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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, 2021, at least one (1) kindergarten through third (K-3) grade teacher 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.

The instructional program will include planned sequences in:

- A. Language arts - reading, spelling, handwriting, English grammar, composition, literature, and study skills.
- B. Mathematics experiences.
- C. Social studies - history including Native American history, geography, civics, economics, world cultures, political science, and other social science disciplines.
- D. Science experiences.
- E. Fine and practical arts experience - art education, vocal and instrumental music, and vocational/business education.

- F. Technology skills.
- G. Health and safety education.
- H. Physical education.
- I. Foreign or Native American language.

The planned program for all students shall also include library instruction, individual study, guidance, other appropriate instructional activities, and all instruction required under state law and State Board of Education regulations.

September 25, in each year, shall be observed as Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day, which is not a legal holiday. 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 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.

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15-203

15-211

15-219

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15-501.01

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15-741.01

15-802

A.A.C.

R7-2-301 *et seq.*

CROSS REF.:

IJNDB - Use of Technology Resources in Instruction

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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT  
IN EDUCATION**

The Superintendent, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, shall develop procedures for parental involvement in the school(s). These shall include:

- A. A plan for parent participation in the school designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance, and discipline. The plan shall provide for the administration of a parent-teacher satisfaction survey.
- B. A method by which parents may learn about the course of study for their children and review learning materials, including the source of any supplemental educational materials.
- C. A procedure by which parents who object to any learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw their children from the activity or from the class or program in which the material is used and request an alternative assignment. Objection to a learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful includes objection to a material or activity because it questions beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion or, because of sexual content, violent content, or profane or vulgar language.
- D. A procedure by which parents or guardians of students enrolled in the District shall have access in advance to the instructional materials, learning materials and activities currently used by, or being considered for use by, the District.
- E. A procedure by which the District shall obtain signed, written consent from a student's parent or guardian before using video, audio or electronic materials that may be inappropriate for the age of the student.
- F. Procedures to prohibit the School District from providing sex education instruction to a student unless the student's parent provides written permission for the student to participate in the sex education curricula if the School District offers any sex education curricula pursuant to A.R.S. 15-711 on the requirement to include instruction to students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) on laws relating to sexual conduct with a minor or 15-716 concerning instruction on immune deficiency syndrome, or pursuant to any rules adopted by the State Board of Education.
- G. Procedures by which parents will be notified in advance of and given the opportunity to withdraw their children from any instruction or presentations regarding sexuality in courses other than formal sex education curricula.

H. Procedures by which parents may learn about the nature and purpose of clubs and activities that are part of the school curriculum, extracurricular clubs, and activities that have been approved by the school.

I. Procedures by which parents may learn about parental rights and responsibilities under the laws of this state, including the following:

1. The right to opt into a sex education curriculum if one is provided by the District.
2. Open enrollment rights pursuant to A.R.S. 15-816.01, relating to the District policies on open enrollment.
3. The right to opt out of assignments pursuant to A.R.S. 1-601, Parents Bill of Rights. [See Exhibit KB-EB]
4. The right to opt a child out of immunizations as authorized by A.R.S. 15-873, relating to an outbreak of a communicable disease.
5. The promotion requirements prescribed in A.R.S. 15-701 for students in grades one (1) through eight (8).
6. The minimum course of study and competency requirements for graduation from high school prescribed in A.R.S. 15-701.01.
7. The right to opt out of instruction on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome as provided by A.R.S. 15-716.
8. The right to review their child's standardized norm-referenced test results pursuant to A.R.S. 15-743.
9. The right to participate in gifted programs pursuant as prescribed by A.R.S. 15-779.01.
10. The right to access instructional materials as directed by A.R.S. 15-730.
11. The right to receive the school's annual report card pursuant to A.R.S. 15-746.
12. The school attendance and age requirements for children prescribed in A.R.S. 15-802, 15-803 and 15-821.
13. The right to public review of courses of study and textbooks in the common schools (preschool programs through grade eight [8]), as prescribed in A.R.S. 15-721, and in high schools, prescribed in A.R.S. 15-722.
14. The right to be excused from school attendance for religious purposes as described by A.R.S. 15-806.

