

Executive Order - 2011-08

**Executive Order Establishing Governor's "Arizona Ready" Education Council
(Amending and Superseding Executive Order 2009-10)**

WHEREAS, Arizona is a national leader in bold education reforms that drive the creation of world-class schools; and

WHEREAS, achieving a strong economy for Arizona's second century will require Arizona students reach high levels of academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's past P-20 Coordinating Councils have served Arizona by developing the goals and strategies in Arizona's Education Reform Plan, now called "Arizona Ready;" and

WHEREAS, we have established aggressive goals to increase Arizona high school graduation and post-secondary degree completion rates in order to prepare students to be college and career ready; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's community colleges and universities serve as a gateway for individual economic success as well as state-wide economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, "Arizona Ready" includes a community engagement effort around Arizona's new education goals and strategies, which requires a new focus on proven performance management techniques;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby establish the Governor's "Arizona Ready" Education Council and order as follows:

1. Membership shall include but not be limited to the following members, appointed by the Governor:
 - The Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - The President of the State Board of Education
 - The President of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools The President of the Arizona Board of Regents
 - The Chairperson of the Arizona Community College Presidents' Council
 - The President of the Arizona Commerce Authority
 - A County School Superintendent
 - A Chairperson of a statewide business organization
 - A representative from a Joint Technical Education District
 - A representative from a parents' organization
 - A representative of a community organization
 - A representative from an education service related foundation or philanthropic organization

- A current or former teacher
 - A current or former principal or superintendent
 - Two “at large” business leaders
 - A business leader from rural or southern Arizona
2. The members serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
 3. The Chairpersons of the following committees, or their successor committees, shall serve as ex-officio, advisory, nonvoting members: The Education Committee of the House of Representatives; the Education Committee of the Senate; and the Higher Education, Innovation and Reform Committee of the House of Representatives.
 4. The Governor shall designate a Chair and a Co-Chair of the “Arizona Ready” Education Council.
 5. The “Arizona Ready” Education Council will be dedicated to driving results statewide and increasing transparency while respecting local control.
 6. The “Arizona Ready” Education Council shall meet as needed, but no less than semi-annually to measure and track progress of established performance goals and outcome expectations for preschools, K-12 schools, community colleges and universities and shall provide a statewide forum for coordination and articulation of state-wide educational goals developed in the Arizona Education Reform Plan.
 7. The “Arizona Ready” Education Council shall be ambassadors to the public regarding “Arizona Ready” goals, strategies and action steps, and encourage participation in “Arizona Ready” communications and activities.
 8. The “Arizona Ready” Education Council shall use an on-line education “report card” to review the performance of Arizona’s schools and to coordinate efforts to improve student achievement, with emphasis on streamlining points of transition between each level in the education pipeline.
 9. The “Arizona Ready” Education Council shall provide recommendations to the Governor, the Governor’s Office of Education Innovation, and education policy-making boards on specific education reforms or activities needed to ensure that Arizona reaches its education goals.
 10. The “Arizona Ready” Education Council shall focus on five key strategies from Arizona’s Education Reform Plan. These include:
 - The implementation of Arizona’s new state education standards, adopted by the State Board of Education in 2010;
 - The training and recruitment of teachers to implement Arizona’s new state education standards;

- The implementation of internationally benchmarked assessments, replacing the current version of Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards ("AIMS");
 - Ensuring a high school diploma represents the ability to enter higher education without remediation; and
 - Increase post secondary graduation rates, particularly in subject areas of highest need for the state.
11. The "Arizona Ready" Education Council shall develop any additional measures to ensure the transparency of performance goals to all stakeholders and design or assist with strategic outreach plans to key stakeholders as needed.
 12. The "Arizona Ready" Education Council shall be staffed by the Governor's Office of Education Innovation.
 13. Members may not send designees to represent them at the Council meetings. Members who miss more than three (3) consecutive Council meetings are subject to replacement at the sole discretion of the Governor.
 14. The Chairperson may form an executive committee or other committees, sub-committees or task-forces as necessary.
 15. The status of the "Arizona Ready" Education Council shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2014 to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have to set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on the 2nd day of December in the year Two Thousand and Eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumenthal

SECRETARY OF STATE