



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

DATE OF MEETING: **February 11, 2014**

TITLE: **Study of Proposed Revisions to Governing Board Policies JKE (Expulsion of Students) and JLF (Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection).**

BACKGROUND:

The periodic revision of state and federal law often necessitates the corresponding revision of Governing Board policies. This item is presented to permit the Board to review proposed revisions to the following Policies:

Policy JKE (Expulsion of Students)

Policy JKE is modified to clarify that although a student qualified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as revised in 1997 may not be expelled from school if the student's behavior is related to the child's disability, expulsion may be a consequence of behavior unrelated to the disability.

Expulsion may be imposed if as a result of a Manifestation Determination it has been determined that the student's behavior is unrelated to the child's disability. The Manifestation Determination must be held within ten (10) school days of any decision to change the placement of a child with a disability because of a violation of a code of student conduct.

The student may be given a change in placement in lieu of expulsion. Expulsion may not result in termination of educational services for a student qualified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Policy JLF (Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection)

Senate Bill 1291 amended Arizona Revised Statutes section 13-3620 during the most recent legislative session. The enacted changes allow mandated reporters to file reports of child abuse, neglect and abandonment electronically. Additionally, follow-up written reports that were previously required to be submitted within seventy-two (72) hours of calling in reports to the Child Abuse Hotline are no longer a requirement.

The Department of Economic Security, Division of Children, Youth and Families, has announced that all mandated reporters may now electronically submit non-emergency reports via a secure online reporting website.

Non-emergency reports are those in which a child is not at immediate risk of abuse or neglect that could result in serious harm. Mandated reporters will be able to submit non-emergency reports 24 hours a day without wait times.

All reports made via the online website will require the person making the report (reporting source) to provide contact information. A representative from the Child Abuse Hotline may contact the source for additional information, if necessary. This process will make it more convenient to meet the mandated reporting requirements and help ensure child safety.

All emergency situations where a child faces an immediate risk of abuse or neglect that could result in serious harm must still be reported by calling 911 or 1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445). If a reporting source is unsure as to whether or not the report is an emergency situation, the reporting source should call the Child Abuse Hotline to make a report.

Further communications and instructions for mandated reporters will be announced when the online reporting system is available.

Any concerns for the safety of a child due to abuse, neglect or abandonment, must be reported, by:

Calling 1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445),
TDD: 602-530-1831 (1-800-530-1831), or

Submit non-emergency concerns via the Online Reporting Service for Mandated Reporters at https://www.azdes.gov/dcyf/cps/mandated_reporters/ (effective November 2013).

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board's study at this time. The policy revisions will be brought back at a later date for the Board's approval.

INITIATED BY:



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Date: March 12, 2013



Patrick Nelson, Superintendent