

2016 Legislative Agenda and Policy Positions

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2016 Policy Positions

Funding

The Association will work to support the passage of Proposition 123 on May 17, 2016 as this is the first step to stable and predictable funding.

A campaign graphic for Proposition 123. The background features a stack of books on the left, including 'Thesaurus for Students' and 'Webster's Thesaurus', and an American flag on the right. The text is overlaid on this background.

MAY 17, 2016 ELECTION

PROPOSITION 123

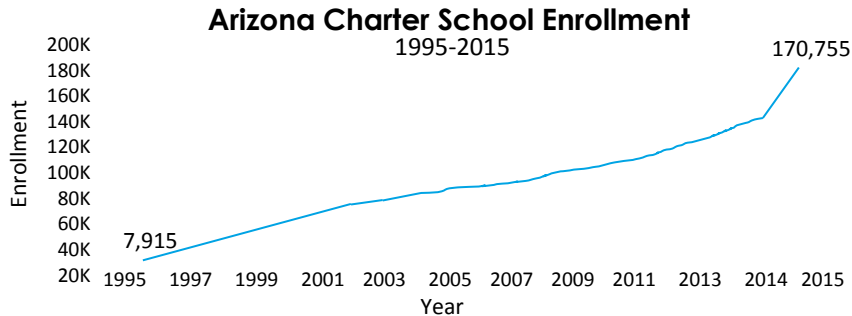
This ballot initiative would infuse \$3.5 billion in additional education funding over 10 years without raising taxes.

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Charter Autonomy and Growth

With over 20 years of charter school options for Arizona students and families, the Association will continue to promote the growth of Arizona's 556 charter schools serving 170,755 students. The Association will also continue to advocate for charter school autonomy by eliminating unnecessary statutes.



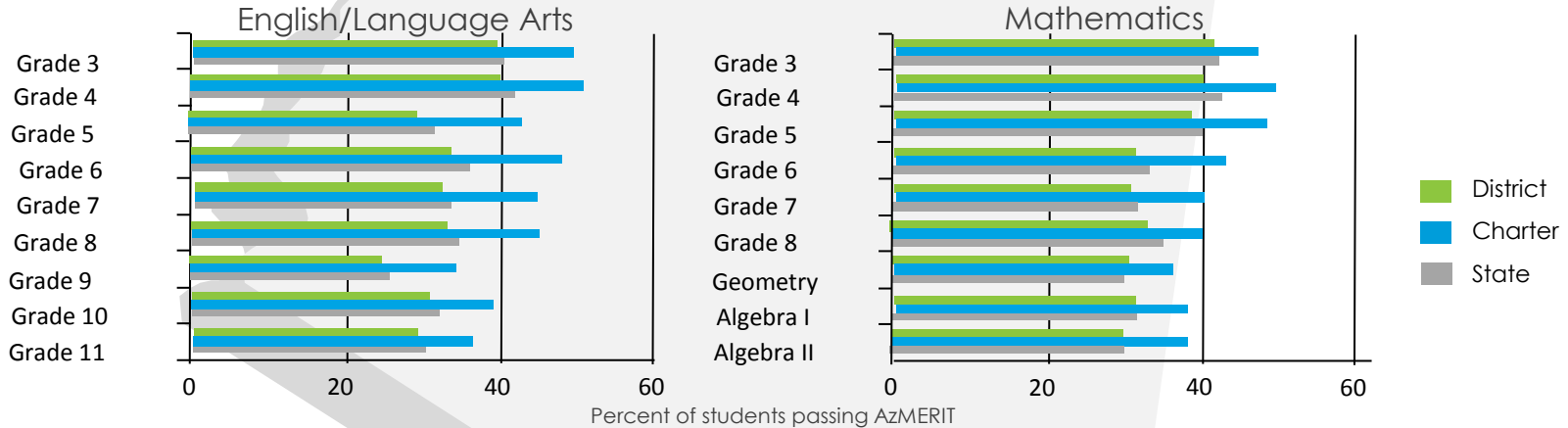
170,755 Students attend Arizona's public charter schools.

30% Of Arizona's public schools are charter schools.

