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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
IN EDUCATION

Purpose

The Governing Board adopts this policy to promote the involvement of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the School District. This policy is adopted in consultation with parents, teachers and administrators.

The Governing Board recognizes parents' rights as codified in the Parents' Bill of Rights, [1-601](#), [1-602](#), and in Arizona's other codifications of parents' rights as stated in Title 15 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

Outline of Policy KB, Regulations and Exhibits:

- A. Policy KB contains the Governing Board's policy as developed and adopted as required by law.
- B. Regulation KB-R incorporates the District Administrator's detailed guidance in administering this policy.
- C. Exhibit KB-EA provides the District Administrator with a mechanism to collect and maintain instructional staff background information.
- D. Exhibit KB-EB contains the Parents' Bill of Rights as codified for ease of reference.
- E. Exhibit KB-EC is a form parents must use to request information pursuant to [15-102\(D\)](#).

Definitions

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

Parental Involvement Procedures

The District Administrator, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, shall develop procedures for parental involvement in the school. These shall include:

- A. A plan for parent participation in the school designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance, and discipline. The plan shall provide for the administration of a parent-teacher satisfaction survey.
- B. 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.
- C. Procedures by which parents have access to the school's library collection of available books and materials.
- D. Procedures by which parents may receive a list of books and materials borrowed from the library by their children.

The following are exempt from paragraph C and D:

1. Schools without a full-time library media specialist or an equivalent position.
2. School district libraries that have agreements with county free library districts, municipal libraries or other entities pursuant to section [15-362](#), subsection D.

E. 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 and request an alternative assignment. 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 or, because of sexual content, violent content, or profane or vulgar language.

F. A procedure by which parents or guardians of students enrolled in the District shall have access in advance to the instructional materials, learning materials and activities currently used by, or being considered for use by, the District.

G. A procedure by which the District shall obtain signed, written consent from a student's parent or guardian before using video, audio or electronic materials that may be inappropriate for the age of the student.

H. 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 students 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.

I. A procedure by which the District shall obtain signed, written consent from a student's parent or guardian before providing sex education to the student. At the same time the public educational institution seeks consent, it shall inform the student's parent or guardian of the parent's or guardian's right to review the instructional materials and activities.

J. 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.

K. 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.

L. Procedures by which parents will be notified in advance of and given the opportunity to opt their children into any instruction, learning materials or presentations regarding sexuality, in courses other than formal sex education curricula.

M. Procedures by which parents may learn about parental rights and responsibilities under the laws of this state, including the following:

1. The right to opt in to a sex education curriculum if one is provided by the District.

2. Open enrollment rights pursuant to A.R.S. [15-816.01](#), relating to the District policies on open enrollment.
3. The right to opt out of assignments pursuant to A.R.S. [1-601](#), Parents Bill of Rights. [See Exhibit KB-EB]
4. The right to opt a child out of immunizations as authorized by A.R.S. [15-873](#), relating to an outbreak of a communicable disease.
5. The promotion requirements prescribed in A.R.S. [15-701](#) for students in grades one (1) through eight (8).
6. The minimum course of study and competency requirements for graduation from high school prescribed in A.R.S. [15-701.01](#).
7. The right to opt out of instruction on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome as provided by A.R.S. [15-716](#).
8. The right to review their child's standardized norm-referenced test results pursuant to A.R.S. [15-743](#).
9. The right to participate in gifted programs pursuant as prescribed by A.R.S. [15-779.01](#).
10. The right to access instructional materials as directed by A.R.S. [15-730](#).
11. The right to receive the school's annual report card pursuant to A.R.S. [15-746](#).
12. The school attendance and age requirements for children prescribed in A.R.S. [15-802](#), [15-803](#) and [15-821](#).
13. The right to public review of courses of study textbooks and library books and materials in the common schools (preschool programs through grade eight [8]), as prescribed in A.R.S. [15-721](#), and in high schools, prescribed in A.R.S. [15-722](#).
14. The right to be excused from school attendance for religious purposes as described by A.R.S. [15-806](#).
15. Policies related to parental involvement pursuant to A.R.S. [15-102](#) and set out herein.
16. 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](#).]
17. Information about the student accountability information system (SAIS) as prescribed in section [15-1042](#).
18. The right to access the failing schools tutoring fund pursuant to A.R.S. [15-241](#).
19. The right to access all written and electronic records of a school district or school district employee concerning the parent's child pursuant to section [15-143](#), listed in Regulation KB-R.
20. Access to the Arizona Department of Education (DOE) statutory handbook of parental rights, which is posted on the DOE website and is prominently posted on a

publicly accessible portion of the District website with a link to the statutory handbook of parental rights with the title and sections as listed below.

- a. Title 1, chapter 6.
- b. Section [15-102](#).
- c. Section [15-110](#).
- d. Section [15-113](#).
- e. Section [15-117](#).
- f. Section [15-351](#).
- g. Section [15-721](#).
- h. Section [15-722](#).
- i. Section [15-730](#).

