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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's [February 28, 2022](#), meeting. You can watch a recording of the meeting on [YouTube](#).

Local Education Agency A-F Letter Grades

State statute requires the state to establish an A-F letter grade formula for both individual schools and local education agencies (i.e. the district or charter).

At the February 29th meeting, the Board discussed the following options for how to calculate letter grades for local education agencies (LEAs):

1. Straight GPA: Each school within the LEA receives a number between 0(F) and 4(A) based on the letter grade awarded to the school. Those numbers are then averaged across the LEA to award a GPA and letter grade.
2. Weighted GPA: Just like with the Straight GPA option, each school within the LEA receives a number between 0(F) and 4(A) based on the letter grade awarded to the school. Instead of a straight average across all the schools within the LEA however, those numbers are weighted based on the number of students in each school with more weight given to schools that have more students.

Discussions at the February 29th meeting suggested members were more favorable to the Straight GPA option due to its straightforward and easy to understand approach and the incentive it creates for LEAs to focus on each school. The Board indicated it will consider approving the LEA A-F model with one of the two options described above no later than the June 27, 2022, Meeting. LEA letter grades would be released for the first time in the Fall of 2023 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Best Practices for Social Media and Cell Phone Use Between Educators and Students

A.R.S. § 15-203(A)(44) requires the Board to "establish best practices for social media and cellular telephone use between students and school personnel, including teachers, coaches, and counselors". The statute also requires the Board to: 1) encourage school districts and charter schools to adopt the best practices (schools are not required to adopt the best practices); and 2) make them available to both public and private schools.

The Draft Best Practices are intended to protect student safety while accounting for the expanding use of technology in education. They can be reviewed here:

<https://azsbe.az.gov/files/draft-social-media-and-cell-phone-use-guidance-between-school-personnel-and-students#overlay-context=users/catcherbadenazsbeazgov>.



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The Board discussed a first draft of the best practices and opened the draft for public comment. A survey has been opened to gather feedback on the best practices, which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/fqA1yLBGeBwJxvku7>.

Educator Discipline Lookup

Prior to hiring both certified and non-certified educators, schools are required to check the Arizona Department of Education's (ADE) public-facing and internal systems for possible discipline or open investigations for immoral or unprofessional conduct. More information and guidance can be found [here](#).

To assist schools, the Board is providing a list of many of the educators who were disciplined at the previous Board meeting; meaning the information lags approximately one month.

Please note that this information is only be a snapshot of most educators who were disciplined at the most recent and/or the preceding Board meeting and does not, in and of itself, satisfy the requirement for schools to check ADE's systems described above prior to hiring. Because educators have the right to appeal their disciplinary action, there may be an approximately 30-day lag in reporting some disciplinary action.

To view the list please use this link:

<https://c0abe837.caspio.com/dp/5a506000251753529c6846539a08>

Meeting Schedule

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2022. The [2022 Meeting Schedule is available online](#).
