

State Board of Education January 2026

The mission of the Arizona State Board of Education is to develop successful citizens through robust public education



SBE Overview



Arizona's State Education Agencies

Human Body Analogy:

- Brain: Governor and Legislature
- Mouth: State Board of Education
- Hands: Department of Education



Arizona State Board of Education (SBE)

- SBE is a policymaking body charged with regulating the K-12 public school system
 - Powers and duties are prescribed in Arizona Revised Statutes Chapter 2 Article 1 (A.R.S. §§ 15-201 through 15-219)
- Established by the Arizona Constitution Article 11, Section 3

11 Member Board

- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- President of a State University
- President of a Community College
- County Superintendent
- District Superintendent
- Charter School Operator
- Teacher
- Four Public Members



State Board Responsibilities

- Rulemaking: Arizona Administrative Code
- A-F School Letter Grade Accountability System
- Academic Standards
- Statewide Assessment
- Graduation Requirements
- Educator Preparation Program Approval
- Educator Discipline
- Research



Current Work



Rulemaking

Process

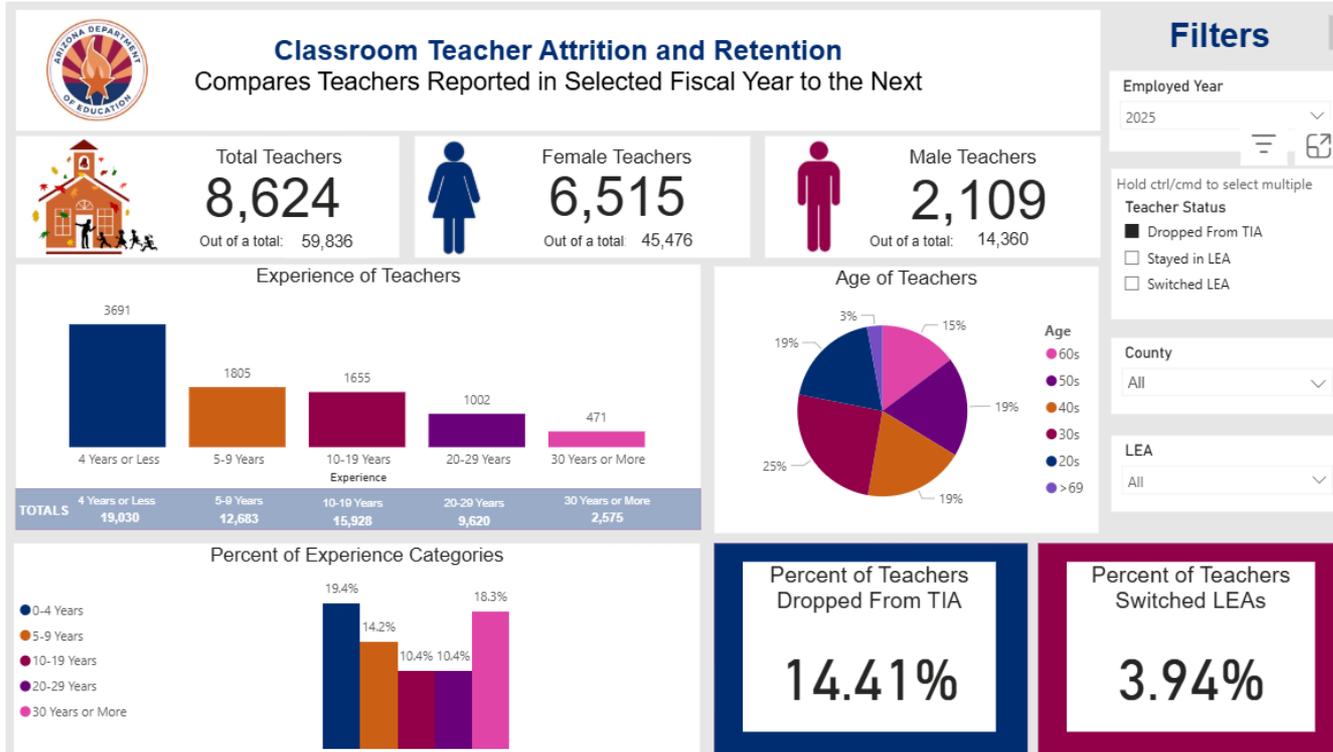
- Rule change prompted
 - Legislative change, Board initiated, stakeholder and public feedback
- Three-step process
 - Board vote to open rule
 - Public hearing and Board update
 - Vote to adopt rule

Example

- A.A.C. R7-2-401.G.4
 - Age of transition services for students with disabilities
 - End of 9th grade or age 16, whichever is sooner
 - One year notice for expected graduation date



Teacher Recruitment and Retention



A-F School Accountability System

State Board Responsibilities (In Partnership with ADE)

- Adopt annual A-F Business Rules
- Calculate and release letter grades
- Letter grade appeals
- Oversee A-F Technical Advisory Committees
- Indicator scoring
- A-F Study Sessions
 - [Study Session 1 - Growth and Proficiency](#)
 - [Study Session 2 – Growth and Proficiency II](#)
 - [Study Session 3 – English Language Learners](#)



Statewide Assessments

State Board Responsibilities (In Partnership with ADE)

- Develop Scope of Work (RFP)
 - Technical survey data (Aug SBE meeting)
 - Statewide survey coming soon
 - Public feedback window
- Release RFP
 - Board-approved
- Vendor selection
 - Board approval
 - JLBC approval
- Implementation
 - 27/28 school year



Statewide Assessments

Elements of Consideration

- High school
 - Statute: “Nationally recognized college-entrance exam”
 - Grade-level decision
 - 11th
 - 9th or 10th?
- 3rd – 8th Grade
 - Adaptive assessment
 - Year-round administration
 - Aligned interim assessment system
 - Standard-level reporting



Document Revisions

Documents

- [Professional Teaching Standards](#)
- [SEI Endorsement Course Frameworks](#)

Charge

- Open the teaching standards for revisions to identify and recommend possible changes needed to align with Federal Executive Order 14151, subject to the expert working group being charged to first establish specific definitions for the terms in question, and to limit their subsequent recommendations to the technical alignment necessary to comply with the Order while preserving necessary pedagogical language to secure high quality instruction and preserve workforce readiness.

Working Groups

- Students, Parents, Teachers, Administrators, Higher Education, Education Preparation Professionals
- Charter, District, Higher Education
- 15 counties

Timeline

- Estimated completion by September 2026 (*Board approval required)



Questions?

