

Arizona Department of Education (ADE)



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Overview of Priorities

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ADE Values

- ✓ Ensuring each student and family has access to a high-quality school and excellent education
- ✓ Equity and supporting ALL students' success, wellness, and access to opportunity
- ✓ Respectful, safe, and inclusive environments for students, families, and educators
- ✓ A robust, statewide teaching profession where educators can grow and thrive professionally and personally
- ✓ Providing the public with transparent, reliable data and factual information



Priority Issues

❖ Elevate the Teaching Profession

- Increase funding and recruit and retain high-quality teachers
- Advance professional development and optimal working conditions

❖ School & Student Academic Success

- Close achievement gaps and improve performance of ALL schools
- Promote effective teaching & learning frameworks

❖ School Safety & Social Wellness

- Implement Arizona's school safety grant program, and promote a multidisciplinary team approach
- Develop policies and guidance based on recommendations from the school safety taskforce and social wellness committee

❖ Multilingual Education

- Develop effective models and frameworks for language immersion
- Create certification policies for needed teacher workforce

❖ Data Governance & Technology Systems

- Provide clear, transparent, and reliable data to the public
- Modernize technology systems for collecting and reporting data, grants management, and school finance



Agency FY21 Budget Priorities

- Investigations Unit
- Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs)
- Adult Education
- Office of Indian Education (OIE)
- School Improvement
- School Payment System (APOR/CHAR)



Budget Item	Amount	Rationale & Expected Outcome
Investigations	\$1.1 million (additional \$556,000) 5 new FTEs (4 investigators, 1 admin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Efficiently address current and future caseloads -Provide a safer school environment for students and personnel throughout Arizona
ESAs	\$4.4 million (additional \$3.2 million) 20 new FTEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fully meet program needs and growth -Better-serve families by offering technical assistance and decrease application processing times
Adult Education	\$5.7 million (additional \$1.2 million) [Pass-through \$s for programs]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support long waiting list of adults and disconnected youth seeking high school equivalency degrees and workforce certifications. -Secure federal WIOA funds
Office of Indian Education	\$150,000 1 new FTE and program funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increase programmatic capacity to advance the academic achievement and wellness of Native American students.
School Improvement	\$4.5 million 5 new FTEs and pass-through \$'s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support for evidence-based initiatives and comprehensive school improvement plans for Arizona's 170 "D" schools -Advance and sustain academic and wellness outcomes for students.
Payment System Replacement	\$0 (FY21 placeholder)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continue the replacement and modernization of the State's school finance system.

ADE Legislative Action for 2020

- Support policy development for special education funding
- Support ballot referral to repeal Arizona’s “English-only” law
- Updates to existing laws that impact ADE
- Streamline administrative funding for existing state programs
- Support and respond to bills that align with priority issues; defend against harmful policies

