

# The 2024 Arizona Voters' Agenda

## EDUCATION

Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA) conducted surveys of likely voters in the 2024 General Election to determine what voters believe are the top issues facing the state and what they want from candidates and leaders. The results demonstrate that Arizonans across political affiliations and age groups agree on a wide range of key issues.



**On topics relating to education, Arizona voters show consensus support for tangible actions to enhance the overall quality and outcomes of education in the state.**

Policy Items	Strongly Support	Total Support
Ensure teachers are trained in the most effective approaches to teaching reading.	79%	94%
Ensure every student can access dual enrollment or other early college opportunities to earn college credit while in high school.	78%	93%
Private schools that receive state funding should be held to the same standards as public schools when it comes to financial reporting requirements, academic reporting requirements, and employment standards.	66%	80%
Increase funding for K-12 public education.	63%	79%
Increase the number of students who pursue and complete education or training beyond high school (including university, community college, or technical/trade school).	60%	85%
Increase need-based state financial aid to encourage more students to enroll in Arizona's public universities and community colleges after high school.	56%	77%

Value Statements	Strongly Support	Total Support
Every school should have the resources necessary to deliver quality education that prepares every child for the future, no matter their skin color, background, or zip code.	89%	96%
Our public universities and community colleges are critical to ensuring Arizona's success now and in the future. State investments in public higher education should be a priority.	53%	79%
Arizona families are struggling to find affordable and reliable childcare. Without dependable access to childcare, caregivers may miss work or leave the workforce altogether. Arizona should invest more in childcare assistance programs for qualifying families.	53%	77%



## VOTER INSIGHTS

- 64% of voters say Arizona’s K-12 education system should be in the Top 25% Nationally.
- In rating K-12 Education in Arizona, just 10% describe the current K-12 public education system as “excellent” or “very good,” while 35% say “ok,” and 46% say “poor” or “failing.”
- On whether the K-12 public education system is improving, 49% say it is “definitely or probably getting worse,” 33% say it is “staying about the same,” and 10% say “definitely or probably improving.”
- 66% of voters say that the recent cuts to the state’s need-based financial aid program are the wrong direction for Arizona.

## THE ARIZONA VOTERS' AGENDA REVEALS Big Questions for Leaders to Address

When it comes to education, the survey data point to essential questions for the future. Begin with:

1. What do you think Arizona needs to do to become a top-performing public education system in the country?
2. What should Arizona do to ensure every school has the resources needed to deliver quality education that prepares every child for the future?
3. How will you increase investments in K-12 funding?
4. What will you do to ensure more students succeed in reading and math?
5. How will you ensure that private schools receiving ESA/voucher state dollars will be held equally accountable to financial and performance requirements and employment standards as public schools?
6. How will you increase the number of students enrolling in education and training beyond high school?
7. What are your plans to increase access to dual enrollment for all students and need-based financial aid?

### THE ARIZONA VOTERS' AGENDA IS BUILT ON WHERE VOTERS AGREE

Policy Items and Value Statements, which make up the Voters’ Agenda, must meet or surpass a high threshold of agreement, defined by the following criteria, in order to be included:

**50%**

OR HIGHER STRONG  
AGREEMENT AMONG  
ALL VOTERS



**50%**

OR HIGHER STRONG AND  
SOMEWHAT AGREEMENT  
AMONG EVERY POLITICAL  
AFFILIATION AND AGE GROUP



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In addition to agenda items, the survey results provide insights that help build an understanding of the electorate’s concerns and hopes for the future.