



Long Term Advocacy Priorities

Every Arizona child deserves a world-class education, regardless of background, income or zip code. We have tremendous potential to make this vision a reality if we work together. As we've worked with our partners across the state, we've seen a number of areas of agreement emerge. We are committed to championing these priorities in collaboration with our partners to ensure all children receive a world-class education:

Every child's education is funded from the early years up to career to produce excellence

- Increase K-12 funding that supports equitable opportunity and excellence for all, including increasing base level funding to a sufficient amount per pupil and weights to support student characteristics that require additional resources
- Funding that enables Arizona schools to implement strategies to attract, retain and support great teachers and principals in every Arizona school
- Funding the implementation of effective strategies to close the achievement gap
- Ensuring any performance based funding meaningfully recognizes student achievement and growth, and does not disadvantage schools serving high need populations

Every child has access to a great teacher and principal

- Support programs and policies that lead to increased compensation, opportunities for meaningful professional development, full certification/preparation (content, pedagogy, and field experience), high-quality mentoring/induction, and better working conditions to help Arizona in recruiting and retaining high-quality educators
- Support efforts to build and support a strong pipeline of highly effective principals, beginning with low-income schools
- Increase public support for educators to encourage retention in the profession

Every child has access to high quality early learning opportunities to support Kindergarten readiness and literacy development

- Support a tool that provides meaningful feedback on a child's progress in the early grades that is aligned with the Arizona Early Learning Standards and covers all essential domains of school readiness
- Increase quality pre-school offerings to advance school and literacy readiness

Every 3rd grader is proficient in reading and math

- Make more quality classroom time available for all Arizona children (e.g. full day Kindergarten)
- Make high-quality programs and interventions available to all K-3 students across the state, targeted to those who have the greatest need

Every child graduates from high school prepared for college and career

- Ensure Arizona's academic standards are rigorous, prepare all children for college and career, and are measured with an assessment that is a meaningful indicator of student success
- Develop Arizona's A-F accountability framework to be a meaningful and fair measure of school quality for public district and charter schools that includes multiple measures and is transparent for parents and community members
- Support students in becoming proficient in Algebra I by the 9th grade
- Advocate for services and interventions to support all students in graduating and college/career ready to support students who are at-risk of dropping out or becoming disconnected

Every child has the opportunity to attain a high-quality degree, credential or industry certification

- Make postsecondary education programs accessible and affordable for Arizona children and families (e.g. state supported financial aid, geographic location of programs)
- Provide Arizona children multiple pathways to attain a degree, credential or certification that are rigorous, aligned to workforce needs, and allow more children to attain a degree/credential (partnerships with community colleges and universities, JTEDs, CTE programs, and school districts, etc.)

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