



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TO: School District Superintendents & Charter School Administrators

CC: Data Coordinators

FROM: School Finance

DATE: February 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Non-Fundable Average Daily Membership (ADM) due to Excessive Absences

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has completed a review of the implementation of Non-Fundable Membership Intervals within the Arizona Education Data Standards (AzEDS). Non-Fundable Membership Intervals occurred in cases where a pupil had:

- Absences exceeding 10% of the attendance days within the first 100 days of school's submitted operating calendar; and
- The pupil has an absence block of ten (10) or more consecutive absences

It has been determined that this funding rule will be shut down, and any students previously impacted will now generate funding appropriately for this specific scenario. School districts and charter schools are still required to withdraw pupils "who are absent for ten consecutive school days, except for excused absences identified by the Department of Education."¹

School Finance encourages school districts and charter schools to review their ADM15 reports within AzEDS by the end of February. School Finance will update all relevant training materials and manuals by the end of March.

School districts or charter schools impacted by non-fundable intervals will see their regular ADM adjusted as of February 23, 2026. Any ADM differences will be reflected in the March data capture and included in the April payments.

Please contact School Finance at SchoolFinance@azed.gov with any technical questions.

¹ A.R.S. § 15-901(A)(1)

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