15. Policies related to parental involvement pursuant to A.R.S. 15-102 and set out herein.

16. The right to seek membership on school councils pursuant to A.R.S. 15-351, describing the purpose, duties, and membership of a school council. [Subject to the exemption of certain school districts exempted as described in A.R.S. 15-352.]

17. Information about the student accountability information system (SAIS) as prescribed in section 15-1042.

18. The right to access the failing schools tutoring fund pursuant to A.R.S. 15-241.

19. Access to the Arizona Department of Education (DOE) statutory handbook of parental rights, which is posted on the DOE website and is prominently posted on a publicly accessible portion of the District website with a link to the statutory handbook of parental rights with the title and sections as listed below:

a. Title 1, chapter 6.

b. Section 15-102.

c. Section 15-110.

d. Section 15-113.

e. Section 15-117.

f. Section 15-351.

g. Section 15-721.

h. Section 15-722.

i. Section 15-730.

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***Optional language:*** The following outlined items (to next double line) setting out the manner in which parents may be made aware of the District's Parental Involvement Policy are optional in whole or in part as determined by the local Governing Board.

The District plan under this policy may also include:

A. Making parents aware of this District parental involvement policy, including:

1. Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, as revised (20 U.S.C. 1232g) relating to access to children's official records.

2. The parent's right to inspect the District policies and curriculum.

- B. Efforts to encourage the development of parenting skills.
- C. The communication to parents of techniques designed to assist the student's learning experience in the home.
- D. Efforts to encourage access to community and support services for children and families.
- E. The promotion of communication between the school and parents concerning school programs and the academic progress of the parents' children.
- F. Identifying opportunities for parents to participate in and support classroom instruction at the school.
- G. Efforts to support, with appropriate training, parents as shared decision makers and to encourage membership on school councils.
- H. The recognition of the diversity of parents and the development of guidelines that promote widespread parental participation and involvement in the school at various levels.
- I. The development of preparation programs and specialized courses for certificated employees and administrators that promote parental involvement.
- J. The development of strategies and programmatic structures at schools to encourage and enable parents to participate actively in their children's education.
- K. Provide to parents the information in this policy in an electronic form.

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Resumés of all current and former instructional personnel shall be maintained and available for inspection by parents and guardians of pupils enrolled. The resumé shall include individual educational and teaching background and experience in a particular academic content subject area.

For the purposes of this policy *parent* means the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian of a minor child.

When a parent submits a written request for information to the Superintendent or a school principal during regular business hours:

- A. The Superintendent or principal shall:
  - 1. Deliver the requested information to the parent within ten (10) calendar days, or
  - 2. Provide to the parent a written explanation for denial of the requested information.

B. If the requested information is denied or is not received by the parent within fifteen (15) calendar days:

1. The parent may submit to the Governing Board a request for the requested information, and
2. The Governing Board shall consider the request at the next scheduled meeting of the Board on which the request can be properly noticed. If the request cannot be properly noticed on the next scheduled meeting agenda, the Governing Board shall formally consider the request at the next subsequent public meeting of the Governing Board.

Adopted:

LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

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15-722

15-730

CROSS REF.:

ABA - Community Involvement in Education

IHBD - Compensatory Education

IJ - Instructional Resources and Materials

IJND - Technology Resources

JHD - Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance

KDB - Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information

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**SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

All individuals associated with this District, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Governing Board, the administration, the staff, and students, are expected to conduct themselves at all times so as to provide an atmosphere free from sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission defines “sexual harassment” as ~~Sexual harassment includes~~ unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when ~~made by a member of the school staff to a student or to another staff member, or when made by a student to another student~~ where:

- A. Submission to such conduct is either explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of an individual's employment ~~or education~~; or
- B. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as a basis for employment ~~or education~~ decisions affecting such individual; or
- C. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's ~~educational or~~ work performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work ~~employment or education~~ environment.

Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- A. Suggestive or obscene letters, notes, invitations, derogatory comments, slurs, jokes, epithets, assault, touching, impeding or blocking movement, leering, gestures, or display of sexually suggestive objects, pictures, or cartoons.
- B. Continuing to express sexual interest after being informed that the interest is unwelcome. (Reciprocal attraction between peers is not considered sexual harassment.)



