

# Native Education State Profiles

## Arizona



### Report Summary

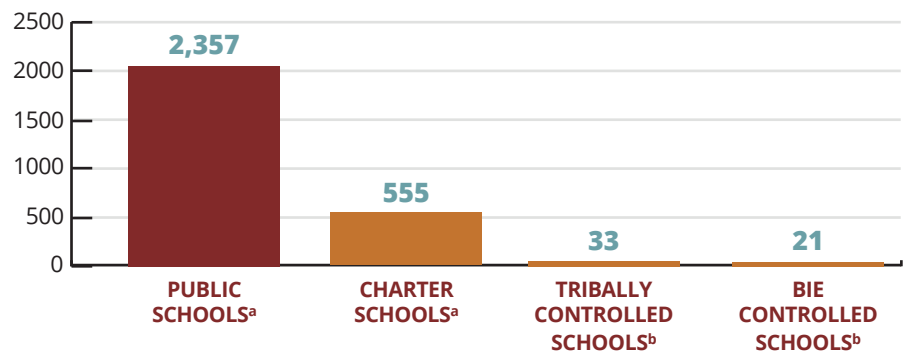
The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides tribes and states an important opportunity to advance tribal sovereignty and create positive and inclusive learning environments for Native students. Schools and Native communities must collaborate to ensure students are college, career, and community ready. As the only national organization advocating for improved educational opportunities for Native students, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) supports and builds partnerships between Native and allied stakeholders that provide opportunities for Native students to thrive in the classroom and beyond. This state profile is available to NIEA membership, tribal leadership, educators, and allies to provide important information and highlight available resources that may be of assistance in advocacy work.

### State Leadership

<b>Katie Hobbs</b> <i>Governor</i>	The Governor appoints 8 of the 9 members of the State Board of Education.
<b>Tom Horne</b> <i>Chief State School Officer</i>	The Superintendent of Public Instruction is publically elected.
<b>Brooke Curleyhair</b> <i>Office of Indian Education, Program Coordinator</i>	The Office of Indian Education works within the Arizona Department of Education.
<b>Kimberly Daingkau-Begay</b> <i>Arizona Indian Education Association, President</i>	AIEA is the primary state organization for advocacy on Native education issues.

### District Snapshot

Number of School Districts: 666<sup>a</sup>



### Where Do Native Students Attend School?<sup>c</sup>



**PUBLIC**  
42,766 students



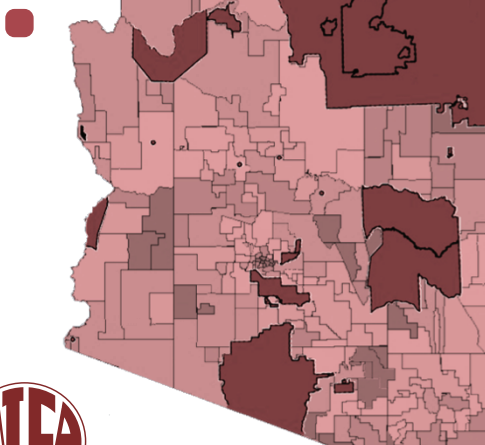
**CHARTER**  
4,977 students



**BIE FUNDED**  
9,113 students

### Arizona School Districts

American Indian reservations and communities



	Student Enrollment <sup>c</sup>	Student Enrollment <sup>c</sup>
<b>Native</b>	56,974	5.1%
<b>Total</b>	1,120,613	100%

### Federally Recognized Tribes

- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Cocopah Tribe of Arizona
- Colorado Indian River Tribe
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- Gila River Indian Community
- Havasupai Tribe
- Hopi Tribe
- Hualapai Tribe
- Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians
- Navajo Nation
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Pueblo of Zuni Quechan Indian Tribe
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
- San Juan Southern Paiute
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Tonto Apache Tribe
- White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe



# Arizona State Native Education Legislation

## 1985

Arizona recommends that schools integrate Native languages, history, and culture into the curriculum.

## 2004

The state legislature requires schools to teach Native history to comply with state standards.

## 2006

Arizona establishes the Office of Indian Education to provide support for Native students.

## 2012

Arizona works with tribal nations to create the Native American Language Certification Policy.

## 2016

Arizona begins to create state plans to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act.

## 2022

Arizona renews its Indian Education Policy, promoting Indian education success and tribal participation in education

## Equal Opportunities

National Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools <sup>c</sup>	24	3	2	9	1
Students with Disabilities <sup>d</sup>	15	15	13	12	7
Children in Poverty <sup>e</sup>	31	32	26	11	11
Full-Time Teachers <sup>f</sup>	0.5	7	9	79	2
High School Graduation Rate <sup>g</sup>	74	80	82	89	93

Arizona Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools <sup>c</sup>	17	<0.5	1	1	<0.5
Students with Disabilities <sup>d</sup>	10	13	12	10	5
Children in Poverty <sup>e</sup>	41	28	26	10	9
Full-Time Teachers <sup>f</sup>	3	3	14	76	2
High School Graduation Rate <sup>g</sup>	67	73	74	83	91

## Engage

### Language Immersion Programs

**Puente de Hozhó Bilingual Magnet School**  
Flagstaff, AZ  
www.fusd1.org/pdf

**Tsehootsooi Dine Bi Olta**  
Ft. Defiance, AZ  
tsehootsoodinebiolta.az.  
wrs.schoolinsites.com

### ESSA Working Groups

Find out more about how Arizona is fulfilling ESSA requirements through its state plan, which addresses accountability, assessment, teacher quality, and school improvement. Arizona was the first state to a draft plan to the Department of Education on January 23, 2017.

**Website:** [www.azed.gov/essa/](http://www.azed.gov/essa/)  
**Phone:** (602) 542-4361

## Arizona Student Profile

### Young Children<sup>h</sup>

**29%**

of American Indians in Arizona are under the age of 18.<sup>f</sup>

**7%**

of American Indians in Arizona are under the age of 5.

### Higher Education

**2**

Tribal Colleges serve 2,212 students in Arizona.<sup>i</sup>

**13%**

of American Indians\* in Arizona have a Bachelors degree or higher.<sup>j</sup>

### Connectivity<sup>j</sup>

**19.3%**

of American Indians in Arizona do not have access to a personal computer.

**35.7%**

of American Indians in Arizona do not have a broadband Internet subscription.

### Percent Reading Proficiency Among...<sup>k</sup>

	4th Grade Students	8th Grade Students
Arizona Native	16	10
Arizona	31	28
United States	35	34

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\* Indicates that the measure includes multiracial AI/ANs.