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Achievement/Accountability

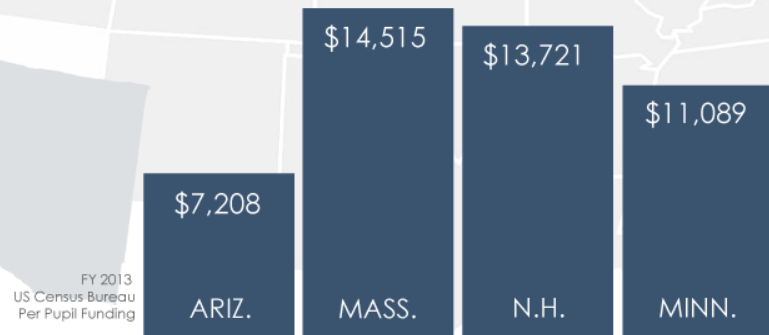
The Association supports one accountability measure – an A-F system – that accurately and fairly reflects educator instruction and student achievement for all public schools.



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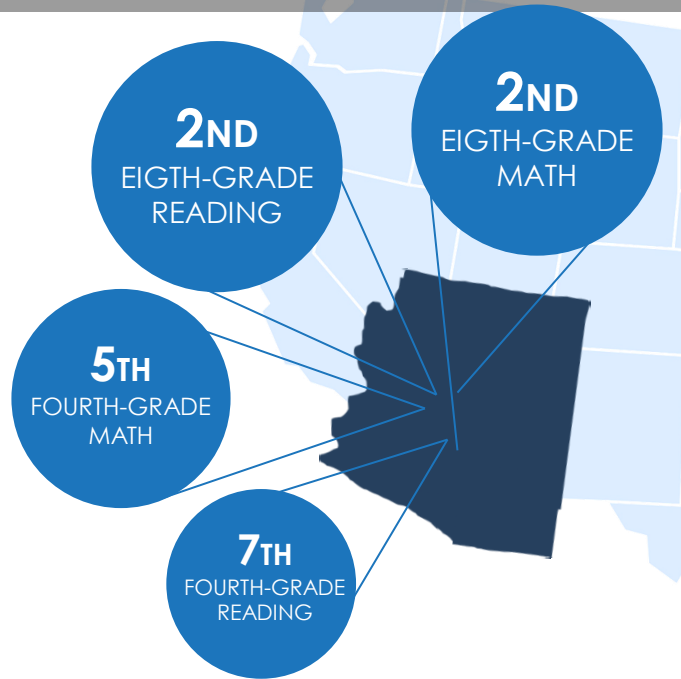
Funding

The Association supports increased equitable student funding. Arizona is a robust school choice state where 30 percent of the public schools are charter schools and offers families open enrollment at any public school. However, the state's education funding system is outdated and inconsistent with Arizona's school choice policies. It must be modernized.



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*Arizona Ranked 26 in the US
2015 NAEP 8th Grade Scores
in Rank Order

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The Association supports local control. Schools should retain the right to choose curriculum consistent with their educational philosophy. The Association supports a periodic public review of Arizona standards.

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Facilities

Access to and maintenance of school facilities is a key challenge facing Arizona's public schools. The Association supports policies that will provide greater access to affordable capital financing. In particular, the Association will support legislation that provides quality schools with access to lower cost financing through partnerships with the State of Arizona. Doing so will enhance the quality of educational options for students.

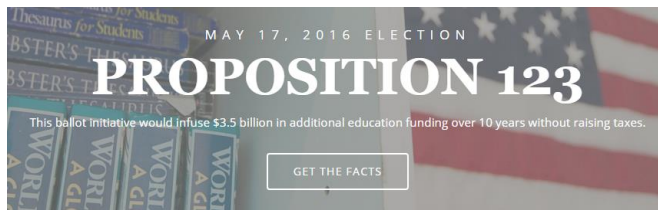


Association Advocacy

2016 Legislative Session

Prop. 123

- Settles past due debt
- \$200 extra per student
- Path to stable, predictable funding
- <https://azcharters.org/prop123/>



What to expect

- Quick Session
- No K-12 controversy
- Defense
- 2016 Policy Positions
- Additional Assistance Reduction
- Small School Weight
- Household Enrollment Preference – Foster & McKinney Vento students



Questions?