

A-F SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-241, the State Board of Education is charged with final approval of criteria for each school and school district local education agency classification label used to determine A through F letter grades. In addition, the Board is to determine multiple measures of academic performance or other academically relevant indicators of school quality that are appropriate to assess the educational impact of a school during the academic year. This proposal suggests the formal creation of an A-F School Accountability Ad Hoc Committee. This committee's primary responsibility is to provide the Board with advice and policy recommendations regarding the State's A through F Accountability System.

RATIONALE

Presently, a number of policy considerations have been brought to the Board regarding A-F School Accountability. In addition, while the Department of Education has a technical advisory group to consider and review research-based methodology issues related to school accountability, the Board does not have a broad-based stakeholder group to consider and review policy considerations related to school accountability. The creation of the A-F School Accountability Ad Hoc advisory committee will:

- Ensure transparency in policy development by providing a public forum for discussion on accountability policy recommendations to the Board
- Discuss and propose multiple measures of academic performance or other academically relevant indicators of school quality
- Discuss and propose policy recommendations related to criteria for school and LEA classification labels used to determine A through F letter grades

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

The ad hoc advisory committee members will be appointed to a term for no more than one year by the Executive Committee of the Board. Membership shall be as follows:

- 3- SBE Members
 - 1- Charter School Representative
- 2- Educational Policy Representatives
 - 1- Member from the Governor's Office
- 2- Teachers (K-8 and 9-12)
- 2- Parent Representatives (K-8 and 9-12)
- 2- Superintendents

The mission of the A-F School Accountability Ad Hoc Advisory Committee is to assist in the development of policy recommendations regarding school accountability.