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Voter Guide

Make Your Vote Count for Education

Education is about more than just students in the classroom.
A strong education system improves the quality of life for everyone.



Expect More Arizona is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization building a movement of Arizonans in support of world-class education for all children. Vote 4 Education is Expect More Arizona's annual voter engagement initiative, encouraging Arizona's voters to make education their top priority.

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Every child deserves a world-class education -- one that prepares them to thrive in the early grades, graduate high school, get a good job and succeed in life. In Arizona, we have dedicated educators and hard-working students, but they can't do it alone. Our children are counting on us to make sure education is a top priority for our elected leaders.

If education is your top priority, use this guide to learn more about the issues and find questions to ask your candidates.

Excellent Teachers



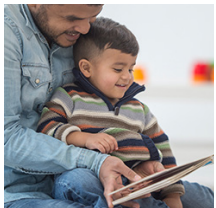
Few things have greater impact on student success than a highly effective teacher in every classroom and a strong leader in every school, yet Arizona is struggling to recruit and retain teachers across the state.

- More than 60 percent of new Arizona teachers are leaving the profession after three years.
- Arizona's median elementary school teacher salary is \$40,590, just 75 percent of the national median elementary school teacher salary of \$54,120.

Ask your elected leaders and candidates:

- What are the top three things you would do to recruit and retain educators in Arizona schools?

Early Learning and Literacy



High-quality learning opportunities in the years leading up to and including kindergarten best prepare students to be proficient in reading by the end of third grade, yet many children don't have access to such experiences.

- Only 37 percent of Arizona's 3- and 4-year olds are enrolled in preschool.
- According to 2015-16 AzMERIT results, nearly 60 percent of Arizona's third grade students are below proficient in reading and even more significant gaps exist among minority and at-risk students.

Ask your elected leaders and candidates:

- What are the one or two things you would do to increase the number of high quality early education options in the state, especially for low-income children?
- What are the most important things you would do to increase 3rd grade reading proficiency?

Supporting Student Success



There are examples of educational excellence across Arizona. Countless public district and charter schools are successfully working to close the achievement gap.

- Arizona's educators are leading a 10-year trajectory of improved student achievement, based on results of a national assessment that measures student achievement in all states.

Ask your elected leaders and candidates:

- What one or two things would you do to expand efforts that close the achievement gap?

Career Training or Higher Education



Education outcomes dictate economic growth and the safety and vibrancy of our communities. Nearly 70 percent of all jobs in Arizona will require more training or education beyond high school by 2020. An alliance of partners is supporting a statewide education attainment goal to equip 60 percent of Arizonans with a credential, certificate or college degree by the year 2030.

- Today, only 42 percent of Arizona adults have an industry credential or a 2- or 4-year degree.

Ask your elected leaders and candidates:

- Do you support this goal?
- What specific things would you do to make progress toward this goal?

Invest in Arizona's Future



Arizona is a great place to live, work and raise a family. To keep it that way, we must invest in our state's greatest resource - our students and educators. We need to work together to find a long-term, sustainable solution to increase education funding that focuses on equity and excellence in student achievement, from the early years through career.

Ask your elected leaders and candidates:

- Do you support the update and renewal of Prop 301, which provides \$660 million annually to K-12 education and expires in 2021?
- Will you support increasing the state's share of the cost for in-state university students to 50 percent over time?
- Will you support restoring funding to Arizona's community colleges?