



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: April 23, 2019

TITLE: Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum Revision Approval

BACKGROUND:

The grades 4-8 Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum was in need of revision and updating. A representative committee of teachers, principals, health services staff, and parents met over the course of the past two years to examine all of the content of each lesson and make necessary revisions. The new curriculum and the process for the development of the curriculum for grades 5-8 is in alignment with A.R.S. §15-102, A.R.S. §15-711, A.R.S. §15-716, State Board of Education Regulation R7-2-303, and was developed in accordance with Governing Board policy IHAMB. The curriculum focuses on basic facts about human reproduction and appropriate self-care relevant to the human maturation process. It also includes factual information about the risks and responsibilities of sexual activity.

The curriculum updates were made based upon information from the Arizona Department of Health Services and our own Health Services Department. New video for the lessons was selected to replace older material that was no longer up to date or accurate. District teachers who were a part of the committee prepared the revised lessons and slides to be used during instruction.

The Sex Education/Maturation curriculum is delivered by certified teachers and students are grouped by gender for the lessons. Parent permission is required for students to participate in the lessons as required by A.R.S. §15-102.

The revised Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum has been available for review since February 19, 2019. Only minor revisions were suggested and subsequently completed since that date. It is required that this curriculum be available for review by parents prior to implementation of the lessons at each school site. This will be accomplished at each school upon request.

PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE: Arizona State Board of Education Regulation R7-2-303 and Amphitheater School District Policy IHAMB requires that two public hearings be held when implementing new or revised Sex Education/Maturation curriculum. The first hearing was held at the regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on February 19, 2019 and the second hearing was held on April 9, 2019. Upon approval, the curriculum will be prepared for dissemination to the schools.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum revision.

INITIATED BY:

Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education Date: April 16, 2019

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