Striving for Equity

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About

• Helios Education Foundation is dedicated to creating opportunities to succeed in Arizona and Florida.

• We invest our knowledge and resources to advance student preparedness and to foster college-going cultures in the two states we serve.
WE BELIEVE

COMMUNITY • EQUITY • INVESTMENT • PARTNERSHIP
Equity

We must create a more equitable education system that educates all kids and prepares all students for the bright future they have ahead of them.
Early Education

Access to high-quality learning environments for young children, especially those from low-income households

44% of Latino 3-4 year-olds attend preschool
50% of White 3-4 year-olds attend preschool

64% of children whose parents make $100,000 attend preschool
40% of children whose parents make under $20,000 attend preschool
K-12

Issues:
• Teacher recruitment and retention
• Teacher compensation
• Mentoring and supports
• Ongoing professional development

4th Grade Reading Proficiency
18% - Latino
46% White

8th Grade Math Proficiency
20% Latino
48% White

ACT Scores
18% of Arizona students met all four of ACT’s College Readiness benchmarks

High-School graduation rate
79.5%

• 1,547 classrooms in Arizona had no teacher at the start of the 2018 school year. 663 teachers quit within the first month of school.
• Arizona loses more teachers each year than it produces at ASU, UofA and NAU combined.
Postsecondary

Issues:
• Access for students – affordability
• Lack of state support for community colleges and universities

College-Going Rate: 53%
Retention Rate: 71%
Attainment Rate – Associate Degree or Higher:
  Latino – 19%
  White – 39%
Statewide Partnerships and Collaborations

Achieve60AZ

Arizona’s statewide attainment goal. Increase the number of adults with a postsecondary certificate or degree to 60 percent by 2030.

Improving the K-12 Pipeline
Completing Credentials
Increasing Access
Aligning Workforce Needs
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Decision Center for Educational Excellence

Brings together data and convenes key stakeholders to examine the education system and model and visualize the impact of potential new policies and innovative solutions on education outcomes.

Collect
Local and national data on student performance, schools, and the current education system

Leverage
ASU resources, content knowledge, analytics, computational modeling, and visualization

Drive
Stakeholder involvement among educators, parents, students, policy
Student Success Center

The mission of the Arizona Student Success Center is to unify the Arizona community college’s statewide student success efforts to advance retention, persistence, and completion rates to meet the Arizona Community College’s Strategic Plan as well as to support the goals of Achieve60AZ.
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Education is an investment, not an expense

Arizona needs a sustainable funding source for education that ensures every student is prepared for a 21st century economy. Arizona’s future depends on our ability to ensure all students, regardless of zip code, have access to a high-quality education.
Thank you!

For the work you do on behalf of students in our community.

To learn more about Helios and some of the partnerships discussed today, please visit www.helios.org or connect with us on social media.