

**ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS  
POLICY MANUAL**

5-204      Early Outreach to Other Educational Systems and Underrepresented Communities

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- A. The Board of Regents is committed to encouraging and supporting university initiatives to develop linkages with underrepresented communities for the purpose of increasing the awareness of children in Grades K-12 and their families about the importance of higher education, about opportunities for higher education in Arizona, and about the importance of academic preparation for higher education.
- B. Each university should maintain a presence within underrepresented communities, as feasible, to build trust and credibility between the communities and universities to enhance understanding of the challenges that confront underrepresented community members who seek a higher education. The presence should include linkages with community-based organizations including voluntary organizations, religiously affiliated organizations, and tribal governments.
- C. Early outreach initiatives should build upon the strengths inherent in the underrepresented communities.
- D. Early outreach programs should include opportunities for university student participation from various disciplines, especially students from teacher education, sciences, mathematics, and social sciences.
- E. Each university should assign high priority to the formation and refinement of linkages with K-12 schools and community colleges designed to enhance academic performance of underrepresented students and to raise awareness about accessibility of higher education.
- F. Underrepresented students and communities are any group of students who need to improve their college attainment rates.

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