



Policy Update

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Submitting a Budget Request

- ADE is required to submit an agency budget request by September 1 of each year.
- During Summer, Policy team reviews funding requests from program areas.
- Policy team works with leadership to determine if we will be requesting funds for any new initiatives.
- Final budget request is sent to the Executive Office, posted on the ADE website, and presented to stakeholders.
- ADE presents the budget request for the Appropriations committee in the beginning of legislative session.
- Policy team advocates for ADE's budget request throughout legislative session as the Executive staff and House and Senate leadership negotiate what will be included in the final budget
- House and Senate drop the budget bills (the feed bill and budget reconciliation bills) towards the end of legislative session which go through the legislative process for votes and final signature.

Funding for Existing Programs

Assessments - \$4 million ongoing

- Address projected budget shortfall for FY23 and future years
- Meet increased costs for administering the required statewide assessments

Certification - \$150,000 ongoing

- Add two Grade 19 full-time certification specialists
- Improve educator certification processing time and response

Funding for Existing Programs

Read On Arizona - \$150,000 ongoing

- Enhance State's early literacy initiative and shared goals across government entities and partners
- Create sustainable funding source for Read On Arizona to support early literacy efforts with the State's partners

Office of Indian Education (OIE) - \$500,000 one-time, \$1M ongoing

- Increase capacity of State's OIE to provide coordination across programs and services
- Enhance Native-Indigenous students' experience and academic success in K-12 public schools
- Ensure readiness for post-secondary and career

Promising Approaches – COVID Recovery

Integrated Education and Training Pathway

- Expand programs for adult learners seeking to earn a high school equivalency degree
- Improve literacy and receive workforce training towards certification and licensure

Preschool Development Grants and Accelerating Early Childhood Literacy

- Establish and enhance participation in preschool programs in high-demand, low-income communities
- Coaching to strengthen early childhood educator capacity in communities with struggling readers

Promising Approaches – COVID Recovery

Statewide Educator Recruitment and Retention Initiatives

- Increase access to educator professional development programs and opt-in services and resources
- ADE has partnered with the State's three universities to leverage and scale programming infrastructure to meet high demands

Office of Digital Teaching and Learning

- Department will have dedicated staff serving in a consultative role to connect schools to expert resources
- Goal is that by 2025, 100% of Arizona's K-12 schools and 95% of student households will have a device, connectivity, and skills to navigate learning technology