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(Update of PA 820, March 2025)

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Summary

Exhibit BAA-EB required a minor edit to enable those Districts who chose the updated self-evaluation tool to access the request form; Policies IHA and JLIF were revised to comply with statutory updates.

Policy Advisory Discussion

Policy Advisory No. 863 **Exhibit BAA-EB — Evaluation of School
Board / Board Self-Evaluation
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Due to ASBA's recent website migration, the link to access the request form to receive the electronic Board Self-Evaluation Tool required an update. Therefore, the link and instructions to access the request form have been updated as follows: To request access to the "Electronic Survey/Board Self-Evaluation Tool," click here: <https://azsba.org/> and select **Contact Us** (under the dropdown menu for Special Request select **Request Evaluation Form**). This Electronic Survey/Board Self-Evaluation Tool is complimentary, provides a tabulation of results, and creates a comprehensive report.

Policy Advisory No. 864 **Policy IHA — Basic Instructional Program**

Policy IHA has been revised to reflect the emergency measure, approved by the governor in March of 2025, that amended A.R.S. 15-710.02 regarding 9/11 Education Day by specifying relevant grade levels.

Policy Advisory No. 865 **Policy JLIF — Sex Offender Notification**

Policy JLIF has been revised to include revisions to A.R.S. 13-3825 including the addition of Level One offender information and an additional notification requirement.

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EXHIBIT

**EVALUATION OF SCHOOL BOARD /
BOARD SELF - EVALUATION**

**ANNUAL SELF-APPRAISAL OF
THE GOVERNING BOARD**

(Districts may choose either BAA-EA or BAA-EB)

The Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Board Self-Evaluation focuses on the following five (5) pillars (Standards) of Board Governance:

- A. Conduct and Ethics: Provide responsible Board governance.
- B. Vision: Set and communicate high expectations for student learning with clear goals and plans for meeting those.
- C. Structure: Create conditions District-wide for student and staff success.
- D. Accountability: Hold School District accountable for meeting student learning expectations.
- E. Advocacy: Engage local community and represent the values and expectations they hold for their schools.

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BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

The various instructional programs will be developed to maintain a balanced, integrated, and sequential curriculum that will serve the educational needs of all school-aged children in the District. The curriculum will be broad in scope and provide for a wide range in rate, readiness, and potential for learning.

The instructional program shall reflect the importance of language acquisition/reading-skill development as the basic element in each student's education. The first priority of the instructional program will be language acquisition through a planned sequence of reading skills and language experiences beginning in the kindergarten program. The improvement of specific reading skills of students should be continuous throughout their education. Each school educating students in kindergarten and grades one (1) through three (3) shall have a reading program as required by A.R.S. 15-704 and applicable State Board of Education rules.

The second priority of the instructional program will be mastery of the fundamentals of mathematics, beginning in the kindergarten program.

The instructional program will ensure that on or before July 1, 2022, at least one (1) kindergarten through third (K-3) grade teacher, literacy coach or literacy specialist in each school has received training related to dyslexia that complies with the requirements prescribed in A.R.S. 15-219 and A.R.S. 15-501.01 which includes enabling teachers to understand and recognize dyslexia and to implement structured literacy instruction that is systematic, explicit, multisensory and evidence-based to meet the educational needs of students with dyslexia.

Attention to the above-listed priorities shall not result in neglect of other areas of the curriculum.

**Minimum Course of Study
for Students in the
Common Schools**

Students shall demonstrate competency as defined by the State Board-adopted academic standards, at the grade levels specified, in the following required subject areas:

- A. English language arts (ELA);
- B. Mathematics;
- C. Social studies; including:
 - 1. Civics; and

2. Instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides for at least three (3) class periods, or the equivalent, on at least two (2) separate occasions during any of grades seven through twelve (7-12).

3. Instruction in the Constitutions of the United States and Arizona, American institutions and ideals and in the history of Arizona, including the history of Native Americans in Arizona for a total of one (1) year during kindergarten (K) through eighth (8th) grades.

D. Science;

E. Two (2) or more of the following:

1. Visual Arts

2. Dance

3. Theatre

4. Music

5. Media Arts

F. Health/Physical education, including mental health. Mental health instruction may be included as part of other subject areas and shall comply with A.R.S. § 15-701.03.

Minimum Course of Study for Graduation from High School

See Policy IKF.

