

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

The Superintendent, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, shall develop a procedure for parental involvement in the school(s). These shall include:

- A plan for parent participation in the school designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance, and discipline.
- A method by which parents may learn about the course of study for their children and review learning materials, including the source of any supplemental educational materials.
- A procedure by which parents who object to any learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw their children from the activity or from the class or program in which the material is used. Objection to a learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful includes objection to a material or activity because it questions beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion.
- Procedures to prohibit the School District from providing sex education instruction to a student unless the student's parent provides written permission for the student to participate in the sex education curricula if the School District offers any sex education curricula pursuant to A.R.S. 15-711 on the requirement to include instruction to student in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) on laws relating to sexual conduct with a minor or 15-716 concerning instruction on immune deficiency syndrome, or pursuant to any rules adopted by the State Board of Education.
- Procedures by which parents will be notified in advance of and given the opportunity to withdraw their children from any instruction or presentations regarding sexuality in courses other than formal sex education curricula.
- Procedures by which parents may learn about the nature and purpose of clubs and activities that are part of the school curriculum, extracurricular clubs, and activities that have been approved by the school.

- Procedures by which parents may learn about parental rights and responsibilities under the laws of this state, including the following:
 - The right to opt in to a sex education curriculum if one is provided by the District.
 - Open enrollment rights pursuant to A.R.S. 15-816.01, relating to the District policies on open enrollment.
 - The right to opt out of assignments pursuant to A.R.S. 1-601, Parents Bill of Rights. [See Exhibit KB-EA]
 - The right to opt out a child out of immunizations as authorized by A.R.S. 15-873, relating to an outbreak of a communicable disease.
 - The promotion requirements prescribed in A.R.S. 15-701 for students in grades one (1) through eight (8).
 - The minimum course of study and competency requirements for graduation from high school prescribed in A.R.S. 15-701.01.
 - The right to opt out of instruction on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome as provided by A.R.S. 15-716.
 - The right to review their child's standardized norm-referenced test results pursuant to A.R.S. 15-743.
 - The right to participate in gifted programs pursuant as prescribed by A.R.S. 15-779.01.
 - The right to access instructional materials as directed by A.R.S. 15-730.
 - The right to receive the school's annual report card pursuant to A.R.S. 15-746.
 - The school attendance and age requirements for children prescribed in A.R.S. 15-802, 15-803 and 15-821.
 - The right to public review of courses of study and textbooks in the common schools (preschool programs through grade eight [8]), as prescribed in A.R.S. 15-721.
 - The right to be excused from school attendance for religious purposes as described by A.R.S. 15-806.

- Policies related to parental involvement pursuant A.R.S. 15-102 and set out herein.
- The right to seek membership on school councils pursuant to A.R.S. 15-351, describing the purpose, duties, and membership of a school council. [Subject to the exemption of certain school districts exempted as described in A.R.S. 15-352].
- The right to participate in a parental satisfaction survey to be distributed to the parent of every child enrolled at the school, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-353.
- Information about the student accountability information system (SAIS) as prescribed in section 15-1042.
- The right to access the failing schools tutoring fund pursuant to A.R.S. 15-241.

The District plan under this policy may also include:

- Making parents aware of this District parental involvement policy, including:
 - Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, as revised (20 U.S.C. 1232g) relating to access to children's official records.
 - The parent's right to inspect the District policies and curriculum.
- Efforts to encourage the development of parenting skills.
- The communication to parents of techniques designed to assist the student's learning experience in the home.
- Efforts to encourage access to community and support services for children and families.
- The promotion of communication between the school and parents concerning school programs and the academic progress of the parents' children.
- Identifying opportunities for parents to participate in and support classroom instruction at the school.
- Efforts to support parents as shared decision makers and to encourage membership on school councils.

- The recognition of the diversity of parents and the development of guidelines that promote widespread parental participation and involvement in the school at various levels.
- The development of strategies and programmatic structures at schools to encourage and enable parents to participate actively in their children's education.
- Provide to parents the information in this policy in an electronic form.

Resumés of all current and former instructional personnel shall be maintained and available for inspection by parents and guardians of pupils enrolled. The resumé shall include individual educational and teaching background and experience in a particular academic content subject area.

For the purposes of this policy *parent* means the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian of a minor child.

When a parent submits a written request for information to the Superintendent or a school principal during regular business hours:

- The Superintendent or principal shall:
 - Deliver the requested information to the parent within ten (10) calendar days, or
 - Provide to the parent a written explanation for denial of the requested information.
- If the requested information is denied or is not received by the parent within fifteen (15) calendar days:
 - The parent may submit to the Governing Board a request for the requested information, and
 - The Governing Board shall consider the request at the next scheduled meeting of the Board on which the request can be properly noticed. If the request cannot be properly noticed on the next scheduled meeting agenda, the Governing Board shall formally consider the request at the next subsequent public meeting of the Governing Board.

