area.

For the purposes of this policy *parent* means the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian of a minor child.

When a parent submits a written request for information to the Superintendent or a school principal during regular business hours:

- The Superintendent or principal shall:
 - Deliver the requested information to the parent within ten (10) calendar days, or

- Provide to the parent a written explanation for denial of the requested information.
- If the requested information is denied or is not received by the parent within fifteen (15) calendar days:
 - The parent may submit to the Governing Board a request for the requested information, and
 - The Governing Board shall consider the request at the next scheduled meeting of the Board on which the request can be properly noticed. If the request cannot be properly noticed on the next scheduled meeting agenda, the Governing Board shall formally consider the request at the next subsequent public meeting of the Governing Board.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 1-601
1-602
15-101
15-102
15-113
15-341

CROSS REF.: ABA - Community Involvement in Education
IHBD - Compensatory Education
IJ - Instructional Resources and Materials
IJND - Technology Resources
JHD - Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
KDB - Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

PARENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS*

(Enacted by the 49th Arizona Legislature,
2nd Regular Session (2010)
Session Law SB1309, Chapter 307
Arizona Revised Statutes 1-601 and 1-602)

Parents' Rights Protected

The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children is a fundamental right.

This state, any political subdivision of this state or any other governmental entity shall not infringe on these rights without demonstrating that the compelling governmental interest as applied to the child involved is of the highest order, is narrowly tailored and is not otherwise served by a less restrictive means.

Parents' Bill of Rights; definition

All parental rights are reserved to a parent of a minor child without obstruction or interference from this state, any political subdivision of this state, any other governmental entity or any other institution, including, but not limited to, the following rights:

- The right to direct the education of the minor child.
- All rights of parents identified in Title 15, including the right to access and review all records relating to the minor child.
- The right to direct the upbringing of the minor child.
- The right to direct the moral or religious training of the minor child.
- The right to make health care decisions for the minor child, including rights pursuant to sections 15-873, 36-2271 and 36-2272, unless otherwise prohibited by law.
- The right to access and review all medical records of the minor child unless otherwise prohibited by law or the parent is the subject of an investigation of a crime committed against the minor child and a law enforcement official requests that the information not be released.

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- The right to consent in writing before a biometric scan of the minor child is made pursuant to section 15-109.
- The right to consent in writing before any record of the minor child's blood or deoxyribonucleic acid is created, stored or shared, except as required by section 36-694, or before any genetic testing is conducted on the minor child pursuant to section 12-2803 unless authorized pursuant to section 13-610 or a court order.
- The right to consent in writing before the state or any of its political subdivisions makes a video or voice recording of the minor child, unless the video or voice recording is made during or as a part of a court proceeding, during or as part of a forensic interview in a criminal or child protective services investigation or to be used solely for any of the following:
 - Safety demonstrations, including the maintenance of order and discipline in the common areas of a school or on pupil transportation vehicles.
 - A purpose related to a legitimate academic or extracurricular activity.
 - A purpose related to regular classroom instruction.
 - Security or surveillance of buildings or grounds.
 - A photo identification card.
- The right to be notified promptly if an employee of this state, any political subdivision of this state, any other governmental entity or any other institution suspects that a criminal offense has been committed against the minor child by someone other than a parent, unless the incident has first been reported to law enforcement and notification of the parent would impede a law enforcement or child protective services investigation. This paragraph does not create any new obligation for school districts and charter schools to report misconduct between students at school, such as fighting or aggressive play, that are routinely addressed as student disciplinary matters by the school.
- The right to obtain information about a child protective services investigation involving the parent pursuant to section 8-807.

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- This section does not authorize or allow a parent to engage in conduct that is unlawful or to abuse or neglect a child in violation of the laws of this state. This section does not prohibit courts, law enforcement officers or employees of a government agency responsible for child welfare from acting in their official capacity within the scope of their authority. This section does not prohibit a court from issuing an order that is otherwise permitted by law.
- Any attempt to encourage or coerce a minor child to withhold information from the child's parent shall be grounds for discipline of an employee of this state, any political subdivision of this state or any other governmental entity, except for law enforcement personnel.
- Unless those rights have been legally waived or legally terminated, parents have inalienable rights that are more comprehensive than those listed in this section. This chapter does not prescribe all rights of parents. Unless otherwise required by law, the rights of parents of minor children shall not be limited or denied.
- For the purposes of this section, "*parent*" means the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian of a minor child.

***Note:** The literal language of the Parents' Bill of Rights is retained as enacted by the Legislature. However, the layout and style has been modified to be consistent with that of the other documents in the District's Manual of Governing Board Policies and Administrative Regulations. Where the term "section" appears it is to be understood as the identified section of the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.).

