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Below are highlights of the May 21, 2018, State Board of Education meeting. The entire meeting can be viewed on the Board's [YouTube](#) page.

Finalize 2017-2018 A-F Accountability Plan

After reviewing public comment and available data, the Board finalized the A-F Accountability Plan for the 2017-2018 School Year. In line with its intentions when the new system was adopted in April 2017, the Board studied enhancements to the system that maintain consistency in the expectations for schools and students. Changes to the Accountability System include the following:

- Lowering the minimum student number count (n-count) from 20 students to 10 students for all indicators;
- In the growth calculation, awarding 1.0 points to students who achieve average/expected growth (previously these points were tiered based on the student's prior achievement level);
- Moving Science out of the proficiency calculation to comply with federal requirements and instead award up to three bonus points for schools that are above the statewide average; and
- Establishing confidence intervals for the calculation of chronic absenteeism and 3rd grade English language arts.

Schools will have the opportunity to review their data in the summer. The Arizona Department of Education is scheduled to release 2017-2018 A-F Letter Grades in the fall.

Menu of Assessments Policies and Work on a Menu Contract

The Board took action on two items relating to the Menu of Assessments. The first was the finalization of the policies and technical assistance documents governing the Menu of Assessments for the 2018-2019 School Year.

The second item directed the Department to begin work on a request for proposals for the assessments on the Menu. This work will lead to a contract for assessments on the Menu that will ensure statewide dollars are available to schools that select an assessment from the Menu beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.

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AzMERIT Contract

Until a contract for assessments on the Menu has been established, the state is still required to have a statewide assessment in English language arts and mathematics pursuant to state and federal law. The current contract for AzMERIT is set to expire in November 2018, leaving the state without a statewide assessment in the 2018-2019 school year. To remain in compliance and to provide consistency to schools and students, the Board directed the Arizona Department of Education to extend the current contract for AzMERIT to November 2019. The contract extension will not include the development of additional test items. The expectation is that the state will fully transition from AzMERIT to the Menu of Assessments in the 2019-2020 school year.

Certification Changes

The Board opened rulemaking procedures on modifications to certification rules governing approved areas and who is considered appropriately certified. The intent of the proposed changes is to codify current practice, provide consistency across the state and ease human resource directors' work in hiring. In order to avoid unintended consequences and address all situations, please review the proposed [rules](#) and the accompanying [document](#) and submit public comment to inbox@azsbe.az.gov.

Discipline

As a reminder, the Board has made available 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

At its next meeting on June 25, 2018, the Board will begin its work on the 2018-2019 A-F Accountability System, and other Accountability items and provide an update on the certification rules opened at the May Meeting.

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