

Parent Advocacy Training

- 1) Examples that may require parental action.
- 2) Parental Rights found in Law – All actions regarding your student requires your approval and signature. Approval requires complete knowledge.
 - a. ARS Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 1-601 and 1-602
 - b. ARS Title 15, Chapter 1, Section 15-102, 110, 113 and 117
 - c. ARS Title 15, Chapter 3, Section 15-351
 - d. ARS Title 15, Chapter 7, Section 15-721, 722 and 730.
- 3) What are the options for addressing parental concerns:
 - a. The District / School Administrative tree
 - i. Teacher or Teachers of your child
 - ii. Principal of the child's school
 - iii. Superintendent or Administrative Asst. designated
 - iv. School Board
 - v. County Superintendent of Schools
 - vi. State Superintendent of Schools
 - b. Press / Public Pressure
 - c. Lawyers and Outside Advocates
- 4) What actions should I take if I am concerned that my or my students' rights have been infringed?
 - a. Investigate the area of concern and document as you go.
 - i. Ask the Teacher for an explanation
 - ii. Request materials being taught and Teacher prompts
 - iii. Ask the Superintendent or District for an explanation/action
 - iv. Do a FOIA request for all pertinent information.
 - b. Research the event/action to determine if your or your students' rights have been violated.
 - c. Once a potential violation has been discovered you can take personal action.
 - i. Ask for a personal meeting with preference for face to face
 - ii. Prepare for the meeting by reading about your rights and laws that may have been broken. Write down facts and the violation for easy referral during your conversation.
 - iii. Take an advocate or recording device to document what you are told. The recording device will help clarify and document.
 - iv. Take notes during the meeting to prompt additional questions.
 - v. Follow up with an email thanking them and document actions to be taken.
 - vi. Look for clear understanding and compliance by the school or district.
- 5) If you still get no correction/satisfaction from the Principal go to the Superintendent. Use the same prepared written document from above..
- 6) If the district still fails to take actions that correct the problem then Legal action or an Outside Entity will be in order.