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PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

(This Form to be Submitted to the Superintendent)

Person(s) or group filing complaint _____

Complainant's address _____ Phone _____

Complainant's E-mail address _____

Date complaint is filed _____

Has problem been discussed with the administration?

Yes No Date _____

Summary of the charges (description of incident or event, including date, place, time, additional persons, alleged problem, and suggested solution):

Identification of other witnesses or persons with information about concern:

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**PUBLIC CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS
ABOUT PERSONNEL**

**PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT SCHOOL PERSONNEL
(This Form to be Submitted to the Employee's Supervisor)**

Person against whom the complaint is made _____

Employee's position _____ School/dept. _____

Person(s) or group filing complaint _____

Complainant's address _____ Phone _____

Complainant's E-mail address _____

Date complaint is filed _____

Has problem been discussed with the employee?

Yes No Date _____

Has problem been discussed with the employee's supervisor?

Yes No Date _____

Summary of the charges (description of incident or event, including date, place, time, additional persons, alleged improper conduct, and suggested solution):

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Leasing (renting)

School facilities and property may be leased to extended day resource programs and any person, group or organization for any lawful purpose in the interest of the community. The purposes include but are not limited to the following:

- recreational,
- educational,
- political,
- economic,
- artistic,
- moral,
- scientific,
- social,
- religious,
- other civic,
- or governmental.

A reasonable use fee shall be charged for the lease of school facilities and property and this fee may be offset by goods contributed or services rendered by the lessee. "Reasonable use fee" means an amount that is at least equal to the cost for utilities, services, supplies or personnel provided to the lessee pursuant to the terms of the lease.

Uncompensated Use

The Superintendent may permit the uncompensated use of facilities and property by any school related group, including student political organizations, or by any organization whose membership is open to the public and whose activities promote the educational function of the District. "Education function" means uses that are directly related to the educational mission of the District as adopted by the Board and includes the educational mission related uses of parent - teacher organizations, youth organizations and school employee organizations. Use of facilities or property by organizations indicated above that will require a substantial District cost for utilities, services, supplies and/or personnel may be permitted only if goods contributed, services rendered or payments are made to reimburse these costs to the District.

The mission of the District is found in section A of the policy manual (see cross referenced policies below). The mission statement and the group's or organization's promotion of the educational function through the activity, as interpreted by the Superintendent in good faith, will be the basis upon which uncompensated use of District facilities and property shall be approved or denied.

Generally

The Superintendent shall annually recommend a fee schedule to the Board for the lease of school property and such schedule shall include a procedure for determining the value of goods and services being provided as compensation for the use of school property. The schedule shall include a designation of those groups whose activities promote the educational function of the School District as determined in good faith by the Superintendent and presented for Board review.

Property not associated with the use of facilities is covered in section E of the policy manual (see cross referenced policies below). The District will use its best efforts to avoid conflicts with approved use of the facilities and property but no lease or use provision shall be effective if the administrator of the facility finds that it would cause delay, cancellation, or rescheduling of a school-sponsored activity.

Proof of liability insurance shall be required for the use or lease of school property pursuant to A.R.S. 15-1105.

The Superintendent shall establish such rules and regulations as are needed to implement this policy as well as to assure the preservation of District property.

The lessee of school facilities must affirm knowledge of and enforce the requirements and restrictions set out in Chapter 28.1 of A.R.S. Title 36 related to medical marijuana.

The lessee of school facilities to be used for athletic activities must confirm knowledge of and compliance with the requirements and restrictions for such use as set out in Board Policy JJIB.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-511
15-1105
15-1141 to 15-1143
16-411
36-2801 *et seq.*, Arizona Medical Marijuana Act

CROSS REF.: A - District Mission and Belief Statement
AC - Nondiscrimination / Equal Opportunity
EDC - Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment
KFA - Public Conduct on School Property

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

An applicant requesting the use of school facilities agrees to comply with the following rules and the District policy concerning conduct on school property if granted permission to use the requested school facilities.

- All community group activities, including preparations, must be conducted in such a manner that students can continue their educational programs without undue interruption.
- An employee of the District must be on duty whenever a school building is used by an organization or group unless prior approval for other arrangements has been granted.
- The applicant is held responsible for the preservation of order. All children attending or participating in the event or activity must be supervised by responsible adults.
- No alcoholic liquors or beverages shall be brought to or consumed in the buildings or on the grounds.
- Tobacco and smoking is prohibited on school property.
- Putting up decorations or scenery or moving pianos or other major furniture is not allowed without prior permission.
- Nothing shall be sold, given, exhibited, or displayed for sale without prior permission from the school. Any sales are prohibited unless the proceeds will be used for charitable or nonprofit educational purposes.
- Unless waived by the District when use is in conjunction with a District activity, groups must provide the District with documentary evidence of liability insurance of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Each group will be responsible for the repair or replacement of damaged equipment, furniture, or facility.
- The District reserves the right to require, if it should deem it necessary, a cash bond of five hundred dollars (\$500), or more to cover any damages that might be done to any equipment, furniture, or facility.
- All wages earned by District employees on duty for approved facilities use shall be paid by the District. No District employees shall be paid directly by any group using the facilities.

