



## **Alternative Schools Choosing At-Risk Students**

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## Arizona's Alternative Schools

- Currently 164 approved alternative schools
- Must be chartered (mission) to serve specific student population
- Schools recertify every year
- **20%** of ASBCS's portfolio is alternative schools



## State Board of Education's Approved Categories of Student Eligibility for Alternative Schooling

- Adjudicated
- Dropped out of school & now returning
- History of behavioral problems
- Poor academic standing (often overaged & under-credited)
- Primary caregivers
- Wards of the state



## *How Students Re-engage or Choose Alternative Schools*

- School District Referrals
- Word of Mouth/Other Students
- Detention Centers
- Group Homes
- Organizations Helping Homeless Youth
- Option in Lieu of Expulsion from Another School
- Faith Based Organizations
- Opportunity for Youth Referral
- Over-aged and Under-credited
- Need for a Flexible Schedule due to Employment or childcare needs



## My Educational Journey to an Alternative School

Jannette Flores



# AZ Alternative Education Consortium

*Thank you for your support!*



## Next Consortium Meeting

June 14, 2019 @ Yavapai Accommodation  
School District, Prescott AZ

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