



Arizona State Board of Education

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Below are highlights of the February 25, 2019, State Board of Education meeting. The entire meeting can be viewed on the Board's [YouTube](#) page.

2018-2019 A-F Accountability in High School

Facing the technical challenge of adopting an A-F Accountability System while high schools in the state take one of three assessments, ACT, SAT, and AzMERIT, the Board held a study session with its technical advisory committee (ATAC). Central to the discussion, was a growth calculation, or a proxy for growth, at high school.

The ATAC does not feel existing data allows for a statistically valid growth measure and therefore recommended Model Option A which eliminates growth as an indicator and adds dropout rate. ATAC has already begun developing a growth measure, or a proxy, for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board is concerned the elimination of a growth measure, or a proxy, negatively impacts schools and removes the strongest incentive in the A-F Accountability System for high schools to work with our lowest performing students. The Board directed the Arizona Department of Education to model possible growth options including: 1) using existing data on ACT, SAT and AzMERIT to scale the assessments; and 2) subgroup improvement in graduation rate and other non-assessment indicators. The Board will review the modelling of these options and their potential inclusion in the A-F Accountability System as soon as the March 25, 2019 meeting.

Menu of Assessments

The Board did not award the Menu of Assessments and instead tabled the item until further notice.

Rulemaking

In order to ensure alignment to statute and the application for educator certification, the Board closed rulemaking on rules governing educator discipline at the December Board Meeting. Specifically, the rules add a list of offenses found in statute that preclude individuals from receiving a fingerprint clearance card. With the rule change, individuals convicted of those offenses will have their certification automatically denied or revoked. The application for certification will also be streamlined to ask more succinct questions regarding criminal history. The adopted rules can be viewed [here](#) and will become effective on March 27, 2019.

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Rules are also proposed regarding diploma seals for civics literacy and personal finance and the Board anticipates adopting these rules at the March Board Meeting. They can be reviewed [here](#).

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".

The Board also reviewed data on educator discipline since 2012. The data includes the number of cases, the type of certificate held, the source of the report, and more. Click [here](#) to view the report.

Future Meetings

2019 Board schedule is posted online. Next Meeting is March 25, 2019. Meeting materials may be found [here](#). You can also follow us on Twitter @AzBoardEd and on Facebook @azstateboard.

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