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- The availability of cafeteria kitchens and other special subject or usage areas may be restricted to specific times or activities. Special fees may be charged for the use of those facilities.
- When more than one (1) applicant requests the use of a facility for the same time, the applicant filing first shall be given first consideration. If a school program or calendar changes, the school program shall take priority, even if the activity has been scheduled. Every effort will be made to reschedule the activity as conveniently as possible when such cancellation has occurred.
- The issuance of keys to facilities is to be discouraged. However, if no alternative is suitable, it shall be the principal's responsibility to issue and retrieve facility keys according to the District key-control procedures.
- Permission shall be denied for activities that would exceed the capacity of the facility or be in violation of fire or safety regulations. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to make appropriate members familiar with the use of fire and other safety devices and procedures.
- Confirm knowledge of and commitment to comply with the requirements and restrictions for use of facilities for athletic activities as set out in Board Policy JJIB.
- Comply with all applicable requirements of The Arizona Medical Marijuana Act.
- All activities must be conducted within the laws, rules and regulations of the State of Arizona and applicable municipal subdivisions.
- Requests for future use may be denied to an organization that fails to comply with established rules.

PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

No person shall engage in conduct that may cause interference with or disruption of an educational institution. Interference with or disruption of an educational institution includes any act that might reasonably lead to the evacuation or closure of any property of the educational institution or the postponement, cancellation or suspension of any class or other school activity. For the purposes of this policy, an actual evacuation, closure, postponement, cancellation or suspension is not required for the act to be considered interference or disruption.

A person commits interference with or disruption of an educational institution by doing any of the following:

- Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly interfering with or disruption of the normal operations of an educational institution by either:
 - Threatening to cause physical injury to any employee or student of an educational institution or any person on the property of an educational institution.
 - Threatening to cause damage to the District, the property of the District, or the property of any person attending the District.
- Intentionally or knowingly entering or remaining on the property of an educational institution for the purpose of interfering with or denying lawful use of the property to others.
- Intentionally or knowingly refusing to obey a lawful order given by the Superintendent or a person designated to maintain order.

The above identified acts need not be directed at a specific individual, the District, or specific property of the District to constitute a violation of this policy.

Restitution for any financial loss caused by a violation of the policy may be required. Furthermore, an individual who interferes with or disrupts an educational institution is subject to misdemeanor or felony charges as provided in A.R.S. 13-2911.

A person may also interfere with or disrupt the District function by committing any of the following:

- Any conduct intended to obstruct, disrupt, or interfere with teaching, research, service, administrative, or disciplinary functions or any activity sponsored or approved by this Board.

- Physical or verbal abuse or threat of harm to any person on property owned or controlled by the District or at supervised functions sponsored by the District.
- Forceful or unauthorized entry to or occupation of District facilities, including both buildings and grounds.
- Illicit use, possession, distribution, or sale of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, other controlled substances, or other illegal contraband on District property or at school-sponsored functions.
- Use of speech or language that is offensive or inappropriate to the limited forum of the public school educational environment.
- Failure to comply with the lawful directions of District officials or of District security officers or other law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties, and failure to identify oneself to such officials or officers when lawfully requested to do so.
- Knowing violation of a District rule and regulation. Proof that an alleged violator has a reasonable opportunity to become aware of such rules and regulations shall be sufficient proof that the violation was done knowingly.
- Any conduct constituting an infraction of any federal, state, or city law or policy or regulation of the Board.
- Carrying or possessing a weapon on school grounds unless the individual is a peace officer or has obtained specific authorization from the appropriate school administrator.

Additional Requirements of the General Public

The definition of *general public* is anyone who does not come under the definition of student, faculty member, staff member, or employee.

- No person shall visit or audit a classroom or other school activity, nor shall any person come upon or remain upon school premises, without approval by the principal or the principal's authorized representative. Nor shall any person conduct or attempt to conduct any activity on school premises without prior approval by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's authorized representative.

