



VOTE FOR KIDS

2018 General Election Guide



Children's Action Alliance is an independent voice for Arizona children at the state capitol and in the community. CAA works to improve children's health, education, and security through information and action. We do not endorse candidates.

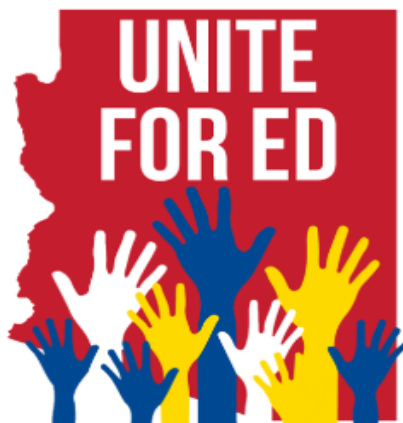
How to Vote for Kids

Key Dates

OCT 9TH— Last day to register to vote for the General Election

OCT 10TH— Early ballots mailed out to those on the Permanent Early Voting List

NOV 6TH— General Election Day!



Be Election Day Ready

1. Check that your voter registration is up to date and you are registered at your current address: <https://voter.azsos.gov/VoterView/RegistrantSearch.do>
2. Find and contact your candidates: www.azcleaselections.gov/en/arizona-elections/find-my-candidates and type in your zip code.
3. Study candidate questionnaires. www.azchildren.org/elections
4. Know the Issues and ask your candidates questions.
5. Be a champion for kids beyond the election season. Join UNITE for ED www.azschoolsnow.org

Know the Issues. Ask Candidates the Questions!

SCHOOL FUNDING— School districts and charters report that more than 1,500 teaching positions are still unfilled as this school year gets underway. **More than \$800 million** in annual funding is still missing from our schools since the recession, due to budget cuts in full-day kindergarten, building repair and maintenance, career and technical education, and general classroom support.



Will you vote for or against revenue increases for permanent, dedicated funding for public schools?

KIDSCARE— KidsCare now provides affordable health care coverage to more than 30,000 children in working families in Arizona, connecting them with the check-ups, immunizations, treatment and prescriptions they need to grow up healthy. Arizona is the only state planning to freeze enrollment when federal funding dips to a 90% match in October 2019.



Are you for or against investing \$8 million in state funds to match \$98 million in federal funds to keep KidsCare health coverage open for 30,000 children?

Proposition 126 is a proposed constitutional amendment that would prohibit state and local governments from ever updating our sales tax to include services. Prop 126 would jeopardize funding for education and other state priorities. It would forever exempt some businesses from taxes at the expense of public schools, public safety, and the rest of us.

NO
ON
126

Slashes our schools.
Rigs our taxes.
VOTE NO!



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- A **NO** vote allows us to adapt to shifts in the economy and make the investments we all want.
- A **NO** vote recognizes that we count on sales taxes for half our state budget, but our tax base is shrinking smaller and smaller as people buy more services and fewer goods.
- A **NO** vote keeps a tax system that is fair for all of Arizona, instead of special interests picking winners and losers.

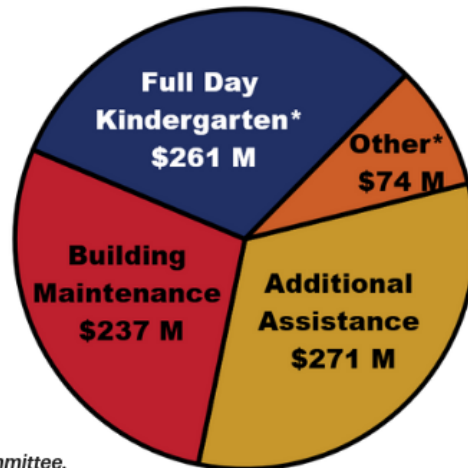


Proposition 305 is a massive expansion of school vouchers that divert public tax dollars for private schools that can turn away any child for any reason—learning style, religion, academic level, special needs. In 2011, the Arizona legislature first created Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) vouchers to expand educational options for students with special needs. Since then, the legislature has continued to add new categories of eligible children and the newest law expands ESA vouchers to every student in Arizona.

- A **NO** vote preserves vouchers for students with special needs.
- A **NO** vote stops the state from draining more tax dollars away from our public schools. The public dollars going to private schools through ESA vouchers have grown from \$1.5 million in 2012 to a projected \$76 million this year.
- A **NO** vote allows Arizona to better invest in K-12 public education, rather than expand ESA vouchers, which have little accountability for how the monies are spent.

What's Still Missing?

Children in Arizona public schools have been left without the resources they need for educational success. Compared to 2008, **\$843 MILLION** is still missing from public schools.



Source: Appropriations Reports, Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

*Figures have been adjusted for inflation and student growth. "Other" includes early education, 9th grade Joint Technical Education Districts, pay and operations.



Arizona taxpayers pay \$262 MILLION from our state budget for private school tuition, diverted through tuition tax credits and vouchers.

Source: Joint Legislative Budget Committee, 2018