



USFRCS MEMORANDUM NO. 82

TO: Arizona Charter School Administrators;
Administrators of School Districts Sponsoring Charter Schools

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DATE: October 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Tuition Revenue Object Codes

Laws 2009, 3rd Special Session, Chapter 12, §4, amended Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §15-185(B)(7) to allow charter schools to admit students who are not residents of this State and requires that schools charge tuition for those pupils in the same manner prescribed in A.R.S. §15-823. In addition, Laws 2009, 3rd Special Session, Chapter 2, §2, amended A.R.S. §15-821(C) to allow charter schools to charge tuition for certain kindergarten students. Specifically, if a student, who has not reached the age of five before September 1 of the current school year, is admitted to kindergarten and then readmitted to kindergarten the following school year, the school is not eligible for basic state aid for that student in the second year. The school may charge tuition for the second year of kindergarten, except for students enrolled in a kindergarten program before June 30, 2009. Finally, for fiscal year 2010 only, Laws 2009, 3rd Special Session, Chapter 12, §78, allows schools to charge tuition for full-day kindergarten students if the school decides not to provide free full-day kindergarten.

Currently, the USFRCS Chart of Accounts does not include revenue object codes to use when recording tuition revenue, as schools were not previously allowed to charge any tuition. Beginning in fiscal year 2010, schools should begin utilizing the following object codes when recording tuition revenue:

1300 Tuition—Revenue from individuals, private sources, other schools or districts, and government sources for education provided by the school. The portion of tuition representing transportation fees should be recorded under revenue code 1400 Transportation Fees.

1310 Tuition from Individuals

1320 Tuition from Other Arizona Schools or Districts

1330 Tuition from Out-of-State Schools or Districts

1340 Tuition from Other Private Sources (Other than Individuals)

1350 Tuition from Other Government Sources Within Arizona (such as the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind)

1360 Tuition from Other Government Sources Outside Arizona

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If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Office of the Auditor General, Accounting Services Division, at (602) 553-0333, or the Arizona Department of Education, School Finance, at (602) 542-5695.

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