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Arizona Department of Education Parental Rights Handbook

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Background

In the 2020 Arizona Legislative Session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 1061 ([Laws 2020, Chapter 64](#)) which the Governor signed on June 5, 2020. SB 1061 established ARS § 15-249.16 which requires the Arizona Department of Education (Department) to establish and post a statutory handbook of parental rights. Additionally, each school district and charter school must prominently post a link to the statutory handbook of parental rights on a publicly accessible portion of their website. Per [A.R.S. § 15-249.16](#), the handbook of parental rights must contain the following statutes:

- Title 1, Chapter 6
 - [Section 1-601](#)
 - [Section 1-602](#)
- Title 15, Chapter 1
 - [Section 15-102](#)
 - [Section 15-110](#)
 - [Section 15-113](#)
 - [Section 15-117](#)
- Title 15, Chapter 3
 - [Section 15-351](#)
- Title 15, Chapter 7
 - [Section 15-721](#)
 - [Section 15-722](#)
 - [Section 15-730](#)

This document contains the required statutes per SB 1061 and fulfills the Department's role in developing and posting the parental rights handbook pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-249.16. In addition to posting on the Department's website, this document will be distributed to each public school for posting.

Statutory Language

A.R.S. § 1-601 – Parents' rights protected

A. The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children is a fundamental right.