The District plan under this policy may also include:

- A. Making parents aware of this District parental involvement policy, including:
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. The parent's right to inspect the District policies and curriculum.
- B. Efforts to encourage the development of parenting skills.
- C. The communication to parents of techniques designed to assist the student's learning experience in the home.
- D. Efforts to encourage access to community and support services for children and families.
- E. The promotion of communication between the school and parents concerning school programs and the academic progress of the parents' children.
- F. Identifying opportunities for parents to participate in and support classroom instruction at the school.
- G. Efforts to support, with appropriate training, parents as shared decision makers and to encourage membership on school councils.
- H. 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.
- I. The development of preparation programs and specialized courses for certificated employees and administrators that promote parental involvement.
- J. The development of strategies and programmatic structures at schools to encourage and enable parents to participate actively in their children's education.

K. 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 District Administrator during regular business hours:

A. The District Administrator shall:

1. Deliver the requested information to the parent within ten (10) calendar days, or
2. Provide to the parent a written explanation for denial of the requested information.

B. If the requested information is denied or is not received by the parent within fifteen (15) calendar days:

1. The parent may submit in writing to the Governing Board a request for the requested information, and
2. 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: October 04, 2022

LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

[1-601](#)

[1-602](#)

[15-101](#)

[15-102](#)

[15-110](#)

[15-113](#)

[15-117](#)

[15-143](#)

[15-189.07](#)

[15-249](#)

[15-341](#)

[15-351](#)

[15-721](#)

[15-722](#)

[15-730](#)

CROSS REF.:

[ABA](#) - Community Involvement in Education

[IHBD](#) - Compensatory Education

[IJ](#) - Instructional Resources and Materials

[IJND](#) - Technology Resources

[JHD](#) - Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance

[KDB](#) - Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information

EXHIBIT

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
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PARENTS' 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 exclusively 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:

- A. The right to direct the education of the minor child.
- B. All rights of parents identified in Title 15, including the right to access and review all records relating to the minor child.
- C. The right to direct the upbringing of the minor child.
- D. The right to direct the moral or religious training of the minor child.
- E. The right to make all health care decisions for the minor child, including rights pursuant to sections [15-873](#), [36-2271](#) and [36-2272](#), unless otherwise prohibited by law.
- F. The right to request, access and review all written and electronic medical records of the minor child unless otherwise prohibited by law or unless 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.
- G. The right to consent in writing before a biometric scan of the minor child is made pursuant to section [15-109](#).
- H. 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.

I. The right to consent in writing before this 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, by law enforcement officers during or as part of a law enforcement investigation, during or as part of an interview in a criminal or child safety services investigation or to be used solely for any of the following:

1. Safety demonstrations, including the maintenance of order and discipline in the common areas of a school or on pupil transportation vehicles.
2. A purpose related to a legitimate academic or extracurricular activity.
3. A purpose related to regular classroom instruction.
4. Security or surveillance of buildings or grounds.
5. A photo identification card.

J. 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 notifying 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.

K. The right to obtain information about a child safety services investigation involving the parent pursuant to section [8-807](#).

L. 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 allowed by law.

M. 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, or any other institution, except for law enforcement personnel.

N. 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 or preempt or foreclose claims or remedies in support of parental rights that are available under the constitution, statutes or common law of this state. Unless otherwise required by law, the rights of parents of minor children shall not be limited or denied.

O. Except as prescribed in subsections P and Q of this section, this state, a political subdivision of this state or any other governmental entity, or any official of this state, a political subdivision of this state or any other governmental entity acting under color of law, shall not interfere with or usurp the fundamental right of parents to direct the

upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children. A parent may bring suit against a governmental entity or official described in this subsection based on any violation of the statutory rights set forth in this chapter or any other action that interferes with or usurps the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children in the superior court in the county in which the violation or other action occurs or in federal court, if authorized by federal law, or before an administrative tribunal of appropriate jurisdiction. A parent may raise a violation of this chapter as a claim or a defense.

P. In any action under subsection O of this section, the governmental entity or official described in subsection O of this section has the burden of proof to demonstrate both of the following:

1. That the interference or usurpation is essential to accomplish a compelling government interest of the highest order, as long recognized in the history and traditions of this state in the operation of its regulatory powers.
2. That the method of interference or usurpation used by the government is narrowly tailored and is not otherwise served by a less restrictive means.

Q. A governmental entity or official described in subsection O of this section may interfere with or usurp the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children only if the governmental entity or official successfully demonstrates both elements described in subsection P of this section. If the governmental entity or official is unsuccessful, the court shall grant appropriate relief, such as declaratory or injunctive relief, compensatory damages and attorney fees, based on the facts of the case and the law as applied to the facts.

R. 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.).*