

**AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NEW HIRE PROFESSIONAL NON-TEACHING (INCLUDING EXEMPT) STAFF CONTRACT**  
**(Ten Month)**

This contract is entered into between \_\_\_\_\_ ("Professional") 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 Professional for fiscal year 2023-2024 ("the fiscal year"). The contract year for Professional 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 Professional.

2. District agrees to pay Professional a salary of \_\_\_\_\_ together with any salary increase approved for Professional as part of the 2023-2024 compensation package approved by the Governing Board upon completion of the meet and confer process. District is providing this contract to Professional to confirm Professional's appointment for the 2023-2024 school year. The parties intend, however, that the Professional salary for this contract be the amount approved for Professional by the Governing Board as part of the 2023-2024 compensation package and that said amount shall not be less than the salary stated above for Professional's full-time employment for the 2023-2024 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 Professional, then the amount approved by the Governing Board shall govern. Professional will not be mandated to file additional paperwork/amendment to receive the additional monies as these sums will be automatically directed to Professional in accordance with this contract. Professional shall also receive performance pay if Professional qualifies for such pay in accordance with the District's performance pay plan(s). 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). Professional shall also receive such fringe benefits as the Governing Board has approved for this fiscal year.

3. Professional shall teach/serve in the school(s) or department(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.

4. If a valid Arizona certificate, license or fingerprint card is required for Professional's employment, Professional's employment shall be conditioned upon the possession at all times of the same, as well as the satisfactory completion of a background check. This contract shall be null and void and Professional'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. Professional 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 Professional'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 2023-2024 fiscal year is less or becomes less than that authorized at the beginning of the 2023-2024 fiscal year; b) the District fails to receive, during the 2023-2024 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, 2023, the District anticipates receiving for use in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Professional 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. Professional warrants the truth of all representations and statements made by Professional to District in connection with Professional's employment. Any breach of this warranty may be grounds for termination of employment.

7. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, if Professional is arrested for or charged with any non-appealable offense listed in A.R.S. § 41-1758.03(B), Professional shall immediately report the arrest or charge to Professional's supervisor. Failure to do so shall result in Professional's immediate dismissal in accordance with Arizona law.

8. Professional affirms and represents that Professional and Professional'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,

Professional affirms that Professional will disclose, in the records of the District's central office, whenever Professional or Professional'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.

9. Professional 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 Professional to disciplinary action before the State Board of Education, including revocation of Professional's certificate. Professional 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. Professional also recognizes that District will incur expenses of securing a replacement, including substitute costs, in the event that Professional does not fulfill the full term of this Contract. Professional and District agree that these expenses and the damage done to District's program and its students due to the premature loss of Professional's services are difficult to determine, and therefore that it is appropriate to assess a certain amount as liquidated damages in the event of Professional's breach of this contract in this respect. Professional and District specifically agree that the liquidated damages which may be assessed against Professional for resigning or leaving employment without advance Governing Board approval shall be the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$2,500.00). Professional 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 Professional from any fiscal year, or from any other source. District will consider individual circumstances in the application of this provision.

10. 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 or revision to this contract is subject to all applicable State and Federal statutes.

**11. Pursuant to Arizona law, Professional 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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**Professional**