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Education
First!
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VISION

The Alliance for Public Schools seeks to ensure positive academic outcomes for every child by supporting community engagement in public schools.



MISSION

The Alliance for Public Schools educates, engages and inspires families and communities to collectively support high quality public schools and the children who attend them.



WHAT WE DO



School Improvement

- Community Schools Initiatives
- Bay Area District Partnership



Student Leadership

- Student Alliance for Public Schools
- Grad Day for Tampa Bay
- Superintendent's Leadership Summits



Family & Community Engagement

- Parent University
- STEM Family Nights
- Community Conversations
- Parent Teacher Home Visit Project
- Talk, Read, Sing

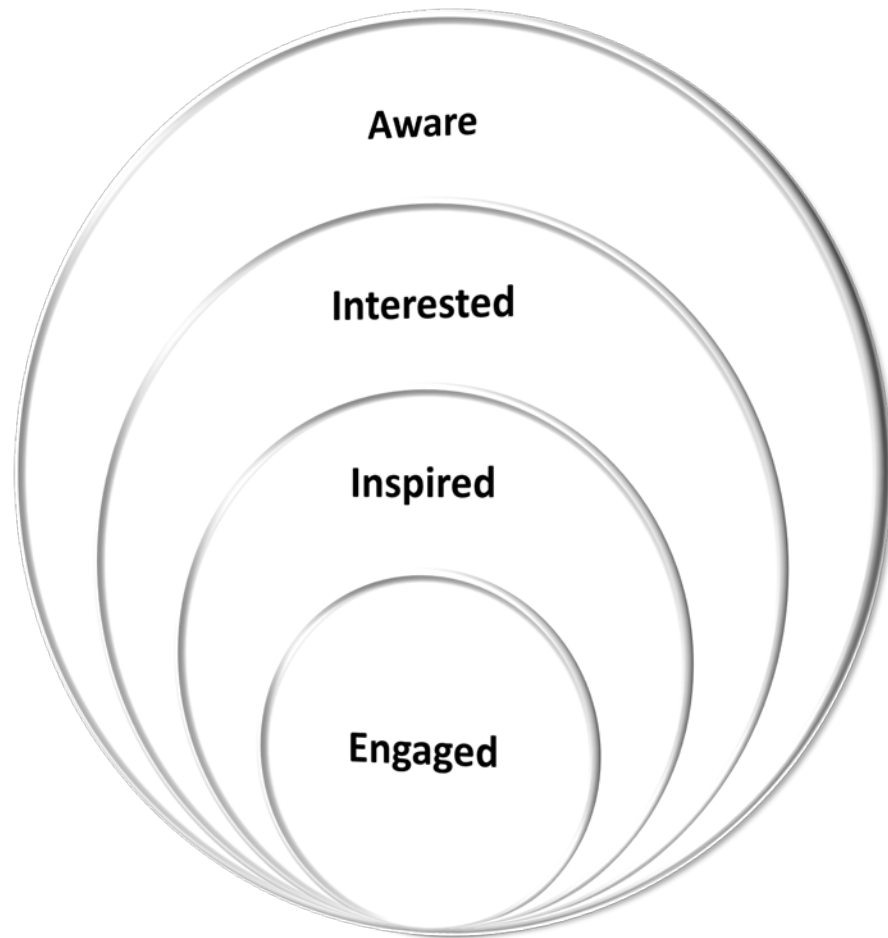


Education Policy & Advocacy

- Community Legislative Priorities
- Advocacy Trainings
- Advocacy Teams



OUR GOAL





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WHERE DO WE RANK?

Florida's Support for High Quality K-12 Public Education	National Ranking
Attracting and retaining effective teachers (2017)	47th
Spending per student (2017)	43rd
K-12 spending as a percent of personal income (2014)	49th
Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) spending per student	42nd
Base funding from the Legislature rose by just 47 cents per student for the 2018-19 year	50th

