

**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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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

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

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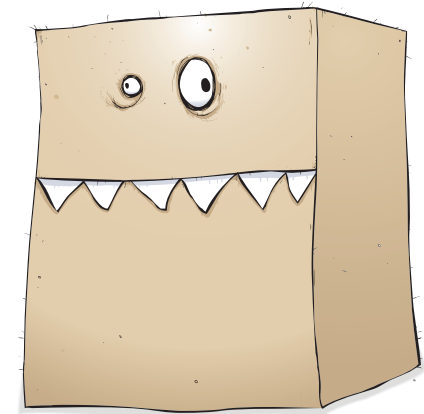
Arizona Academic Scholars Initiative

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.

**Challenge
them.**

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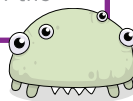
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*Lab Science or Earth Science may not qualify for the Academic Competitiveness Grant for Pell qualified recipients

**Equivalent as approved by ADE



The world is getting tougher.

And so are the standards.

Life is getting more competitive every day. Competition for jobs. Competition for schools. And as an educator, you even face competition for funding. In fact, this increasingly challenging environment is why school boards across the country are implementing new, more rigorous graduation requirements. Arizona is no exception. But what about our students today?



Targeted at the middle 50%

of students, Arizona Academic Scholars

provides new perspective and skills for those

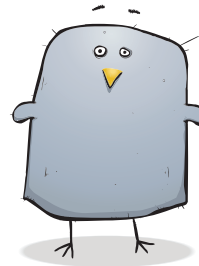
preparing to enter the real world.

Introducing Arizona Academic Scholars.

As we build toward higher academic expectations, Arizona Academic Scholars encourages students to take rigorous courses throughout high school, better preparing them for post-secondary education and the tough job market. To become an Academic Scholar, a student needs a "C" or better in each of the required Scholars' courses and must meet all other graduation requirements of their school district.

You can help them.

98.4 % of new jobs in Arizona that pay above the median wage will require some post-secondary education. Most will also require work experience. The Arizona Academic Scholars course of study not only prepares these students for academic success, it also establishes the skills and dedication needed to succeed in the workplace today and in the future. But to get there, students need help and encouragement from you – their teachers and counselors.



42% of students entering 4-year institutions require remediation.



63% of students entering 2-year institutions require remediation.

And help the whole community.

Arizona Academic Scholars is not just another school program. It's a community-wide initiative supported and recognized by the Arizona Business & Education Coalition, the State Board of Education, the Board of Regents, the Governor's Office, key business partners and school districts throughout the state. Why? Because with more qualified talent developed locally, we won't have to look outside the state or the country to fill our jobs, and this means a healthier Arizona for everyone.



In Arizona, only 50% of first-time, full-time college students complete a bachelor's degree within six years of entering college.

Encourage your students to become Arizona Academic Scholars!



Qualify for the real world.