Adopted: November 10, 2010

LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 1-601
1-602
15-101
15-102
15-341

CROSS REF.: ABA - Community Involvement in Education
IHBD - Compensatory Education
IJ - Instructional Resources and Materials
JHD - Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
KDB - Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information

REGULATION**REGULATION**

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Parent and Teacher Cooperation in Homework, Attendance, and Discipline

When homework, attendance, and discipline rules are being considered, a procedure similar to, but not limited to, the following shall be used:

- An ad hoc committee shall be appointed by the appropriate administrative officer under the provisions of Board policy. The committee will study the issue and make recommendations to the appointing administrator. The committee will be dissolved when the final report is submitted.
- School staff members, including teachers, will be appointed to study the issues and report to the appointing administrator. The administrator will schedule hearings on the staff report, give parents sufficient notice, and conduct hearings to permit parent reaction to the staff report, copies of which shall be readily available for parent review. Following the hearings, the administrator will prepare recommendations that give careful consideration to the views of teachers and parents. Such recommendations will be submitted to the Superintendent unless the recommendations are prepared by the Superintendent, in which case the recommendations will be submitted to the Board.

Parents' Access to Courses of Study and Learning Materials

Parents who wish to learn about the course of study for their children or to review learning materials shall do so under provisions of Board Policy IJ and supporting regulations.

Parental Objections to Learning Activities or Materials

Parents who wish to object to any learning activities or learning materials may do so under provisions of Board Policy IJ and supporting regulations.

REGULATION**REGULATION****Availability of Instructional
Employee Resumés**

The administration shall inform parents of the availability of each teaching employee's resumé and make that document available for inspection upon request of parents or guardians of pupils enrolled at a school. Such information shall not include teacher address, salary, social security number, and telephone or other personally identifiable information as determined by the District.

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RESUMÉ OUTLINE

Instructor Identification

Name	Current teaching assignment(s)
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Professional Preparation

Certificated to teach in current assignment yes no
 Emergency or provisional status yes no

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Institution</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor Degree _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters Degree _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate Degree _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	Education/ _____
	Training _____

Professional Experience

Grade Level or Academic Content Subject Area*	Years Taught

*Grade Level for self-contained classroom; Subject Area for departmentalized courses.

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PARENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS*

**(Enacted by the 49th Arizona Legislature,
2nd Regular Session (2010)
Session Law SB1309, Chapter 307
Arizona Revised Statutes 1-601 and 1-602)**

Parents' Rights Protected

The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children is a fundamental right.

This state, any political subdivision of this state or any other governmental entity shall not infringe on these rights without demonstrating that the compelling governmental interest as applied to the child involved is of the highest order, is narrowly tailored and is not otherwise served by a less restrictive means.

Parents' Bill of Rights; definition

All parental rights are reserved to a parent of a minor child without obstruction or interference from this state, any political subdivision of this state, any other governmental entity or any other institution, including, but not limited to, the following rights:

- The right to direct the education of the minor child.
- All rights of parents identified in Title 15, including the right to access and review all records relating to the minor child.
- The right to direct the upbringing of the minor child.
- The right to direct the moral or religious training of the minor child.
- The right to make health care decisions for the minor child, including rights pursuant to sections 15-873, 36-2271 and 36-2272, unless otherwise prohibited by law.
- The right to access and review all medical records of the minor child unless otherwise prohibited by law or the parent is the subject of an investigation of a crime committed against the minor child and a law enforcement official requests that the information not be released.

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- The right to consent in writing before a biometric scan of the minor child is made pursuant to section 15-109.
- The right to consent in writing before any record of the minor child's blood or deoxyribonucleic acid is created, stored or shared, except as required by section 36-694, or before any genetic testing is conducted on the minor child pursuant to section 12-2803 unless authorized pursuant to section 13-610 or a court order.
- The right to consent in writing before the state or any of its political subdivisions makes a video or voice recording of the minor child, unless the video or voice recording is made during or as a part of a court proceeding, during or as part of a forensic interview in a criminal or child protective services investigation or to be used solely for any of the following:
 - Safety demonstrations, including the maintenance of order and discipline in the common areas of a school or on pupil transportation vehicles.
 - A purpose related to a legitimate academic or extracurricular activity.
 - A purpose related to regular classroom instruction.
 - Security or surveillance of buildings or grounds.
 - A photo identification card.
- The right to be notified promptly if an employee of this state, any political subdivision of this state, any other governmental entity or any other institution suspects that a criminal offense has been committed against the minor child by someone other than a parent, unless the incident has first been reported to law enforcement and notification of the parent would impede a law enforcement or child protective services investigation. This paragraph does not create any new obligation for school districts and charter schools to report misconduct between students at school, such as fighting or aggressive play, that are routinely addressed as student disciplinary matters by the school.
- The right to obtain information about a child protective services investigation involving the parent pursuant to section 8-807.

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- This section does not authorize or allow a parent to engage in conduct that is unlawful or to abuse or neglect a child in violation of the laws of this state. This section does not prohibit courts, law enforcement officers or employees of a government agency responsible for child welfare from acting in their official capacity within the scope of their authority. This section does not prohibit a court from issuing an order that is otherwise permitted by law.
- Any attempt to encourage or coerce a minor child to withhold information from the child's parent shall be grounds for discipline of an employee of this state, any political subdivision of this state or any other governmental entity, except for law enforcement personnel.
- Unless those rights have been legally waived or legally terminated, parents have inalienable rights that are more comprehensive than those listed in this section. This chapter does not prescribe all rights of parents. Unless otherwise required by law, the rights of parents of minor children shall not be limited or denied.
- For the purposes of this section, "parent" means the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian of a minor child.

**Note: The literal language of the Parents' Bill of Rights is retained as enacted by the Legislature. However, the layout and style has been modified to be consistent with that of the other documents in the District's Manual of Governing Board Policies and Administrative Regulations. Where the term "section" appears it is to be understood as the identified section of the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.).*