

**AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**CERTIFICATED ASRS RETIREE RETURNING TO WORK**  
**TEACHER'S CONTRACT**

This contract is entered into between \_\_\_\_\_ ("Teacher") and the Governing Board of Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 of Pima County, Arizona ("District"). The parties agree as follows:

1. District agrees to employ Teacher for fiscal year 2026-2027 ("the fiscal year"). The contract year for Teacher shall be in accordance with the official calendar adopted by the Governing Board. If, however, an emergency or other circumstance as determined and declared by the Governing Board or its authorized designee delays the opening or requires the closing of the schools, the period of time covered by the employment contracts shall be extended so as to maintain open schools for the number of days required by state law without additional compensation to Teacher.

2. District agrees to pay Teacher a salary of \_\_\_\_\_ together with any salary increase approved for Teacher as part of the 2026-2027 compensation package approved by the Governing Board upon completion of the meet and confer process. District is providing this contract to Teacher to confirm Teacher's appointment for the 2026-2027 school year. The parties intend, however, that the Teacher salary for this contract be the amount approved for Teacher by the Governing Board as part of the 2026-2027 compensation package and that said amount shall not be less than the salary stated above for Teacher's full-time employment for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. In the event there is a difference between the salary amount stated here and the amount approved by the Governing Board to be paid as salary to Teacher, then the amount approved by the Governing Board shall govern. Teacher will not be mandated to file additional paperwork/amendment to receive the additional monies as these sums will be automatically directed to Teacher in accordance with this contract. Teacher shall also receive performance pay if Teacher qualifies for such pay in accordance with the District's performance pay plan(s), subject to any reduction in Classroom Site Funding as described below in section six (6). The amount of performance pay and the method and timing of payment of performance pay shall be as specified in the District's performance pay plan(s). Teacher shall also receive such fringe benefits as the Governing Board has approved for this fiscal year. The Teacher's compensation shall be payable in bi-weekly installments as Teacher directs.

3. Teacher shall teach such grade, grades or subjects in the school(s) of the District and at such location(s) as the Governing Board, Superintendent, Principal, or their designees, may direct for the fiscal year and will faithfully perform the duties as may be assigned according to law, rules, policies and regulations legally established for the governance of the District as are in effect or may be amended during the term of this contract. Teacher shall teach in accordance with the academic standards established by the State of Arizona Board of Education.

4. Teacher's employment is conditioned upon the possession at all times of a valid Arizona Teacher's certificate for the position being offered and upon the possession at all times of a valid fingerprint clearance card, as well as the satisfactory completion of a background check and minimum requirements for the District's Teacher job description. Teacher agrees to be appropriately certified according to Arizona Department of Education standards, and to hold all requisite endorsements appropriate to the position held by the commencement date and throughout the duration of this contract. This contract shall be null and void and Teacher's employment shall be terminated if these conditions are not satisfied.

5. District's budget incorporates assumptions about the amount of funding that will be available to the District. Teacher acknowledges and agrees that at any time after execution of this contract, the Base Salary specified above may be reduced by an amount not to exceed four percent (4%) of Teacher's salary or may be cancelled, if any of the following, individually or in conjunction, occurs: a) if the District's Base Support Level, the Revenue Control Limit, or the General Budget Limit authorized for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is less or becomes less than that authorized at the beginning of the 2026-2027 fiscal year; b) the District fails to receive, during the 2026-2027 fiscal year, funds in the amount initially budgeted for such year due to a transition to current year funding or for any other reason; or c) the District does not receive federal or state funds that, as of May 30, 2026, the District anticipates receiving for use in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Teacher shall be given not fewer than ten (10) calendar days' notice of any reduction in Base Salary that occurs as a result of this paragraph. In addition, if the District receives new and undesignated state or federal funding after execution of this agreement, and such funding may be utilized for staff compensation, the compensation paid under this contract may increase following additional meet and confer proceedings and recommendations and Governing Board action.

6. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-977 and provisions of the Proposition 301 Classroom Site Fund, the District may or may not receive funds to support supplements to Teacher's Base Salary. Teacher expressly acknowledges that total pay will depend upon allocation of the Classroom Site Funds, amount of Classroom Site Funds received, if any, and employee eligibility. Payments associated with the Classroom Site Fund may be paid only if the balance in the applicable Site Fund account is sufficient to support the payment.

