

**Graduating 2012 or Before:
Arizona Academic Scholars Course of Study**

English: 4 credits (English I through IV)

Math: 3 credits including Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II (4 credits of math is encouraged)

Science: 3 credits including Biology, Chemistry and Physics (Physics preferred, Physical Lab Science or Earth Science accepted*)

Social Studies: 3 credits including Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government/ Civics and Economics

Language: 2 credits of the same language other than English

Fine Arts/Career and Technical Education (CTE): N/A

A grade of C or better in every Scholars class and meeting all other graduation requirements of the school district

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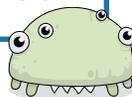
Science: 3 credits including Biology, Chemistry and Physics (Physics preferred, AZ University system-approved Lab Science or Earth Science accepted*)

Social Studies: 3 credits including Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government/ Civics and Economics

Language: 2 credits of the same language other than English

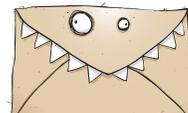
Fine Arts/Career and Technical Education (CTE): 2 credits from either fine arts and/or CTE

A grade of C or better in every Scholars class and meeting all other graduation requirements of the school district



Arizona Academic Scholars Initiative

Arizona Academic Scholars is an initiative of the Arizona Business & Education Coalition (ABEC) in partnership with the Arizona State Board of Education (SBE). Arizona Academic Scholars is a community-wide incentive program to motivate more students to complete an academically enriched high school course of study. It's an interim step toward the higher graduation requirements which will be taking effect throughout Arizona. The result is students who meet or exceed state graduation requirements, develop important workplace skills, and graduate prepared to enter the 21st century workforce and excel in post-secondary education.

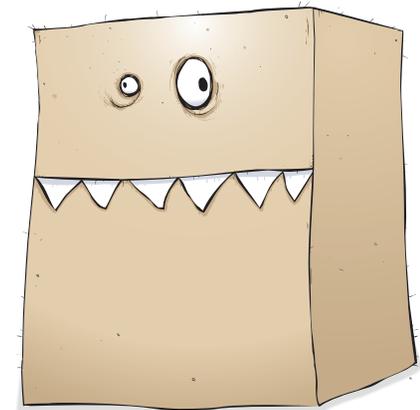


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**Help
your
child
graduate
to a
higher
degree.**



Arizona Academic Scholars

*Lab Science or Earth Science may not qualify for the Academic Competitiveness Grant for Pell qualified recipients

**Equivalent as approved by ADE

A diploma should never limit potential.

As a parent, your child's happiness means the world to you. And that means ensuring them the best education possible.

Over 98% of new jobs in Arizona that pay above the median wage will require some education after high school. Most will also require work experience. Helping your child prepare for success in education and future careers demands a curriculum that encourages academic rigor and strong workplace skills.

➤ **Only 1 in 4 Arizona graduates meet all four college readiness benchmarks in English, Math, Reading and Science.**

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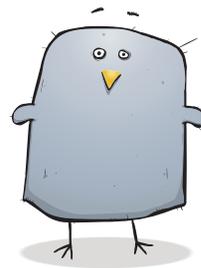
Help them graduate with promise.

Right now, millions of students from other countries are working hard on their education to compete with your child for future jobs.

We all want our sons and daughters to qualify and succeed in this competitive, global environment.

Encourage your child to become an Arizona Academic Scholar.

As Arizona raises its high school graduation requirements, Arizona Academic Scholars continues to provide an important step by encouraging students to complete a more rigorous high school course of study. This will help them face the challenges they will encounter qualifying and succeeding in post-secondary education and in preparing for the workforce.



Qualify for the real world.

Pack more potential into their diploma.

Over the average career span, the difference in earning power between a high school graduate and a college graduate is almost \$1,000,000.

Encouraging your child to become an Arizona Academic Scholar is one way to help them fulfill their potential. Challenge your child to take a rigorous curriculum. Open their world to more opportunities.

Arizona Academic Scholars

- **Are more prepared for education and work after high school.**
- **May qualify for certain types of financial aid and scholarships.**
- **Develop the skills required in today's workplace.**
- **Receive a medal or special recognition at graduation.**

Help them make an important decision
and support them in their choice!

