



**Arizona's
National
Ranking
&
ESSA Graduation
Rate Expectation**

June 13, 2016



**Arizona's Silver for
Alternative School
Accountability**

AZ AEC leads

national advocacy network with input to
USDoE on

ESSA graduation rate expectations



AZ's Silver Medal

Arizona rated #2
on Alternative School accountability

Momentum Strategy & Research's presentation
Spring 2016

*Alternative School Accountability Challenge:
A Guide to Better Policy and Effective
Accountability Frameworks*





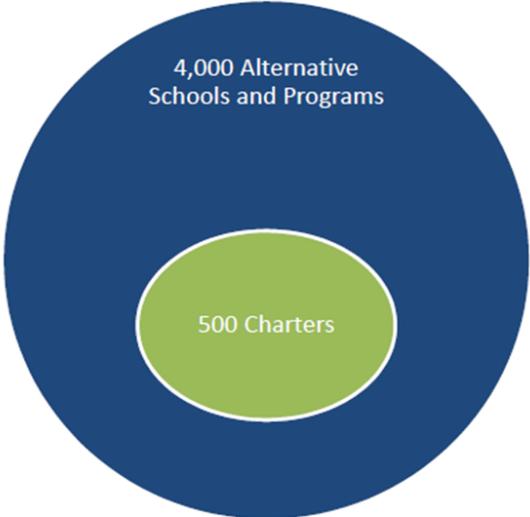
Alternative School Accountability Challenge



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AZ Alternative Education Consortium

Alternative Schools



106 alternative charter schools in Arizona



Sample State Ratings



| 1 | Statute is being proposed, has recently passed, or partially meet criteria | | | | | | | | |
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| 2 | Statute is in place and systems, rules are being developed | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Statute, and systems or rules are in place | | | | | | | | |
| Sample State Ratings on Essential Elements of Effective Alternative Accountability Systems | | | | | | | | | |
| State | Identifying Schools | | | Alternative Accountability System | | | | | TOTAL SCORE |
| | Definition of Alternative Schools | Designation Process | Applicable to all School Types | Alternative Measures | Flexibility in Selection of Measures | Focus on Student Growth Over Time | Targets Based on Data | Periodic Review | |
| AZ | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 21 |
| CA | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| CO | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 24 |
| CT | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| FL | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| ID | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| IO | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| MN | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| NC | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| OH | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| SC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| TN | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TX | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| WI | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |

Student Eligibility for Alternative Education Campus Status

- Arizona 70% 6 categories
- Colorado 95% 14 categories
- Texas 75% 13 categories



ESSA Graduation Rate Expectation

“ESSA should consider an appropriate expectation for schools designated as credit recovery or alternative education programs and high schools. Exemplary states, including Arkansas, Arizona and Colorado, consider graduation of older students when calculating academic accountability of alternative, credit recovery high schools. An appropriate expectation would include graduation rates of fifth, sixth, and seventh year students or to refer to state policy regarding when a student ages out of public education. ESSA should appropriately differentiate its graduation expectation for credit recovery and alternative education programs and high schools, rather than penalizing the schools serving this highly at-risk student population.”



ESSA Grad Rate Expectation, cont'd.

- Benefit –

“The contribution back to society of schools that graduate over-aged and under-credited students is obvious. Such schools re-engage youth who have not been successful in traditional education; they are not dropout factories. Our society benefits in economic gains ... as well as quality of life for the young people.”

- Letter submitted May 25, 2016 to USDoe

Co-signed by alternative education advocates in

30 states



Mission, Vision, & Strategic Plan

Strategic Work Session
Friday, June 10

Ombudsman Community Classroom
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