

The Coalition

Policy to prohibit instruction containing elements of
Critical Race Theory.

It is within the authority of Arizona School Board members to add policy language to prohibit instruction containing elements of Critical Race Theory.

HB2898 is more commonly known as the “no mask mandate” and was part of the 2021 budget reconciliation bill. HB2898 was ruled unconstitutional by Maricopa Superior Court Judge in late September because it violated the “single subject rule” for legislation. But the court made it very clear that it was the procedure (the how) and not the what (content/policy) that was the problem.

The specific language from HB2898 states “A Teacher, administrator, or other employee of a school district, charter school, or state agency who is involved with students and teachers in grades preschool through twelve may NOT use public monies for instruction that presents ANY form or blame or judgement on the basis of race, ethnicity, or sex.” “Blame or judgment on the basis of race, ethnicity or sex” is defined in ARS 41-1494.

This language is consistent with House Bill 2906 which did pass and Arizona school boards have already modified their Board Development and Training policies to reflect. This language states, in part, that: “School districts and charter schools, may not expend public monies for board members for training, orientation or therapy that presents any form of blame or judgment on the basis of race, ethnicity, or sex.”