Observance Days

September 11, in each year shall be observed as 9/11 Education Day. On 9/11 Education Day, each public school that provides instruction to students in any of grades seven (7) through twelve (12) shall provide ~~dedicate a portion of the school day to age-appropriate education~~ instruction to students in each of grades seven (7) through twelve (12) on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

September 25, in each year, shall be observed as Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day. On Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day, each public school in this state shall dedicate the majority of the school day to civics education.

If Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day or 9/11 Education Day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or other day when a public school is not in session, the preceding or following school day shall be observed in the public school as the holiday.

The Superintendent is directed to emphasize the use of the resources developed by the State Board of Education relating to civics education which align with the academic standards in social studies pursuant to A.R.S. [15-701](#) and [15-701.01](#).

Adopted: _____

LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

1-319

1-321

15-203

15-211

15-219

15-341

15-501.01

15-701

15-701.01

15-701.03

15-704

15-710

15-710.02

15-741.01

15-802

A.A.C.

R7-2-301 *et seq.*

CROSS REF.:

IJNDB - Use of Technology Resources in Instruction

IKF - Graduation Requirements

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SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION
(Sex Offender and Dangerous Juvenile Offender
Notification and Protective Measures)

Arizona statutes require law enforcement agencies to provide notification to the District regarding certain registered sex offenders and require courts to notify the District regarding juveniles adjudicated delinquent for "dangerous offenses" or certain sex offenses.

A. Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 13-3825 and 13-3826 require the local law enforcement agency to notify the community, including area schools, of the presence of a registered sex offender in the community when the offender has been determined by the agency to be a "level one" offender who has been convicted of a dangerous crime against children as defined in Section 13-705, a "level two" offender (medium risk), or a "level three" (high risk) offender. The child's school must be notified if the offender has legal custody of a child.

B. A.R.S. 8-350 directs the court to notify the District when a student attending a school in the District has been adjudicated delinquent for or convicted of and placed on probation for a dangerous offense or sexual conduct with a minor, sexual assault, molestation of a child, or continual sexual abuse of a child. Dangerous offense is defined in 8-350 as "an offense involving the discharge, use or threatening exhibition of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument or the intentional or knowing infliction of serious physical injury on another person."

C. A.R.S. 13-3821 permits a juvenile court to require a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent for certain sex offenses to register as a sex offender until the person reaches the age of twenty-five (25), and A.R.S. 13-3825 permits a juvenile court to further require such juvenile registered sex offender to be subject to the state's community notification requirements.

It is the Governing Board's desire to create and maintain a safe environment for the District's students and staff members. Therefore, the Superintendent is directed to develop procedures to disseminate the information received from the local law enforcement agency regarding adult and juvenile registered sex offenders present in the District and to provide teachers, parents, guardians, or custodians, upon request, information received from a court pursuant to A.R.S. 8-350 concerning a juvenile who has been adjudicated for or convicted of a dangerous offense or a specified sex offense.

District Procedures

Procedures within the District shall encompass, but not necessarily be limited to:

A. Measures to disseminate information received from the local law enforcement agency to staff members, parents, guardians, or custodians when the District has been notified that a registered offender has moved into the community. When in the judgment of the Superintendent it is determined to be appropriate, the measures will include disseminating the information to students.

B. Measures to provide to teachers, parents, guardians, or custodians, upon request, information received by the District under A.R.S. 8-350, regarding juveniles adjudicated delinquent of "dangerous offenses" or sex offenses.

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Optional language: The following elements are available for inclusion at the District's discretion.

C. District restrictions on and requirements of registered sex offenders.

D. Assessment, enrollment, placement, and oversight of students about whom an A.R.S. 8-350 notification has been received.

E. Student instruction in protective measures.

F. Prohibitions against harassment of individuals or acts of vigilantism based upon information received by the District.

Adopted: _____

LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

8-208

8-321

8-350

8-371

13-1405

13-1406

13-1410

13-1417

13-3821

13-3825

13-3826

20 U.S.C. 1232g(b)(7)

42 U.S.C. 14071(d)

CROSS REF.:

DJE - Bidding/Purchasing Procedures

EB - Environmental and Safety Program

GCF - Professional Staff Hiring

GDF - Support Staff Hiring

IJNDB - Use of Technology Resources in Instruction

JA - Student Policies Goals/Priority Objectives

JF - Student Admissions

JLI - Student Safety

JLF - Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection

JR - Student Records

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