- Any member of the general public considered by the Superintendent, or a person authorized by the Superintendent, to be in violation of these rules shall be instructed to leave the property of the District. Failure to obey the instruction may subject the person to criminal proceedings pursuant to A.R.S. 13-2911 and to any other applicable civil or criminal proceedings, or to tribal ordinance.
- Persons attending special functions shall confine themselves to the specific part of the facility assigned in the permit.
- Persons who engage in disorderly conduct of any kind may be subject to removal and exclusion from the facility.
- The use of facilities shall be granted only for legitimate purposes. Therefore, the permit holder shall assume full responsibility for any unlawful act committed during the exercise of the permit.
- No person shall, except as authorized by A.R.S. 36-2801 *et seq.*:
 - possess or engage in the use of medical marijuana,
 - ▲ on a school bus, or
 - ▲ on the grounds of any preschool, elementary or secondary school.
 - smoke marijuana,
 - ▲ on any form of public transportation, or
 - ▲ in any public place.
 - operate, navigate or be in actual physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft or motorboat while under the influence of marijuana,
 - ▲ except that a registered qualifying patient shall not be considered to be under the influence of marijuana solely because of the presence of metabolites or components of marijuana that appear in insufficient concentration to cause impairment.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 13-2905
13-2911
13-3102
15-341
15-507
36-2801 *et seq.*
36-2802

CROSS REF.: GBEB - Staff Conduct
GCQF - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of
Professional Staff Members
GDQD - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of
Support Staff Members
JIC - Student Conduct
JK - Student Discipline
KFAA - Smoking on School Premises at Public Functions

SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS

The possession or use of tobacco products is prohibited in the following locations:

- School grounds.
- School buildings.
- School parking lots.
- School playing fields.
- School buses and other District vehicles.
- Off-campus school-sponsored events.

Under the provisions of A.R.S. 36-798.03, a person who violates the prohibition is guilty of committing a petty offense.

The prohibitions do not apply to an adult when possession or use of the tobacco products are for demonstration purposes as a necessary instructional component of a tobacco prevention or cessation program that is:

- Approved by the school.
- Established in accord with Arizona Revised Statute 15-712.

No person shall smoke marijuana in any public place.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 13-3622
15-341
15-712
36-798.03
36-2802
20 U.S.C. 6083
20 U.S.C. 7181
20 U.S.C. 7183

CROSS REF.: GBED - Smoking by Staff Members
JICG - Tobacco Use by Students
KFA - Public Conduct on School Property

ADVERTISING IN SCHOOLS

No materials from outside of the school system used for propaganda purposes (ideas, facts, or allegations spread deliberately to further a cause or to damage an opposing cause) shall be permitted to be posted in school buildings or on school grounds or properties while students are present for instructional or recreational purposes.

School sponsored student government activities, mock elections and promotions are exempt from the prohibition against propaganda posting.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the District or a District school from the sale of advertising space in accordance with A.R.S. 15-342, subject to the following conditions:

- Such advertisements shall be age appropriate and not contain promotion of any substance that is illegal for minors, such as alcohol, tobacco and drugs, or gambling. Advertisements shall comply with the state sex education policy of abstinence.
- Advertising approved by the Governing Board for the exterior of school buses may appear only on the sides of the bus in the following areas:
 - The signs shall be below the seat level rub rail and not extend above the bottom of the side windows.
 - The signs shall be at least three (3) inches from any required lettering, lamp, wheel well or reflector behind the service door or stop signal arm.
 - The signs shall not extend from the body of the bus so as to allow a handhold or present a danger to pedestrians.
 - The signs shall not interfere with the operation of any door or window.
 - The signs shall not be placed on any emergency doors.
- The District shall establish an advertisement fund that is composed of revenues from the sale of advertising. The monies in the advertisement fund are not subject to reversion.

Requests for advertising to promote the merit of any product by brand name or trademark shall be submitted to the Board.

The Governing Board has discretion to decline specific advertisements.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-342

CROSS REF.: DFF - Income from School Sales and Services

RELATIONS WITH BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS

Some of the strongest school support comes from parents or organizations having strong interests in specific students or school activities. Support from booster organizations is encouraged wherever appropriate as a means of involving the public in the activities and goals of the District. School personnel shall seek to strengthen and support booster organizations by cooperating in any way possible to provide assistance, materials, facilities, or other aid to assist them in helping the schools.

Close communication with booster organizations ensures greater harmony with the policies and goals of the District. Each principal shall assume responsibility for the conduct of any organization approved by that principal for interaction with the students, staff, or program of the school.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures as necessary for the guidance of school personnel who are involved with booster organizations.