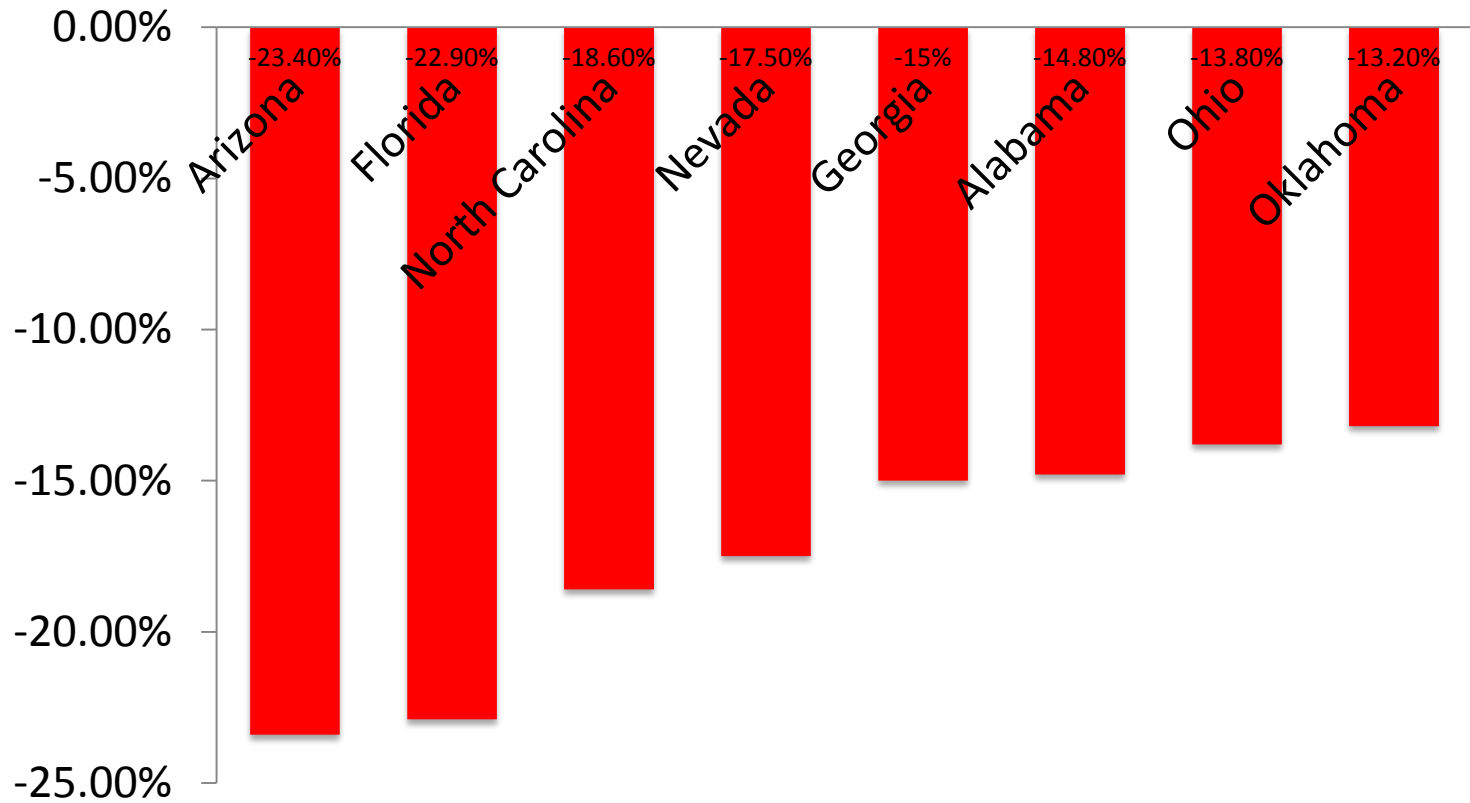
Source: Florida Policy Institute analysis of data from the 2014 Annual Survey of School System Finances, Rutgers University National Institute for Early Education Research 20018 State of Preschool Report.



Florida Education Policy Overview



DROP IN STATE AND LOCAL EDUCATION FUNDING (ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION) FISCAL YEARS 2008-2016



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities analysis of Census Bureau's Public Elementary-Secondary Education 2016 Data and National Center on Education Statistics enrollment estimates.

