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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's September 26th [meeting](#). Recordings of prior meetings are on [YouTube](#).

A-F Accountability

The Arizona Department of Education presented impact data on possible cut scores for A-F Letter Grades for the 2021-2022 school year for traditional brick and mortar K-8 and 9-12 schools, "hybrid" brick and mortar schools (schools that have grade configurations that cut across K-8 and 9-12), alternative schools and Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) schools.

The Board is considering either: 1) the same cut scores that have been in place since the 2016-2017 school year, referred to as "prior year cut scores"; or 2) resetting the cut scores using standard deviations from the mean.

The Board will approve one of the two cut score options at the October 17th Board Meeting and A-F letter grades will be released to schools and the public by November 1st. Once letter grades are released, the A-F appeals window will also open for approximately two weeks. Schools interested in filing an appeal should review the A-F Appeals Policies and Procedures. The Board discussed a draft of the policies and procedures at the September 26th Meeting.

Rules

The following rules were opened with a public hearing scheduled for November 7th at noon. The Board may adopt these rules as soon as the December 6, 2022 Meeting.

- Educator Certification: Makes conforming changes resulting from recent legislation (SB 1159). Makes several other smaller changes to educator certification in an attempt to clean up the rules or clarify
- Educator Certification Fees: Makes conforming changes resulting from recent legislation that waives certification fees for active duty service members, honorably discharged service members and low-income applicants.
- Minimum Course of Study (Graduation Requirements): Makes conforming changes resulting from recent legislation that increases the cut score on the civics test from 60% to 70% beginning with the graduating class of 2025.

The Board also opened rulemaking procedures on Empowerment Scholarship Accounts to conform rule to recent legislation. In doing so, the Board asked staff to research additional changes to the rule and to present an updated rule package at the December 6, 2022 Meeting. The Board may adopt these rules as soon as the January Board Meeting.

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Seizure Management Training

[Laws 2022, Chapter 210](#), requires school personnel and school nurses who are employed at a school that has received a seizure management plan from a parent must complete training approved by the Board. By September 2023, each public school must have one employee, other than the school nurse, be trained in administering or assisting in administering seizure management medication or care.

By December 1, 2022, the Board is required to approve training for school personnel and training for school nurses. At the September 26th Meeting, the Board approved the free training provided by the [Epilepsy Foundation](#) for both school personnel and school nurses. Schools that are seeking to provide training other than that provided by the Epilepsy Foundation may submit it to the Board at inbox@azsbe.az.gov for review by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). The turnaround time for review and approval of other trainings will vary based on ADE's capacity so schools seeking to go this route should plan accordingly. The Board encourages schools to seriously consider the free online training provided by the Epilepsy Foundation.

Meeting Schedule

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2022.

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