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CROSS REF.: JJE - Student Fund-Raising Activities

RELATIONS WITH CHARTER SCHOOLS

To prepare for the possible receipt of a proposal requesting sponsorship of a charter school, and in order to facilitate the decision to accept or reject sponsorship of a charter application/proposal, the Governing Board establishes the charter school application requirements as set forth in Exhibit LBD-E. In addition to these application requirements, each applicant shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the District for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal records check. The criminal records check shall be completed prior to issuance of a charter [A.R.S. 15-183]. Additional supporting information and data may be required and shall be provided by the applicant if requested by the District or the Superintendent to assist the Board in evaluation of the application for possible sponsorship of the charter school.

The Superintendent is directed to prepare copies of the requirements, together with any instructions deemed appropriate to the distribution or receipt of the applications.

Upon receipt of the application/proposal, the Superintendent shall provide copies to the Board and review the submission for inclusion of the application requirements, reporting the findings to the Board.

The Superintendent may designate personnel to provide liaisons between applicants and the District. If requested, a liaison may also provide technical assistance to improve the application.

Public Meetings

The Board may schedule and hold community meetings in the affected areas or the entire District to obtain information to assist the Board in making a decision about the charter school application. All persons or groups that have an interest in the approval or denial of the charter school application must present their comments or concerns to the Board in writing in a timely manner or in testimony during a public meeting.

Decision on Sponsorship

The Board will make a decision to accept or reject sponsorship of the applicant charter school, in either a regular or special meeting, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the application/proposal. An applicant may submit a revised application for reconsideration by the Board. If the application is rejected, the Board shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the rejection [A.R.S. 15-183].

A Charter Plan

If the District decides to sponsor a charter school, a contract shall be prepared and executed by the charter applicant and the Board, containing at a minimum the following:

- The charter requirements and assurances found in A.R.S. 15-181 through A.R.S. 15-189.
- All representations contained in the application/proposal and those submitted as additions to the application/proposal.
- A description of all Board policies and rules the charter school will be required to follow.
- Other matters as deemed necessary to the creation of a charter school document.

An approved plan to establish a charter school is effective for fifteen (15) years from the first day of operation [A.R.S. 15-183].

Renewal/Nonrenewal of a Charter

A charter may be renewed for a period of twenty (20) years if the District deems that the school is in compliance with its own charter and A.R.S. 15-183. A charter renewal request shall be made at least fifteen (15) months prior to expiration of the approved plan in the form of an application, which must contain a report on the progress of the charter school in meeting the obligations of the contract and other terms of the agreement, including the laws applicable to the charter school.

A charter operator may apply for an early renewal by submitting to the District, at least nine (9) months prior to a renewal consideration, a letter of intent to apply for early renewal. The District shall review the charter school's annual fiscal audits and academic performance data collected by the District, shall review the existing contract with the charter school, and shall provide a renewal application to a qualifying charter school. The District shall give written notice to the charter school of its consideration of the renewal application.

Notice of intent not to renew a charter shall be given at least twelve (12) months prior to the expiration of the approved plan [A.R.S. 15-183]. The Superintendent shall assess the charter school's performance, including compliance with the charter and laws affecting the charter school, and report the findings to the Board in a timely fashion.

A charter may be renewed for successive periods of twenty (20) years.

Revocation of a Charter

The District shall review approved charters at five (5) year intervals and may revoke a charter at any time if the charter school breaches one (1) or more provisions of its charter. The District shall give written notice of intent to revoke a charter at least ninety (90) days before the effective date of the proposed revocation, thereby allowing the charter school at least ninety (90) days to correct the problems associated with the reasons for the proposed revocation. The notice shall be delivered personally to the operator of the charter school, or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of the charter school. The notice shall incorporate a statement of reasons for the proposed revocation of the charter.

Final determination of whether to revoke the charter shall be made at a public hearing called for such purpose.

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- LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-181
- 15-182
- 15-183
- 15-184
- 15-185
- 15-187
- 15-188
- 15-189
- 15-741
- 15-816

STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to arrange for the supervision and training of a reasonable number of student teachers each year and to establish procedures for such activity.

Before providing services directly to students, a person in a teacher preparation program who participates in a student teaching or other field experience shall obtain a fingerprint clearance card.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-534
15-1640
15-1651

**SUGGESTED MOTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH
POLICY MANUAL ADOPTION**

Initial Motion

"I move to rescind and nullify all current and past policies of the Mammoth-San Manuel Unified School District No. 8."

*If the motion carries, the Board should
proceed to act on the following motion.*

Subsequent Motion

"I move we adopt the Policy Manual developed with consulting assistance from the Arizona School Boards Association, containing selected retained documents from the predecessor Manual and new and modified documents hereby prescribed and approved by the Board."