C. Implying or withholding support for an appointment, promotion, or change of assignment; suggesting that a poor performance report will be prepared; suggesting that probation will be failed; ~~implying or actually withholding grades earned or deserved; or suggesting that a scholarship recommendation or college application will be denied.~~

D. Coercive sexual behavior used to control, influence, or affect the career, salary, and/or work environment of another employee; ~~or engaging in coercive sexual behavior to control, influence, or affect the educational opportunities, grades, and/or learning environment of a student.~~

E. Offering or granting favors or ~~educational~~ or employment benefits, such as ~~grades~~ or promotions, favorable performance evaluations, favorable assignments, favorable duties or shifts, recommendations, reclassifications, et cetera, in exchange for sexual favors.

Anyone who is subject to sexual harassment, or who knows of the occurrence of such conduct, should inform the compliance officer, as provided in ACA-R.

A substantiated charge against a staff member in the District shall subject such staff member to disciplinary action.

~~A substantiated charge against a student in the District shall subject that student to disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion.~~

All matters involving sexual harassment complaints will remain confidential to the extent possible.

Adopted: date of Manual adoption

LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

41-1461 *et seq.*

20 U.S.C. 1681, Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX

20 U.S.C. 1703, Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972

42 U.S.C. 2000, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title VII

**CROSS REF.:**

**AC - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity**

**GBA - Equal Employment Opportunity**

**GCQF - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Professional Staff Members**

**GDQD - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Support Staff Members**

~~**IHBA - Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations for Disabled Students**~~

~~**JB - Equal Educational Opportunities**~~

~~**JII - Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances**~~

~~**JK - Student Discipline**~~

~~**JKD - Student Suspension**~~

**KED - Public Concerns/Complaints about Facilities or Services**

**KFA - Public Conduct on School Property**

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**REGULATION**

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

**Compliance Officer**

The Superintendent shall be the compliance officer. Any person who feels unlawfully discriminated against or who has been the victim of unlawful discrimination by an agent or employee of the District or who knows of such discrimination against another person should file a complaint with the Superintendent. If the Superintendent is the one alleged to have unlawfully discriminated, the complaint shall be filed with the President of the Board.

**Complaint Procedure**

The District is committed to investigating each complaint and to taking appropriate action on all confirmed violations of policy. The Superintendent shall investigate, and document complaints filed pursuant to this regulation as soon as reasonable, within the established timelines. In investigating the complaint, the Superintendent will maintain confidentiality to the extent reasonably possible. The Superintendent shall also investigate incidents of policy violation that are raised by the Governing Board, even though no complaint has been made.

If after the initial investigation the Superintendent has reason to believe that a violation of policy has occurred, the Superintendent shall determine whether or not to hold an administrative hearing and/or to recommend bringing the matter before the Board.

If the person alleged to have violated policy is a teacher or an administrator, the due process provisions of the District's Policy GCQF shall apply, except that the supervising administrator may be assigned to conduct the hearing. In cases of serious misconduct, dismissal or suspension proceedings in accordance with A.R.S. 15-539 *et seq.*, may be initiated.

If the person alleged to have violated policy is a support staff employee, the Superintendent may follow due process and impose discipline under Policy GDQD if the evidence so warrants. The Superintendent also may recommend a suspension without pay, recommend dismissal, or impose other appropriate discipline.

~~If the person alleged to have violated policy is a student, the Superintendent may impose discipline in accordance with Policies JK, JKD and JKE.~~

If the Superintendent's investigation reveals no reasonable cause to believe policy has been violated, the Superintendent shall so inform the complaining party in writing.

### **Timelines**

The complaint must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days after the complaining party knew or should have known that there were grounds for a complaint/grievance.

Once the written complaint has been filed using the forms provided by the District, the Superintendent shall require the immediate supervisor or site administrator to investigate and respond in writing to the complaining party within five (5) working days.

If the immediate supervisor or site administrator does not respond, the Superintendent will have ten (10) additional working days to respond in writing to the complaining party.

If the Superintendent does not respond within the established time, then the complaining party may request in writing that the issue be brought before the Board. The Board will then review the record of the investigation and have thirty (30) days to respond to the complaining party in writing.