



## News from Arizona State Board of Education

**September 15, 2023**

Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's August 28<sup>th</sup> [meeting](#) and August 29<sup>th</sup> [retreat](#). Recordings of prior meetings are on [YouTube](#).

As a reminder, the Arizona State Board of Education Student of the Month nomination window will remain open until **September 15, 2023 at 5:00pm**. Students can be nominated in any of the following categories:

- Personal Qualities/Character
- Achievements (i.e. Academics, STEM, STEAM, Arts, Sports, Extracurriculars)
- Community/School Impact
- Civic Engagement
- Commerce/Business

The nomination form is available here: <https://forms.gle/NntNHSJ9Qqwo7VF46>

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The Board took action to approve items on the consent agenda.

### **Arizona Department of Education School Improvement Activities**

The Board received a presentation from Arizona Department of Education staff on the school improvement activities undertaken by the Department.

### **Arizona Ascending Graduate Initiative**

The Board received a presentation from Board staff sharing results from the Arizona Ascending Graduate survey.

### **A-F Accountability Appeals Process**

The Board received a presentation from Board staff on the updated process, procedures, and timeline for A-F letter grade appeals.

### **MSAA Science Cut Scores**

The Board took action to approve the recommended cut scores for the MSAA Science assessment.

### **Certification Actions**

The Board took action to approve the voluntary surrender of educator certificates, and approve the revocation of relevant educator certificates pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-534.04(C) and A.A.C. R7-2-1307(A). The Board approved the negotiated settlement agreements of relevant educators. Additionally, the Board adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (PPAC) to revoke the certificate of relevant educators, adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the PPAC to suspend the certificate for a period of three years, adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the PPAC to deny the application for certification and suspend the certificate for a period of three years, and to deny the request for review/rehearing of relevant educators.

### **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://c0abe837.caspio.com/dp/5a506000251753529c6846539a08>.

### **Board Retreat**

As part of the Board Retreat, the Board received presentations on Educator Recruitment and Retention from Teach for America, College Matriculation and Attainment from Yuma Union High School District, and College Matriculation and Attainment from Arizona Western College. The Board also discussed the Board's 2024 Strategic Priorities. The Board received an overview of the 2023 Legislative Session and discussed the Board's 2024 Legislative Priorities. The Board also discussed Research Priorities.

Additionally, the Board took action to review and approve the Board's Fiscal Year 2025 budget request.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and will resume the usual location at

1700 W. Washington St.  
Executive Tower  
3rd Floor Boardroom  
Phoenix, AZ 85007