A HISTORY OF STATE ASSESSMENTS

- 1972 – First State Assessments
- 1976 – Test All Students in 3rd, 5th, 8th & 11th Grades
- 1983 – Passing the State Assessment Becomes a Graduation Requirement
- 1998 – 1st FCAT Year

Source: Florida Department of Education Website: Chronology of Events



THE ERA OF HIGH STAKES

- 1999 – A+ Schools Plan Testing Expanded to All Students 3-8 Scores Used to “Grade Schools”
- 2001 – No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Adds Federal Guidelines on Testing
- 2002 – Adequate Yearly Progress Computations Begin
- 2009 – Race to the Top
- 2011 – SB 736 Introduces the Use of Value Added Measure (VAM) to Teacher Evaluation



Source: Florida Department of Education Website: Chronology of Events & US Department of Education Elementary and Secondary Schools Act Overview



ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR A WELL ROUNDED EDUCATION

- A rich and versatile curriculum including fine arts, physical education, digital and financial literacy, and play
- Parent and family engagement supported through programs that accommodate family needs
- Middle school with a holistic focus that allows children to learn and feel safe
- Support for the social emotional well-being, physical and mental health of students Positive learning environments including culturally relevant instruction



ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING

- Per student allocation at the national average
- Increase funding for students and schools identified as struggling
- Funding for quality facilities, maintenance and capital improvements
- Funding for school transportation

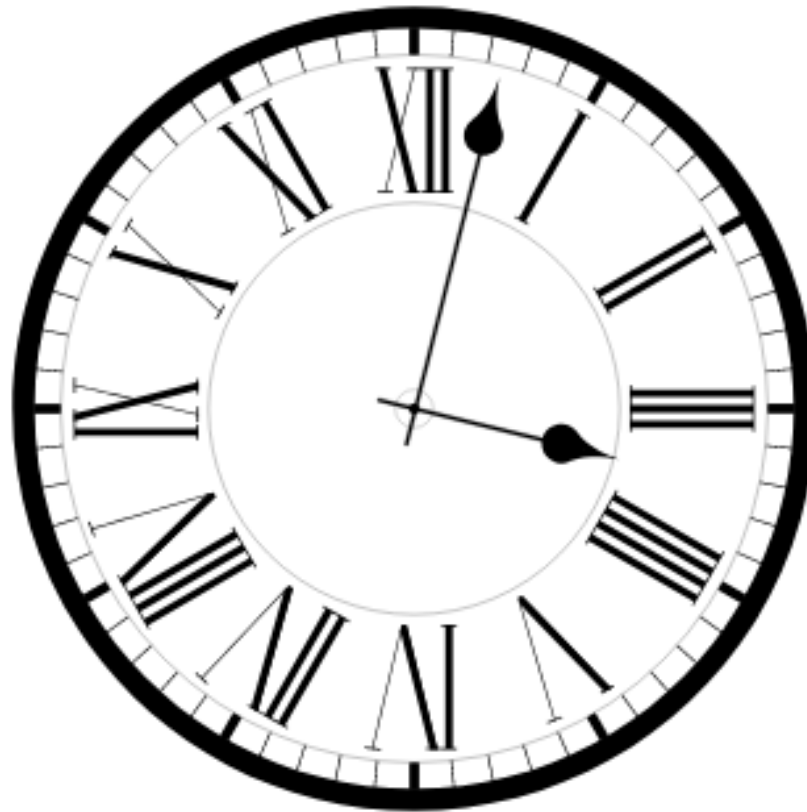


ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR TESTING

- Elimination of all high-stakes tied to testing
- Alternatives to standardized tests to demonstrate proficiency
- Reduction of time spent and disruptions caused by testing



*One
Moment
Makes A
Difference*



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What kind of advocate are you?

TWO MINUTE

- Register to vote
- Send a form email to a decision maker
- Post to their social media

TEN MINUTE

- Encourage others to register to vote
- Use your own social media
- Call or send a custom email to a decision maker
- Talk to someone about the issue

ONE HOUR

- **VOTE!**
- Research issues
- Read opinion articles

TWO HOUR

- Visit a legislator's home office and bring a friend
- Attend a public meeting

HALF DAY

- Attend a rally or protest
- Volunteer in support of a candidate or cause
- Host an issue oriented "House Party"

FULL DAY

- Attend an advocacy training
- Visit legislators in the state capitol

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Voter Registration and Information Update Deadline: October 9, 2018**
- **Deadline to Request a Ballot Be Mailed: October 31, 2018**
- **Early Voting: October 22 – November 4, 2018**
- **Election Day: November 6, 2018**



GO VOTE!

Find a location near you:

All4Schools.org/vote

MORE WORK TO DO...

- Join us for the PART 2 – October 4th 6-7pm
- More Details on Advocacy Priorities
- Preview of Upcoming Legislative Session
- Tips and Support for Advocating for our Students with Decision Makers



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