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- A. The Board of Regents is committed to encouraging and supporting university initiatives to develop linkages with minority communities for the purpose of increasing the awareness of children in Grades K-12 and their parents 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 minority communities to build trust and credibility between minority and university communities and to enhance understanding of the challenges that confront minorities 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 cultural and linguistic diversity.
- 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 minority students and to raise awareness about accessibility of higher education.