7. Teacher warrants the truth of all representations and statements made by Teacher to District in connection with Teacher's employment. Any breach of this warranty may be grounds for termination of employment.
8. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, if Teacher is arrested for or charged with any non-appealable offense listed in A.R.S. § 41-1758.03(B), Teacher shall immediately report the arrest or charge to Teacher's supervisor. Failure to do so shall result in Teacher's immediate dismissal in accordance with Arizona law.
9. Teacher affirms and represents that Teacher and Teacher's dependents will not have a financial interest in any product or service purchased or otherwise procured by the District during the fiscal year. Alternatively, Teacher affirms that Teacher will disclose, in the records of the District's central office, whenever Teacher or Teacher's dependents do have a financial interest in a school district procurement of any product or service. This Contract is subject to cancellation pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511, regarding conflicts of interest.
10. Teacher hereby acknowledges and agrees that his/her employment is pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-766.01 which allows retirees under the Arizona State Retirement System ("ASRS") to return to work after retirement under certain conditions. Teacher acknowledges and represents that Teacher has attained normal retirement age as set forth by the ASRS, has retired under the ASRS, has terminated employment with all ASRS participating employers for at least twelve months, i.e. three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days, before returning to work, and has chosen to work without interrupting or terminating receipt of ASRS retirement benefits. Teacher also acknowledges, desires and intends that District and Teacher will not make the contributions to ASRS for the salary paid to Teacher pursuant to this Contract or pursuant to any other aspect of Teacher's employment with District, but will comply with A.R.S. § 38-766.02. Teacher also acknowledges, desires and intends that Teacher will not accrue credited service, retirement benefits or long-term disability program benefits through ASRS for the employment agreed to pursuant to this contract. Finally, Teacher expressly acknowledges that Teacher is not subject to the requirements and conditions prescribed in Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 15-538, 15-538.01 and 15-539 through 15-543, including but not limited to, accrual of continuing status, preliminary notice of inadequacy of performance, or contract renewal. District and Teacher therefore expressly agree that Teacher's employment under this Contract is for 2026-2027 school year only. Teacher is hereby notified that Teacher's employment is for the 2026-2027 school year only and Teacher's contract will not be renewed for the following school year. This contract will automatically terminate upon the conclusion of the 2026-2027 school year without any further notice or action on either party's part; or either party may terminate this Agreement with thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to the other party. In the event of such early termination, the Teacher agrees to continue performing their duties and responsibilities until the termination date, and the District will pay for all services rendered through that date. Should either party terminate the Agreement before the completion of the notice period, they may be liable for any costs incurred because of the early termination, including but not limited to recruitment costs or replacement expenses.
11. Teacher is entitled to have the same paid holidays as other certificated employees in which that position is normally assigned. Teacher shall also receive the same number of sick and personal days in which that position is normally assigned, but unused personal or sick days will not be paid out at the end of the year. Fringe benefits-eligibility for health insurance, life insurance and the Employee Assistance Program will be determined under existing District policy.
12. Teacher understands that, pursuant to A.R.S. §15-545, resignation from employment during this contract without obtaining advance Governing Board approval is an unprofessional act which may subject Teacher to disciplinary action before the State Board of Education, including revocation of Teacher's certificate. Teacher therefore agrees not to resign from employment prior to the conclusion of the final duty day required by this Contract, unless the resignation has been approved in advance by the Governing Board. Teacher also recognizes that District will incur expenses of securing a replacement, including substitute costs, in the event that Teacher does not fulfill the full term of this Contract. Teacher and District agree that these expenses and the damage done to District's program and its students due to the premature loss of Teacher's services are difficult to determine, and therefore that it is appropriate to assess a certain amount as liquidated damages in the event of Teacher's breach of this contract in this respect. Teacher and District specifically agree that the liquidated damages which may be assessed against Teacher for resigning or leaving employment without advance Board approval shall be the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$2,500.00). Teacher agrees that District, in addition to any other remedies available to it by law, may deduct all or any portion of the amount of the liquidated damages from any earnings due to Teacher from any fiscal year, or from any other source. District will consider individual circumstances in the application of this provision.
13. This contract constitutes the entire agreement of the parties, and any prior or contemporaneous agreements, whether written or oral, are superseded by this contract except as provided or referenced herein. Any subsequent amendment or addendum to this contract shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This contract and any subsequent amendment, revision, or addendum to this contract is subject to all applicable State and Federal statutes.

14. Pursuant to Arizona law, Teacher must sign this Contract and return it to the District's Human Resources Office within fifteen (15) days from the date it is issued, without any additions or deletions, or District's offer of employment shall be automatically revoked.

APPROVED AT A LEGALLY CONVENEED MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD on XXX.

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Teacher