



Shaping advocacy with students at the center

Submit your proposals for the 2027 political agenda

At the heart of ASBA's advocacy work is a shared belief: every child deserves access to a strong, high-quality public education.

It is time to help shape advocacy that strengthens learning opportunities for every student by submitting priorities for ASBA's Political Agenda.

Proposal submissions are now open to inform development of the 2027 Political Agenda.

Governing boards are asked to:

- Review the 2026 Political Agenda
- Reaffirm the board's top priorities
- Consider submitting one additional proposal for review
- Place this item on an upcoming board agenda for discussion

Each district may submit one proposal, and it must reflect the collective will of the governing board.

All submitted proposals are forwarded to the ASBA Legislative Committee for consideration as the 2027 Political Agenda is developed. **In addition, each participating district will receive direct outreach from the ASBA Governmental Relations Department to review the process and communicate the status of the district's proposal. This ensures transparency and follow-through.**

The Political Agenda is a policy document focused entirely on education issues affecting Arizona's public schools. It does not address political parties, candidates or elections.

All proposals are due by the close of business **Friday, May 15, 2026.**

Your participation ensures ASBA's advocacy remains aligned with student needs, classroom realities and local governance priorities statewide.

***For more information, resources or to submit your proposals please visit:
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Political agenda proposal example

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*Below is an **example** of how districts should write priorities for submission on the 2027 Political Agenda proposal form.*

Top Priority/Priorities

1. Amend statute to allow governing board member candidates to collect signatures via the e-equal system

a. **Rationale:** Every couple of years, candidates in our rural district have to travel far to collect in-person signatures to appear on the ballot. We often struggle to fill positions and the seat will be appointed to someone. Removing the travel barrier will allow us to have better competition for the elected office, just like other elected officials.

2. Strengthen local control

a. **Rationale:** Governing board members are locally elected by their communities and understand the unique needs of their schools. Because they are directly accountable to the families they serve, they should have the authority to make decisions that are in the best interest of their students and communities.

3. Ensure all students have access to their own laptop device at school for schoolwork through legislative funding (new item for consideration example)

a. **Rationale:** Our district does not have enough computers for all students to be able to sue during the school day and drastically sets us back compared to districts that do have funding available for technology.

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Key dates and timeline

Guiding advocacy for Arizona's public schools during the 2026 legislative session

The Political Agenda development process follows a clear and structured timeline to ensure transparency, collaboration and member input throughout.

- **Proposal submissions open**
 - February 20, 2026
- **Close submissions and consolidate proposals for Legislative Committee review**
 - May 15, 2026
 - *All proposals must be submitted by the close of business on Friday, May 15, 2026.*
- **Legislative Committee meeting**
 - First week of June 2026
- **Proposed 2027 Political Agenda with Legislative Committee recommendations sent to members for review prior to Delegate Assembly**
 - June 26, 2026
- **Delegate Assembly registration opens**
 - July 6, 2026
 - *Registration is open to voting and alternate delegates only.*
- **Members reminded to review the draft agenda and select delegates**
 - August 2026
- **Delegate Assembly registration closes**
 - August 26, 2026
- **Delegate Assembly**
 - September 12, 2026
 - *Saturday morning following the ASBA Law Conference*

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