

**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

**Graduating 2013 or After:
Arizona Academic Scholars Course of Study**

English: 4 credits (English I through IV)

Math: 4 credits including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and a higher level math with Algebra II or equivalent as prerequisite**

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.



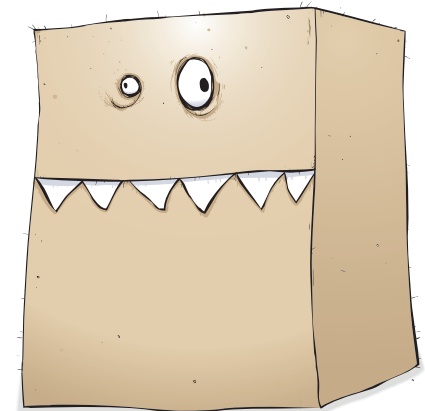
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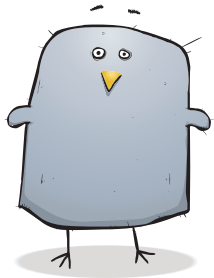
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*Lab Science or Earth Science may not qualify for the Academic Competitiveness Grant for Pell qualified recipients

**Equivalent as approved by ADE

What happens after high school?

It could be good. It could be great. Maybe it's running your own business. Or traveling to Australia. Or owning an awesome car. Possibly joining the Peace Corps. It could be raising a family. It could be winning the Nobel Peace Prize. It could be ALL of this and more. So what happens after high school? ANYTHING YOU WANT. Arizona Academic Scholars is a great way to get a good start.



- **The strongest predictor of college completion is a rigorous and challenging high school course of study.**
- **The difference in earning power between a high school graduate and a college graduate is almost \$1,000,000.**

Qualify for the real world.

In: Getting smarter. Out: Getting by.

Did you know that right now, millions of students from other countries are working hard on their education to compete for your future job? Many are applying themselves to a tougher curriculum and learning more. They're learning multiple languages, digging into math, science, history and economics.

It's time to start applying yourself in every way you can. A great job demands great qualifications.

Become an Arizona Academic Scholar.

Arizona Academic Scholars is a huge initiative backed by lots of Arizona businesses, educators and the Governor's Office to help you continue to learn and prepare to land a great career. We've created this opportunity because we understand the challenges you'll face in the workforce, as well as the education and qualifications you'll need to meet those challenges. We want you to be prepared for what's out there. But it's up to you to make the decision.

Work it.

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

Whatever you're looking for in life, achieving your goals takes work. But anything is possible. Especially when you become an Arizona Academic Scholar. Challenge yourself to a rigorous curriculum. It will open your world to all kinds of great things.

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.**

