



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

DATE OF MEETING: September 18, 2012

TITLE: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and the Arizona Board of Regents on Behalf of the University of Arizona College of Science and the College of Outreach.

BACKGROUND: The University of Arizona, through their College of Science, has developed Bioscience/Biotechnology courses to encourage high school students to graduate and seek out STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) higher education programs. The University has requested the opportunity to co-offer these classes to area high school CTE students through the College of Outreach. Besides Amphitheater, the Governing Boards of the following local school Districts are also considering this proposal: Tucson Unified, Marana, Flowing Wells, Sunnyside and Vail.

This Agreement would permit local students to earn three (3) University credits through two-semester courses providing instruction in advanced biology coursework and laboratory techniques

The University has agreed to an 80% reduction in tuition and fees to these students, currently determined to be \$475.00 (\$158.33 per credit hour). Efforts continue to obtain grants and additional funding sources to help alleviate even these costs to the student.

A District CTE-certified teacher will be granted "Faculty Associate" status for the duration of the program for class instruction, and to facilitate course management and student evaluation.

The University's form of agreement provides for the IGA's commencement upon the filing with the Secretary of State's office and a termination date of June 30, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board approve the attached Agreement.

INITIATED BY:

Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: September 12, 2012

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent