



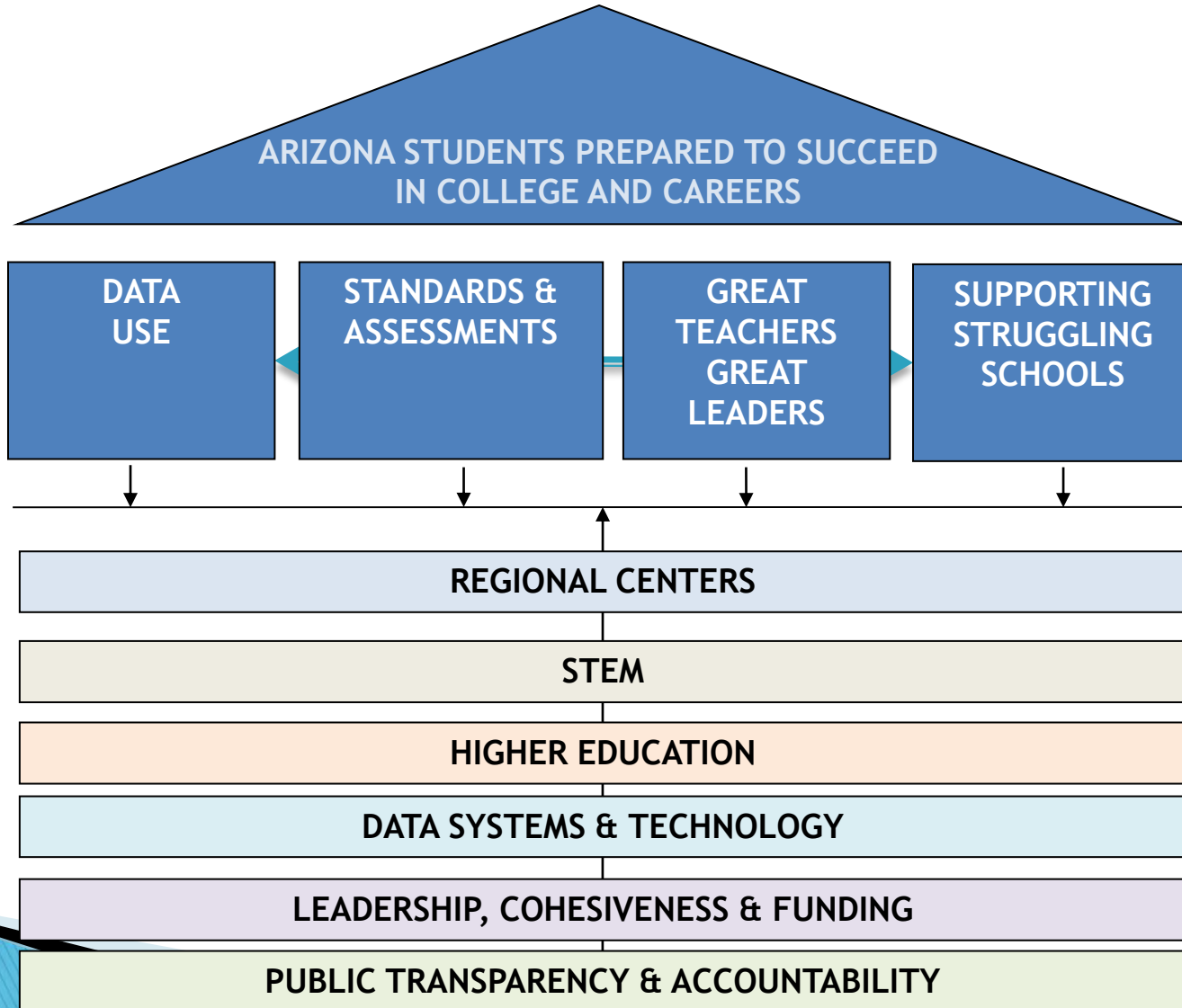
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What are our Goals?

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Arizona Ready believes in specific measurable goals and accountability for all involved.

We will hold our students, teachers, administrators and schools to higher expectations and intend that they will achieve better results.

