



GOVERNOR DOUG DUCEY



Major Education Priorities: ★ **Quality Early Education** ★ **3rd Grade Literacy**
★ **Teacher Recruitment and Retention** ★ **Career and Technical Education**
★ **College and Career Pathways** ★ **Focus on Outcomes**

BACKGROUND: Governor Ducey moved to Arizona from Toledo, Ohio in 1982 to attend Arizona State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Finance. Elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018, Governor Ducey has applied his previous business experience as founder of Cold Stone Creamery to bring much-needed change to Arizona government. Governor Ducey and his wife, Angela, live in Paradise Valley with their three sons, Jack, Joe and Sam.

PARTY AFFILIATION: Republican

Early Education and K-12 Educational Priorities



20X2020 – Teacher Pay Raises: Championed and secured a permanent 20 percent raise for Arizona teachers by school year 2020, which is in the process of being implemented.



K-12 Funding: Settled a long-standing funding lawsuit through a voter-approved plan that put \$3.5B in public schools over ten years without raising taxes. Restored recession-era cuts of \$371M with flexible and permanent dollars needed for updating curriculum, modernizing classroom technology and increasing support staff salaries.



Career and Technical Education (CTE): Restored \$30M in recession-era cuts to Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs statewide and created a results-based incentive program for public schools who graduate students with high-demand industry-recognized certificates, credentials or licenses.



Civics Education: Became the first state to require students to pass a civics test to graduate from high school.



Additional Priorities: School choice, high academic standards and accountability, school safety, computer science and STEM education.



A great economy requires great public schools. And every dollar spent on education should go toward helping our teachers teach and our students to learn.



Higher Education and Workforce Priorities



Postsecondary Attainment: Launched the Achieve60AZ initiative, a collaborative alliance between business and education to advance the state's postsecondary attainment goal – by 2030, 60 percent of Arizona adults, ages 25 to 64, will hold a postsecondary credential or degree.



Teachers Academy: Created the Arizona Teachers Academy to address the student debt incurred by Arizona teachers and improve public education in Arizona. Graduates of the Arizona Teachers Academy will have their tuition and fees waived in exchange for a commitment to teach in an Arizona public school.



College Knowing & Going: Launched the Achieve60AZ initiative, a collaborative alliance between business and education to advance the state's postsecondary attainment goal – by 2030, 60 percent of Arizona adults, ages 25 to 64, will hold a postsecondary credential or degree.



Every challenge our state faces comes back to education. If we can set the next generation of Arizonans on a path to success, and start early, we will be a stronger, healthier, safer and more prosperous people. Our children are counting on us. We won't let them down.





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