



*“Four years ago, I heard what sounded like a really good idea to address the teacher shortage. If someone graduates from an Arizona university, is willing to stay in Arizona, and teach in a public school, why not allow them to graduate debt-free by providing a scholarship? So we turned it into reality and launched the **Arizona Teachers Academy**.*

“This year we plan to significantly expand it: more dollars, more support. We are going to create a pipeline of talent and the next generation of Arizona teachers.”

Governor Doug Ducey
2019 State of the State Address

Great teachers are essential to a high-quality public education system. The Arizona Teachers Academy provides solutions to the nationwide teacher shortage, as well as the overwhelming student debt incurred by Arizona teachers.

Graduates of the Arizona Teachers Academy who agree to teach in Arizona have their tuition and fees waived in exchange for a commitment to teach in an Arizona public school. The Arizona Teachers Academy ensures that the best and brightest teachers arrive in the classroom prepared to teach, unburdened by educational debt.

Unlike traditional teachers academies tied to a single location, the Arizona Teachers Academy is unique, offering new and expanded programs at each of the three public universities. Additionally, the Arizona Teacher Academy focuses on preparing teachers to meet the needs of Arizona schools that struggle to hire and retain teachers, particularly in low-income and rural areas.

Governor Ducey’s fiscal year 2020 Executive Budget will make significant investments to expand the program, including targeted investments to educate and retain teachers who will teach in critical-need areas.



2017-2018 ARIZONA TEACHERS ACADEMY ENROLLMENT



146
Students



15
Students



60
Students