Our Strategic Direction

Education Forward Arizona represents the collective will of diverse communities and partners, and seeks to create meaningful collaborations that changes the way people see and support education in Arizona.

Our Mission
To advocate for and act on education improvements that advance the quality of life for all Arizonans.

Our Approach
To raise awareness of the connection between quality education and quality of life, and advance education policy and other supports that improve education outcomes for all students in Arizona.

Our Goals
We will work to do the following:

- Develop support for improved outcomes on Education Progress Meter indicators
- Reach the state attainment goal by 2030, working through the P-20 continuum
- Close achievement gaps at all levels
- Advocate for state-level funding allocated to those most in need

Our Guiding Principles

EQUITY    ENGAGEMENT    DATA    INNOVATION    IMPACT
Key Strategies

At the heart of our strategic direction is a commitment to work inclusively, collaboratively and effectively with all stakeholders to improve education in Arizona.

1. Thought Leadership
   - Position Education Forward Arizona as the state’s trusted source of effective education messaging
   - Create a cohesive and urgent case for the importance of education as a key driver of improving the quality of life in Arizona
   - Build public and political will for significant education improvements

2. Mobilize for Action
   - Engage, convene and collaborate with diverse communities to work together to achieve Education Progress Meter goals, starting with early learning and attainment goals
   - Galvanize networks and our robust database as a powerful force for equitable education
   - Compel champions to take courageous actions

3. Support and Scale
   - Identify and share other successful practices across the state and opportunities for scaling their impact
   - Use Education Progress Meter to measure and report on education progress to the public regularly
   - Incubate our own innovative approaches that help to transform educational outcomes and spread the ones that work

4. Influence
   - Develop a leadership voice for the organization in the state’s education policy space
   - Collect, analyze and publish data and research that ensures effective decision-making in policy and practice and helps to remove barriers to equitable educational opportunities
   - Deploy influence for policy and programmatic solutions that deliver improved outcomes for students

Join Us

To learn more about Education Forward Arizona and how you can join us in this important work, visit educationforwardarizona.org.