An Education Action Plan for Arizona

Top 10 Priorities to Meet the Achieve60AZ Goal

Arizona has an ambitious goal to reach 60% attainment — the number of Arizonans ages 25-64 with a certificate, license, or degree — by 2030, which is key to unlocking greater personal and economic prosperity in our state.

These 10 priorities, listed in non-hierarchical order, include the top actions that matter most for improving teaching, learning, and student outcomes to achieve progress toward the Achieve60AZ goal.

- O1 Increase educator pay and implement strategies to improve recruitment and retention, including a statewide mentoring and induction program.
- Offer state-supported full-day Kindergarten and inclusive pre-K.
- Recruit and retain a highly-qualified early childhood workforce, with a focus on wages and expansion of the Arizona Teachers Academy, in alignment with Preschool Development grant shared goals.
- O4 Increase and sustain professional development, coaching, and support for educators in reading and math.
- Create a math equivalent to Read On Arizona.
- O6 Start the Education Career Action Plan (ECAP) in 8th grade, and provide counselors and teachers with support and training.
- 7 Increase equitable access to dual and concurrent enrollment.
- O8 Increase the number of school counselors, psychologists, transition specialists, and social workers in Arizona schools.
- O9 Expand the Arizona Promise scholarship program to low-income, DACA and undocumented students; students with disabilities; and students attending community colleges.
- 10 Implement a long-term P-20 funding solution that mitigates the impact of Prop. 123 and the COVID-relief funding ending in 2024-25.

