



## Funding Alternative Education in Arizona

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## Classrooms First Final Report



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### School Type Reforms

### Alternative Schools Weight

**School Type Reforms**

- Incentivize teachers at Title I schools
- Restore funding to online schools at 100%
- Alternative schools weight (Group B)
- Rural schools (transportation)
- Restoration of JTED funds (reductions, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, transportation)



## Summary of Our Proposal

- Funding Alternative Education is a State Decision (no federal subsidies)
- Funding beyond 100<sup>th</sup> day count
- **20 to 1** Return on Investment, using data in WestEd study, *How Arizona's Dropout Crisis Affects Communities, Creates Economic Losses*



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