Education Forward Arizona

Statewide nonprofit that advocates and acts on improving student outcomes

• Brings together Expect More Arizona, Achieve60AZ and College Success Arizona
• Created as a reflection of what business, education and community leaders have said:

*It’s time for Arizona to prioritize education and take bold actions to get there.*
Our Challenge: Increasing Education Attainment by 14% by 2030
Achieve60AZ

• 46% attainment today → 60% by 2030

• Arizona’s attainment goal

• 1 million more people with credentials or degrees needed
Nearly 7 out of 10 jobs require a degree or credential

However, just 46% of Arizonans have a degree or industry recognized credential today
Advancing Education Attainment

A more educated workforce, with training and credentials beyond high school leads to:

- Higher wages
- Increased tax revenue
- Less unemployment
- Healthy, vibrant communities
90% of voters believe that access to college, a university or advanced training after high school sets a student up for success.
Arizona Education Progress Meter

Nonpartisan tool that helps us see where we stand and where we want to go

- Partnership with the Center for the Future of Arizona
- Includes 8 key education indicators and goals
- Includes state, county, city, district, school and subgroup data
- Community owned, developed with input from 200+ organizations statewide
- Data chosen as predictors of student success

An agreed upon framework to rally the community around common goals and encourage action
Developed by Arizona Experts

- Leaders selected to lead each indicator
- 200+ organizations involved in goal setting
- Extensive Vetting
- All goals lead to Achieve60AZ goal, focused on closing achievement gaps
- Launched in 2017
Arizona Education Progress Meter

Quality Early Learning: 17% (2030 Goal - 45%)
3rd Grade Reading: 41% (2030 Goal - 72%)
8th Grade Math: 27% (2030 Goal - 69%)
High School Graduation: 78% (2030 Goal - 90%)

Opportunity Youth: 12% (2030 Goal - 7%)
Median Elementary Teacher Pay: Arizona Ranks 50th
Post High School Enrollment: 46% (2030 Goal - 70%)
Attainment: 46% (2030 Goal - 60%)

Co-Developed by:
education FORWARD arizona
CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF ARIZONA
Robust Data Tool
State, County, City, District, School & Group Level Data

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
Percent of Arizona high school students graduating in 4 years.

Use the dropdowns to choose a location and demographic group, then click the + button to show your selection on the chart below.
EducationForwardArizona.org/Progress
COVID’s Impact has been Significant

This is a reflection of a global pandemic and not on the ability of our teachers and students P-20:

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Arizona Education Progress Meter

Allows us to:

- See where we stand today
- Raise awareness of achievement gaps
- Catalyst for conversations among business, education, city and civic groups
- Drive action at the state and community levels
For the first time, Arizona has a widely-supported set of goals and indicators for P-20 education
Who Supports the Education Progress Meter?

Widely Accepted Framework for Education, P-20

- ADE, SBE, & other elected officials
- Governor’s Office
- Educators, school districts
- Business and community leaders
- Advocacy organizations
- Funders
- Media
- Nearly 50 cities and towns
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How Can You Use the Education Progress Meter?
Communities Across the State are Using the Education Progress Meter

A few examples:

• Communities are creating local versions of the Education Progress Meter
• Local Attainment Goal Setting
• Advocating for policies that will advance the goals
• Funders use it to make funding decisions
As a Mayor, how can I use it?
Mayors and city leaders can use the data to...

- Convene conversations with city and education leaders
  - Why are some students doing well and others not? What can be done to help all students succeed?
  - How can we close the achievement and opportunity gaps?
- Endorse the Education Progress Meter and Achieve60AZ goal
- Review your programs and funding
  - How are they helping to move the needle on the goals?
- Feature the Education Progress Meter on your website
  - What policies, programs and funding are needed to move the goals forward?
The Time to Act is Now
The Next Five Years are Critical for Arizona’s Future

The actions we take now will shape the trajectory for AZ for generations

- We have great teachers and students with limitless potential
- We should be focused on the issues that matter the most
We Must Accelerate Progress to Reach the Goals
What will it take to reach the goals?

Shared Action Plan

• Key strategies we can rally around
• 300+ Arizona business, education, community leaders
  • Including educators and students
Thank You!

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