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POWERS AND DUTIES (as specified in ARS §15-1444)

- A. Except as otherwise provided, the district board shall:
 1. Maintain each community college for a period of not less than eight months in each year, and if the funds of the district are sufficient, maintain each community college for a longer period.
 2. Adopt policies in a public forum to offer programs that meet the educational needs of the population served by the community college.
 3. Enforce the courses of study prescribed by the district board.
 4. Visit each community college under its jurisdiction and examine carefully into its management, conditions, and needs.
 5. Exclude from each community college all books, publications or papers of a sectarian, partisan or denominational character intended for use as textbooks.
 6. Appoint and employ a chancellor or chancellors, vice-chancellors, a president or presidents, vice-presidents, deans, professors, instructors, lecturers, fellows and such other officers and employees it deems necessary. The district board may enter into employment contracts with chancellors, vice-chancellors, and presidents for a duration of more than one year but not more than five years.
 7. Determine the salaries of persons it appoints and employs. A district may not compensate an employee for work performed on behalf of an elected employee representative organization and may not provide more favorable terms and conditions of employment to any employee because that individual belongs to an elected employee represented organization.
 8. Remove any officer or employee if in its judgment the interests of education in this state require the removal.
 9. Award degrees, certificates, and diplomas upon the completion of courses and curriculum as it deems appropriate.
 10. Appoint or employ, if it deems necessary, police officers who shall have the authority and power of peace officers. The police officers who have received a certificate from the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board are eligible for membership in and benefits under either Title 38, Chapter 5, Article 2 or the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System under Title 38, Chapter 5, Article 4.
 11. Determine the location within the district of a community college and purchase, receive, hold, make and take leases of, sell and convey real or personal property for the benefit of the community colleges under its jurisdiction.
 12. Obtain insurance or be self-insured, or a combination of insurance and self-insurance, against loss, to the extent it is determined necessary on community college buildings of the district. The local district shall have an insurable interest in the buildings.
- B. The district board may:
 1. Administer trusts declared or created for the district and receive by gift or devise and hold in trust or otherwise property wheresoever located, and if not otherwise provided, dispose of the property for the benefit of the district.
 2. Lease real property, as lessor or as lessee. If a district is the lessee, the lease may contain an option to purchase the property. The district board may adopt policies as are deemed necessary and may delegate in writing to the chancellor or president of the district, or their designees, all or any part of its authority to lease property under this paragraph. Any delegation by the district board pursuant to this paragraph may be rescinded in whole or in part at any time by the district board.



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3. Sue and be sued.
4. Contract. The district board may adopt such policies as are deemed necessary and may delegate in writing to the chancellor or president of the district, or their designees, all or part of its authority to contract under this paragraph. Any delegation of authority under this paragraph may be rescinded by the district board at any time in whole or in part.
5. Construct, remodel, and repair buildings.
6. In conjunction with other districts, establish policies for procurement of goods and services.
7. Provide a plan or plans for employee benefits, which may include optional retirement programs pursuant to section 15-1451, subsection A, which allow for participation in a cafeteria plan that meets the requirements of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
8. Accept grants or donations of monies from the United States or any of its agencies, departments or officers, this state, political subdivisions of this state, tribal governments, school districts, special taxing districts, persons, corporations, foundations, or associations. The district board shall deposit the monies into a specific fund or account and shall administer the monies in accordance with the purpose of the grant or donation with specific policies or restrictions as described or stipulated in the grant or donation. In the case of personal property granted or donated to or for the benefit of a community college district, the district board shall immediately transfer possession and ownership of the property to the designated district. Monies received pursuant to this paragraph are not considered local revenues for the purposes of article IX, section 21, Constitution of Arizona.
9. Enter into intergovernmental agreements or contracts pursuant to section 11-952.01 for participation in programs offered by public agency pools or separately contract with a trustee or board of trustees that provides a common self-insurance program with pooled funds and risks pursuant to section 15-382, subsection B, paragraph 2. The district board is not required to engage in competitive procurement in order to make the decision to participate in these programs.
10. Name a building or a group of buildings that is located on a community college campus on behalf of a person or entity that has made a significant contribution of monies or other property to the community college or the community college district.
11. Enter into research and development agreements, royalty agreements, development agreements, licensing agreements, and profit-sharing agreements concerning the research, development, production, storing or marketing of new products developed or to be developed through community college district research. Monies received pursuant to this paragraph are not considered local revenues for the purposes of article IX, section 21, Constitution of Arizona.
12. Enter into an intergovernmental agreement pursuant to section 15-1747 to participate in a reciprocity agreement subject to the terms of the reciprocity agreement.
13. Engage in entrepreneurial and commercial activities. Monies received pursuant to this paragraph are not considered local revenues for the purposes of article IX, section 21, Constitution of Arizona.
14. Collect auxiliary fees, including cafeteria fees, food service fees, bookstore fees, and dormitory fees. Monies received pursuant to this paragraph are not considered local revenues for the purposes of article IX, section 21, Constitution of Arizona.
15. Provide goods and services pursuant to a contract with a political subdivision of this state or with a tribal government. Monies received pursuant to this paragraph are not considered local revenues for the purposes of article IX, section 21, Constitution of Arizona.



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16. For a community college in a county with a population of seven hundred fifty thousand persons or less, offer four-year baccalaureate degrees that are accredited by a regional accreditation agency approved by the United States Department of Education.
17. For a community college in a county with a population of more than seven hundred fifty thousand persons, offer four-year baccalaureate degrees that are accredited by a regional accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education as follows:
 - (a) For the first four years that a community college offers four-year baccalaureate degrees, the community college may not offer more than five percent of its total number of degree and certification offerings for four-year baccalaureate degrees. For the fifth and subsequent years that a community college offers four-year baccalaureate degrees, the community college may not offer more than ten percent of its total number of degree and certification offerings for four-year baccalaureate degrees.
 - (b) Tuition per credit hour for the third and fourth years of a four-year baccalaureate program may not exceed one hundred fifty percent of the tuition per credit hour of any other district program.
- C. If a district acquires real or personal property, whether by purchase, exchange, condemnation, gift or otherwise, the district shall pay to the county treasurer any taxes on the property that were unpaid as of the date of acquisition, including penalties and interest. The lien for unpaid delinquent taxes, penalties and interest on property acquired by the district:
 1. Is not abated, extinguished, discharged, or merged in the title to the property.
 2. Is enforceable in the same manner as other delinquent tax liens.
- D. In a district whose boundaries encompass a vehicle emissions control area as defined in section 49-541, the district board shall require all out-of-county and out-of-state students to sign an affidavit at the time of course registration that the student's vehicle meets the requirements of section 49-542. The district board on property under its jurisdiction within a vehicle emissions control area shall prohibit the parking of those vehicles that fail to comply with section 49-542.
- E. A community college district and a career technical education district governing board may enter into agreements for the provision of administrative, operational, and educational services and facilities.
- F. Each district may establish a program for the exchange of students between the community colleges under its jurisdiction and colleges and universities located in Sonora, Mexico. The program may provide for in-state tuition for Sonora students at the community colleges under the jurisdiction of the district in exchange for similar tuition provisions for Arizona students enrolled or seeking enrollment in Sonora colleges and universities. The community colleges may work in conjunction with the Arizona-Mexico commission in the governor's office to coordinate recruitment and admissions activities to provide for in-state tuition for up to fifty Sonora students at the community colleges under the jurisdiction of the district in exchange for similar tuition provisions for up to fifty total Arizona students enrolled or seeking enrollment in Sonora colleges and universities.
- G. Each district shall facilitate transfer articulation coordination pursuant to section 15-1824.

