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# Classrooms First Initiative Council

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# ARIZONA EDUCATION PROGRESS METER

CURRENT STATUS: ARIZONA ▾

Post-Secondary  
Attainment

42%

of residents have completed a 2- or 4-year degree, or received a non-degree credential. (U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 2014 1-year PUMS Person File and the Arizona Board of Regents estimate of the Arizona adult population 25-64 years of age with a certificate but no greater education award, 2016)

College  
Going

52%

2011-12 Arizona high school graduates attend a postsecondary institution. (Arizona Board of Regents and National Center for Education Statistics)

Opportunity Youth

85%

of youth ages 16-24 enrolled in school or working. The other 15% are defined as opportunity youth. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year PUMS Person File)

High School  
Graduation

76%

of Arizona high school students graduate in 4 years. (Arizona Department of Education, 2013)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

34%

of 8th grade students passed math by scoring proficient or highly proficient on the AzMERIT assessment. (Arizona Department of Education, 2014-15 AzMERIT results)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Reading

40%

of third graders passed the AzMERIT English language arts test by scoring proficient or highly proficient. (Arizona Department of Education, 2014-15 AzMERIT results)

Preschool  
Enrollment

37%

of 3 and 4 year olds are enrolled in preschool. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year PUMS Person File. Definition: Preschool includes public, private or homeschool settings)

Teacher Pay

75%

Median Arizona elementary school teacher salary (\$40,590) compared to national median (\$54,120). (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau)

100%

# Arizona Education Progress Meter

## Purpose/Use:

- Set goals for education in Arizona
- Track education progress at state/county and now at the local school level
- Celebrate stories of success
- Take action to support education

# Endorsers

- A for Arizona
- Arizona Board of Regents
- Arizona Business & Education Coalition
- Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Arizona Charter School Association
- Arizona College Access Network
- Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education
- Arizona Community Foundation
- Arizona Education Association
- Arizona GEAR UP
- Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Arizona School Administrators
- Arizona School Boards Association
- Arizona State Board of Education
- Children's Action Alliance
- College Success Arizona
- East Valley Partnership
- First Things First
- Governor's Office of Education
- Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Phoenix Economic Council
- Greater Phoenix Leadership
- Greater Yuma Economic Development Corp
- Helios Education Foundation
- New Schools for Phoenix
- Northern Arizona Leadership Alliance
- Read On Arizona
- Rodel Foundation of Arizona
- Social Venture Partners Arizona
- Southern Arizona Leadership Council
- Stand for Children – Arizona
- Sun Corridor, Inc.
- Tucson Metro Chamber
- Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- United Way of Northern Arizona
- United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona
- Valley of the Sun United Way



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# Eight Primary Metrics

- **Post-secondary attainment:** Percent of Arizona residents who have completed a 2- or 4-year degree or received a non-degree credential
- **College going:** Percent of recent Arizona high school graduates who enrolled in a post-secondary institution
- **Opportunity youth:** Percent of youth ages 16-24 who are not enrolled in school or employed full time
- **High school graduation:** Percent of high school students who graduate on time
- **8<sup>th</sup> grade math:** Percent of 8<sup>th</sup> graders who scored proficient or highly proficient on the math portion of the AzMERIT assessment
- **3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading:** Percent of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who scored proficient or highly proficient on the AzMERIT English language arts test
- **Preschool enrollment:** Percent of 3- and 4-year-olds who are enrolled in preschool in a public, private or homeschool setting
- **Teacher pay:** Median elementary teacher salary in Arizona compared to the national median



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# County & School Level Data

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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76%

of Arizona high school students graduate in 4 years. (Arizona Department of Education, 2013)

From 2010-11 to 2012-13, Arizona high school graduation rates declined three percent for all students, fell five percent for disabled students as well as limited English proficient students, and dropped four percent for economically disadvantaged students. Rates finally increased in 2013-14, but we have a long way to go. In particular, Arizona graduation rates for students by race/ethnicity are all below the national average. The potential economic impact of increasing our state's four-year high school graduation rate is significant. High school graduates earn a national average of \$8,000 more annually compared to high school dropouts, thereby increasing their purchasing power. High school graduates are also far less likely to be periodically unemployed, on government assistance, or in and out of the prison system compared to high school dropouts.

### See How Your Local School is Doing

# EducationEvaluator.org

## Arizona Charter Academy

739 Students

A-Rated Charter School in Maricopa County  
16025 N. Dysart Rd., Surprise

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### CHARTER SCHOOL:

It is Arizona Charter Academy's mission to empower all students to be responsible, productive, and global citizens. Our Mission Related Goals:

- Exhibit creative and critical thinking to solve problems.
- Develop cultural awareness, pride, and respect for themselves and others.
- Adapt to a continually changing technological world.
- Articulate and support viewpoints through written and verbal expression.
- Transition from competent student to productive, responsible citizen.



[www.azcharter.com](http://www.azcharter.com)

PHONE: 623.974.4959

Charter schools are free, public schools that are innovative while still being held accountable for improved student achievement. Charter schools sign a contract with an authorizer, which holds charter schools accountable for academic, operational and fiscal compliance. As an open enrollment state, families can send their child to any public school – district or charter.

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If any of the four indicator data are missing from a school row, it is for one of the following reasons: School does not serve applicable grade population | School was newly opened in the 2014-15 or 2015-16 school year | Data was redacted and/or suppressed due to small student population (FERPA) | Data did not exist or was not available

# Education Evaluator

## Elementary School Example

Abraham Lincoln Traditional School

616 Students

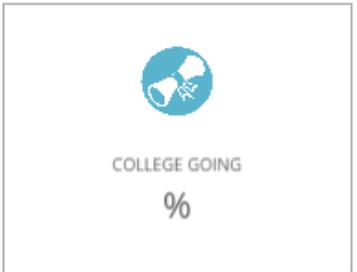
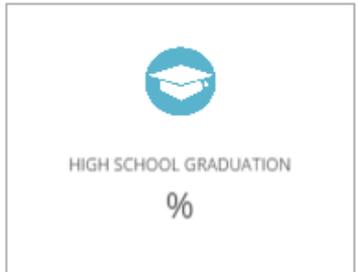
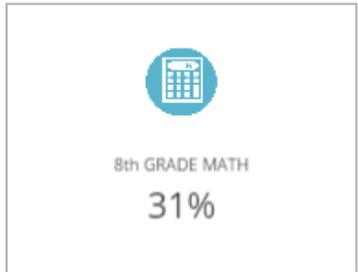
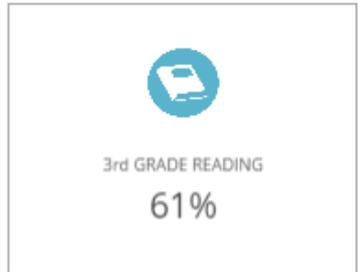
A-Rated District School in Maricopa County  
10444 N 39th Avenue, Phoenix

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DISTRICT SCHOOL: Public district schools are charged with educating students within a specific geographical area with defined boundaries. School districts are governed by locally elected school boards that set budgets, district policies and establish scho

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# Goal Setting

- ABOR led group of stakeholders to develop attainment goal
  - Tentative launch mid-September
- Additional stakeholder groups at various stages in the goal-setting process
- Opportunity for alignment with ESSA goal setting



# Classrooms First Alignment

- ▣ Provides an easy way to track progress on student outcomes
- ▣ Anticipate some alignment with A-F accountability system & ESSA
- ▣ Future data will highlight greatest areas of need to support students and teachers



# HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Questions?

