A world-class education for every Arizona student requires commitment at all levels of leadership in our state.

Too many Arizona students are graduating high school unprepared to succeed, whether their next step is career training, community college or university. This is happening at a time when 85% of Arizona’s quality jobs require some form of additional education after high school.

It’s time to raise the bar. Arizona’s economic prosperity and our individual quality of life depend on it.

All Arizona students deserve a world-class education that prepares them to have the greatest options in life. While this already exists for some students across our state today, it still does not for most.

By supporting high expectations in education, you can help every student succeed. At the right are 4 bar-raising issues happening in Arizona education that every informed voter should know.

For more information about key issues affecting education in Arizona, please visit ExpectMoreArizona.org.

4 issues happening in Arizona education that every informed voter should know about:

- Arizona is implementing more rigorous K-12 academic standards that prepare all students to graduate high school ready to succeed in college and career.

  High school graduation is no longer sufficient in today’s economy to attain a living wage job. All students should have the opportunity to attain a postsecondary education. Arizona’s Common Core Standards will help us reach this goal, but teachers and students will need broad community support and additional resources to make the transition successfully.

- Arizona passed a law called “Move on When Reading,” which requires that students who are falling in reading at the end of third grade be held back (if they score “ Falls Far Below” on AIMS).

  The research is clear: children who cannot read proficiently by the third grade almost never fully catch up and are less likely to graduate from high school. Access to high quality early childhood education is critical to ensuring students are reading on grade level.

- Arizona began grading the performance of schools on an A-F scale.

  “Oh, that’s a great neighborhood. It has good schools.” Sound familiar? The quality of your local school matters. It impacts your property value, the desirability of your neighborhood and opportunities available to your neighborhood kids. Find out what your local schools are graded and support their success.

- While expectations are on the rise, education funding in Arizona has dropped.

  While money isn’t everything, it is a crucial element to ensuring that Arizona’s students achieve world-class outcomes. High quality teachers and schools for all students will require strategic investment of new and existing resources. Education should be an investment that we’re willing to make.
Statewide and nonpartisan, **Expect More Arizona** is bringing Arizonans together year-round to support a world-class education for all students. Join Expect More Arizona’s Vote 4 Education campaign to help every Arizona student succeed in college, career and in life.

Here are 4 easy ways to get involved:

1. **SIGN UP** – Visit [ExpectMoreArizona.org](http://ExpectMoreArizona.org) and join the movement. We’ll keep you informed and provide on-going ways to show your support of education during this election season and throughout the year.

2. **STUDY UP** – To make an informed vote, learn more about Arizona’s education issues, like Arizona’s Common Core Standards, school letter grades, propositions, bonds and overrides.

3. **SPEAK UP** – Join thousands of Arizonans statewide in sending a unified message that education is our top priority. Rally your friends and colleagues to help cover your neighborhood with **Vote 4 Education** posters, door hangers and yard signs.

4. **SHOW UP** – Show up at the polls on November 6th or mail in your ballot.

Did you know...

In Arizona, 85% of high wage, high growth jobs require some form of postsecondary education, yet only 5 out of 10 high school graduates qualify for admission into one of our state universities. The 21st century workplace requires us to adopt higher goals for Arizona’s education system and a greater level of educational attainment for all of our students.

Here are 4 questions you can ask your friends, neighbors, family members, elected officials, candidates, and community leaders, to help educate yourself about the issues.

1. In 2010, Arizona’s Common Core Standards were adopted, which create higher expectations for students. How can we ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed now that academic standards are becoming more rigorous?

2. With the new Move on When Reading law effective in 2013-2014, how can we help ensure more students are reading proficiently by the 3rd grade?

3. In 2012, forty-three percent of Arizona’s schools graded received a “C” letter grade or below. How can we help make sure that all students have access to excellent schools?

4. How can we strategically invest new and/or existing resources to ensure high-quality teachers and schools for every student, birth through career?