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Below are highlights of the October 22, 2018, State Board of Education meeting. The entire meeting can be viewed on the Board's [YouTube](#) page.

Science and History and Social Science Standards

After two years of work by Arizona educators and input from the public, the Board adopted the revised History and Social Science Standards and the Science Standards with recommended edits by the Arizona Science Teachers Association.

There will be a two-year transition period to implement the revised standards, with full implementation in school year 2020-2021.

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and the Board thank the educators, parents and members of the public who volunteered their time to work on the standards.

To view the standards, implementation timeline and more, please visit the Arizona Department of Education's website: <http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/>.

Computer Science Standards

The Board adopted the state's first Computer Science standards for full implementation in school year 2020-2021. The development of the standards was made possible by a legislative appropriation in 2017 and through the work of Arizona educators, content experts and others.

More information can be found at: <http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/>.

Menu of Assessments

At the direction of the Legislature, and to ensure all schools have access to the Menu, the Board directed ADE to finalize and issue the request for proposals (RFP) for the Menu of Assessments. The Board anticipates awarding in the Spring of 2019 in preparation for the 2019-2020 school year.

The intent of the RFP is to establish a mechanism for statewide dollars to pay for assessments on the Menu. Currently, the contract for AzMERIT, the statewide assessment in English language arts and mathematics, expires in November 2019.

Procurement Rules

As a result of HB 2663, the Board adopted conforming and complying changes to Board rule governing school district and nonexempt charter school procurement. The changes to rule are effective immediately and can be viewed [here](#).

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In drafting the rules, the Board held two stakeholder meetings and a public hearing over five months and consulted with school procurement and business officials, representatives from industry, and the Attorney General's Office and Auditor General's Office.

One change that is absent from the rule package is HB 2663's requirement for schools to award the procurement of materials, services, goods, construction and construction services to the "lowest qualified bidder". The Board will reconvene the stakeholders to assist with drafting rules consistent with this requirement, which is effective July 1, 2019.

Discipline

Do not forget that the Board has established a tool that allows users to search discipline action taken against a certified educator in the last five years. The tool provides publicly available information and supporting documents on the action taken against the certified individual, including suspensions, revocations and denials. To use the tool please go to <https://azsbe.az.gov/teacher-certification-ppac> and click on the link on right labeled "Discipline Search".

Future Meetings

The Board is attempting to schedule its next meeting for December 17. Check back for updates. Meeting materials may be found [here](#). You can also follow us on Twitter @AzBoardEd and on Facebook @azstateboard.

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