

# Arizona

## Arizona Department of Education

[Arizona State Education Statute](#)  
[State Policy Summary](#)

### Chief School Officer

Tom Horne, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, elected 2002.

### Board of Education

Established under the state constitution, the [Board](#) is charged with regulating the conduct of the public school system through its general regulatory duties, which include prescribing the minimum course of study for Arizona students, state proficiency exams and requirements, certification for education professionals.

### Initiatives

[5-Year Strategic Plan](#)  
[AZ LEADS](#)  
[Discipline Initiative](#)  
[Structured English Immersion for English learners](#)  
[Comprehensive System of Professional Development](#)

### State Professional Organizations

[Arizona Education Association](#)  
[Arizona School Administrators Association](#)  
[Arizona School Boards Association](#)  
[Arizona Association of School Psychologists](#)  
[Arizona Association for Bilingual Education](#)  
[Arizona Indian Education Association](#)

### OCR Regional Office

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### Regional TA & D Networks

[Southwest Comprehensive Center](#)  
[Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center](#)  
[Regional Education Laboratory – West](#)  
[Equity Alliance at ASU](#) – Region IX Equity Assistance Center

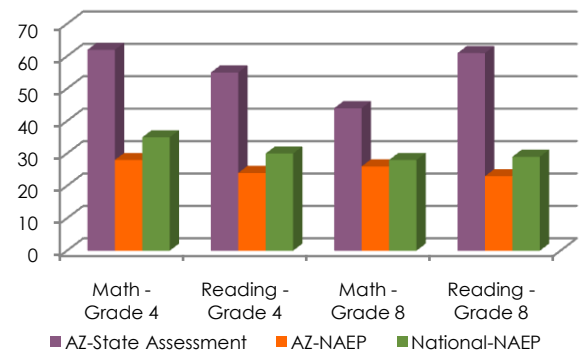
### Equity Issues

[Integration Report on TUSD Desegregation](#)  
[Arizona State Senate Brief on Desegregation Funding](#)  
[Highly Qualified Teachers 2006 Equity Plan](#)  
[Education of Students Who Are English Language Learners](#)  
[Racial Bias in Arizona Special Education](#)

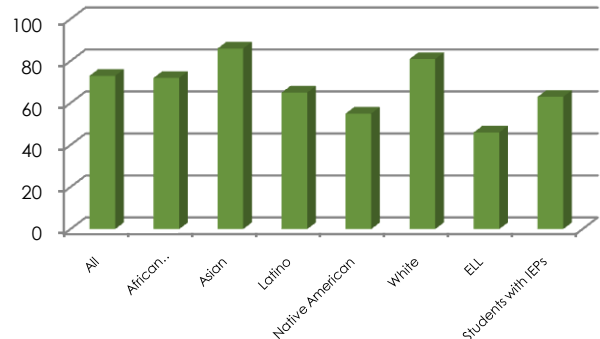
### 2007-2008 State Data<sup>1</sup>

Number of Districts & Charters	660	
Number of Schools	1,915	
Per Pupil Funding	\$7,338 <sup>2</sup>	(Range \$5,706-16,163)
Total Enrollment	1,148,696	
Female	557,835	49%
Male	590,861	51%
Student with IEPs	127,406	11%
English Learners	128,987*	12%
African American	63,563	5%
Latino	468,368	41%
Native American	66,132	6%
Asian	32,126	3%
White	518,507	45%

Percentage of Students at or above Proficient on State Assessment and NAEP (2005)



Arizona's 2007 Graduation Rates by Group



<sup>1</sup>From <http://ade.az.gov>  
<sup>2</sup>From the National Center for Educational Statistics