Arizona State Board of Education

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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's October 21st <u>meeting</u>. Recordings of these meetings are available on <u>YouTube</u>.

The Board recognized Emeli Garcia, an 12th grade student at San Luis High School and Eva Luz Pombo, an 11th grade student at Arizona School for the Arts as the October 2024 Students of the Month.

Consent Agenda Items

The Board discussed and voted to approve items on the consent agenda.

Strategic Plan Feedback

The Board received a presentation from members of the Board's Student Advisory Panel with student feedback on the Board's 2025 Strategic Priorities.

Strategies to Address School Threats

The Board received a presentation from Detective Ernie Romero from the Phoenix Police Department on contextual data on the threats received by schools and specific strategies for schools to employ in response.

A-F Cut Scores and Appeals Process

The Board voted to adopt the cut scores presented below and the proposed A-F appeals processes, procedures, and timeline for the 2023-2024 A-F Letter Grades.

K-8: Prior Year Option

F		D		С		В		Α	
min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max
0	46.99	47	59.99	60	71.99	72	83.99	84	100

9-12: Prior Year Option

F		D		С		В		Α	
min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max
0	30.99	31	47.99	48	64.99	65	81.99	82	100

Alternative Schools: Prior Year Option

F		D		С		В		Α	
min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max
0	28.99	29	46.99	47	64.99	65	82.99	83	100

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AOI schools fall into one of those above categories based on their traditional or alternative school status and grade level configuration. Hybrid schools will continue to use 9-12 cut scores.

The Opportunity Makers Report

The Board received a presentation from Crystal Harmon, President of the Board of The New Teacher Project (TNTP) on their recently released national report, The Opportunity Makers. The report analyzes schools that are averaging more than one year of growth for students and spotlights the practices that contribute to that ongoing growth.

Rulemaking

The Board voted to close rulemaking procedures for A.A.C. R7-2-301.A.4.b., A.A.C. R7-2-302.A.1.b. instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides, and A.A.C. R7-2-401.G.4. special education age of transition services. The Board received updates on rulemaking procedures for A.A.C. R7-2-1307, A.A.C. R7-2-1309, and A.A.C. R7-2-704, educator discipline.

Certification Actions

The Board voted to take all of the following disciplinary actions on relevant educators.

- Approve the voluntary surrender of educator certificates or right to work in an Arizona district or charter school
- Approve the revocation of any and all educator certificates pursuant to A.R.S. §15-534.04(C)
- Approve the summary suspension of certificates pursuant to A.A.C. R7-2-1309(A)
- Approve Negotiated Settlement Agreements
- Deny the application for certification and prohibit the applicant from applying for a period of two years and suspend the right to work in an Arizona district or charter school for a period of two years subject to conditions
- Approve the revocation of certificates with/without conditions
- Approve no disciplinary action

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.

To assist schools, the Board is providing a list of many of the educators who were disciplined at the most recent meeting. Please note that this information is only a snapshot of most educators who were disciplined at the most recent 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://coabe837.caspio.com/dp/5a506000251753529c6846539a08.

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Meeting Schedule

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for December 9th at 9am.

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