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BEATING EXPECTATIONS: 2015 NAEP RESULTS
The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) tests reliable samples of 4th and 8th graders in Reading and Math in each state. It has been known as the Nation’s Report Card since the early 1990’s. National studies and foundations that compare Arizona to other states usually use NAEP.

We are at the national average when it comes to achievement and moving up.
Arizona has moved from the bottom-tier to within 2 points of average national score on all subjects and grades except 4th Grade Reading.

Major Gains 2003-2015
#2 in the nation for 8th Grade Math Gains
#2 in the nation for 8th Grade Reading Gains
#4 Highest growth in the nation for 4th Grade Math Gains

Arizona is in the top-tier of states closing the Achievement Gap.

CTE RESULTS
Students who take Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses have the HIGHEST graduation rates in the state at 98% attainment. More than a dozen industries critical to Arizona’s economic growth have workforce programs embedded in CTE.

HONEST PROFICIENCY LEVELS
“Arizona’s tests used to paint a picture of overwhelming success - even when students didn’t have fundamental knowledge and skills in core subjects. Now, state academic assessments reflect reality rather than wishful thinking. Parents, educators, policymakers, and the public in the state now have accurate information to make important decisions to improve instructional opportunities and learning for their students.”

-Patricia Levesque, CEO of the Foundation for Excellence in Education

Closing the Gap - Arizona Sets High Proficiency Standards
Foundation for Excellence in Education News
OUTCOMES FOR ARIZONA

“We’re very pleased with the increased number of high-school graduates attending one of our universities, and we’re looking forward to continued growth.”

-Eileen Klein, Arizona Board of Regents President

68% of all Arizona jobs will require some post-secondary education by 2020.

HIGH-QUALITY RECOGNITION

The United States Department of Education has a state grant program that targets high-quality public charter schools.

ARIZONA IS 1 OF ONLY 8 STATES TO RECEIVE AN AWARD

$15.7 MILLION

IF ARIZONA CHARter SCHOOLS WERE A STATE

...their absolute scores in every tested category compete with New England states like Massachusetts & New Hampshire.

#3 in the nation for 8th Grade Reading (versus Arizona Overall Ranking of #33)
#5 in the nation for 4th Grade Math (versus Arizona Overall Ranking of #37)
#5 in the nation for 8th Grade Math comparing only low-income students (versus Arizona Overall Ranking of #30)
#8 in the nation for 4th Grade Reading (versus Arizona Overall Ranking of #44)

Driving to
Collegiate Success

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INCREASE IN THE # OF HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO ENROLLED IN THE FALL SEMESTER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR SENIOR YEAR

SINCE FALL 1975, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona saw the largest increase of total enrollment at their schools.

16.2%

Increase in the number of Arizona community college students entering one of the 3 major universities.

Transfers who are 30 years or older have increased 36.2% over the same period.

Why such exceptional results for ALL Arizona public schools?

Intentional decisions & actions of school leaders and teachers

Competitive Environment & Specialization

Charter Authorizer Board strategy to expand high-performers first & close failing schools

Targeted support efforts, such as Rodel Foundation, Beyond Textbooks, Center for Student Achievement, Beat the Odds, Teach For America, & many others.

A project of the Arizona Chamber Foundation & the Tucson Hispanic Chamber, working to rapidly expand the number of ‘A’ schools serving low-income students in Arizona.