

**Arizona Department of Education
Statutes Related to Funding During Influenza Pandemic**

Citation	Summary	Comments
A.R.S §15-341.01	180 days of instruction or equivalent in minutes is required.	AG opinion pending as to whether the 180 days requirement impacts funding.
A.R.S §15-901	Determination of student count for funding purposes is based on average daily membership for first 100 days of school; current year for charters, prior year for districts.	
A.R.S §15-902	<p>If absenteeism is higher than 6 percent for common and unified districts or 8.5 percent for high school districts, adjusted ADM calculation based on ADA is utilized which then reduces funding.</p> <p>Districts may apply to ADE for an exception to the adjusted ADM calculation due to widespread illness of 3 days or more; adverse weather conditions for 3 days or more; concerted refusal by students to attend classes for 3 days or more; threats of violence against school property, personnel or students for 1 day or more.</p>	High absenteeism due to influenza pandemic meets definition of widespread illness. ADE will also accept school closure due to pandemic as 100% absenteeism and eligible for widespread illness exception.

Pandemic Scenarios and ADE Interpretation:

Within the first 100 days of school:

1. If a school needs to close because of an influenza pandemic, the school district or charter operator submits to ADE a request for an exception to the adjusted membership calculation because of widespread illness. ADE will waive the absences caused by the widespread illness. The membership calculation and funding for the school district or charter operator will not be impacted. Calendar revisions need to be approved by ADE School Finance.
2. If a school incurs high absenteeism due to an influenza pandemic, the school district or charter operator submits a request to ADE for an exception to the adjusted membership calculation because of widespread illness. ADE will waive the absences caused by the widespread illness. The membership calculation and funding for the school district or charter operator will not be impacted.

After first 100 days of school:

3. If school needs to close because of influenza pandemic, there is no impact on funding. Schools are encouraged to make up lost days or time, if possible, but currently there is no requirement to do so. This instruction is subject to change depending on the severity of an influenza pandemic. Calendar revisions need to be approved by ADE School Finance.
4. If high absenteeism due to influenza pandemic, there is no impact on funding.

Note: Guidance is subject to change depending upon the severity of an influenza pandemic.