BY 2020, WE EXPECT TO:

- Increase the percentage of third graders meeting state reading standards **to 94% in 2020 from 73% in 2010.**
- Raise the high school graduation rate **to 93% in 2020 from 75% in 2010.**
- Increase the percentage of eighth graders achieving at or above basic on the National Assessment of Educational Programs (NAEP) **to 85% in 2020 from 67% in math and 68% in reading in 2010.**
- **Double** the number of students receiving baccalaureate degrees.

Key Strategies in the Plan

▶ Legislative

- A–F school letter grades
- “Move on When Reading”
- “Move on when Ready”
- Teacher evaluation/Principal evaluation
- New data system

▶ State Board of Education

- New Arizona standards
- New assessment

The Big Questions

- ▶ Is everyone “on the same page”?
 - Policy makers: Governor, Superintendent
 - Private sector: GPL, Expect More AZ
 - Education community
 - Parents
 - Employers

- ▶ How do we ensure “implementation with fidelity”?
 - Regional Centers
 - Collaboration and communication

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Changes Parents Need to Know:



Sept 2011

Dual school rating system report released.

Fall 2011

Roll out of Regional Centers for teacher/administrator professional development, housed at the County Superintendents offices.

Sept 2013

School rating system will start using only A-F

School year 2011/2012

Kindergarten and first grade parents receive information on student reading and expectation of reading by the end of 3rd grade

Kindergarten students starting this year will be the first group to be tested on new, more rigorous, Arizona standards in third grade

Students in districts that have volunteered for this program begin earning Grand Canyon Diplomas, which are exempt from all other Arizona graduation requirements and may continue academic preparation for university admission or may graduate early to pursue career and technical studies.

School year 2012/2013

Districts implement Teacher/Principal Evaluation system that must include student test score data.

School year 2013/2014

Third graders with AIMS reading scores far below third grade level will not be promoted except with good cause exemptions (Move on When Reading)

School year 2014/2015

Implementation of new assessment to all students. 3rd-11th graders will take their first diagnostic test in the fall to determine what skills they must master to be on track for college and career readiness.

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How We Get There

Our plan is built on four pillars:

- Standards for all students & assessments for all teachers
- Effective use of data to monitor student, teacher and school progress
- Great teachers & leaders to make it happen
- Support for struggling schools so that all may succeed

While each of these pillars will be used to reach our four goals, some will apply or be more focused on one goal rather than another. For example:

Goal 1: Increase the percentage of third graders meeting state standards in reading to 94% in 2020 from 69% in 2010.

- Great teachers and administrators will be key in inspiring and guiding our younger students to attain the most fundamental of all educational skills: Literacy.
- Support for our struggling schools will ensure that young problems do not age into older problems.
- Monitoring – students, teachers and schools – will identify problems early so that help can be provided before it is too late.

Goal 2: Raise the high school graduation rate to at least 93% in 2020 from 75% in 2010.

- Support for struggling schools, where graduation rates tend to be much lower, will be a

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FRIDAY FACT: Florida started grading its schools "A-F" in 1999. In the first four years of the program, the number of schools with A and B grades almost tripled. Education Week now ranks Florida in the top 5 in the country in education. Arizona Ready will follow this template.

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Share the information on this Web site with your family, friends and coworkers via email, Facebook and Twitter .

Become an Ambassador

We are planning a series of rallies and public events via our [Celebration of Education Tour](#). Plan to attend one in your community.

In Your Community

Get involved with a school near you and send us a note about what you learned. We'll share it with the entire Arizona Ready community.



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As an employer:

- ▶ Be familiar with the changes that are coming
- ▶ Sign up your business as a supporter of Arizona Ready
- ▶ Distribute information to employees

As a parent:

- ▶ Sign up to receive information via Facebook, Twitter or Email
 - ▶ Participate in the online conversation
 - ▶ Talk to your child's teachers and principals about how you can help support the goals and strategies in Arizona Ready
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Next Steps

- ▶ Communicate key changes through www.arizonaready.com
 - ▶ Roll out new communication partnerships
 - ▶ Roll out new P20 Council and performance management dashboard

 - ▶ Contact info:
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