

A-F SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY APPEALS COMMITTEE

Consistent with A.R.S. § 15-241(J), the Board is charged with providing an appeals process for the review of A-F school letter grades. The Board shall establish an appeals process to allow a school or local education agency to appeal the school's or local education agency's final letter grade based on mitigating factors identified by the Board.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the A-F School Accountability Appeals Committee is to implement an appeals process for schools and local education agencies appealing their school letter grades based on mitigating factors pursuant to state law.

POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of the A-F School Accountability Appeals Committee is to provide an avenue for schools and local education agencies to appeal their letter grade through a transparent and public process. Committee meetings are open to the public. All schools and local education agencies are eligible to appeal their grade based on mitigating factors. Schools and local education agencies will be scored on a rubric for an expedited or non-expedited process depending on the school's or local education agency's specific situation.

RATIONALE

The Board does not have an advisory group to consider and make recommendations regarding the appeals process for A-F school letter grades. The creation of the A-F School Accountability Appeals Committee will:

- Implement the Board policy and rubric regarding the appeals process for A-F letter grades
- Approve or deny requests to change a school or local education agency's letter grade based on mitigating factors consistent with the grading rubric

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Membership consists of three members of the State Board of Education.