



SAVE OUR SCHOOLS
Strong Schools,
Strong State

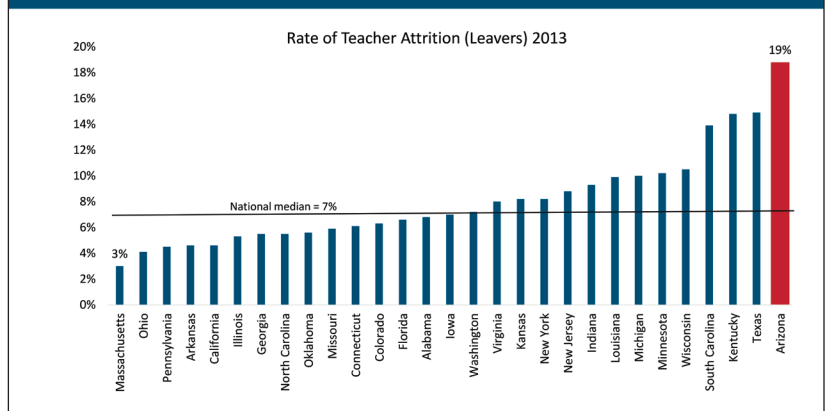
Save Our Schools Arizona 2019 Roadshow

Our Mission: We are a nonpartisan, volunteer, community-based organization fighting for strong public schools for a stronger Arizona.

Arizona's Classroom Crisis

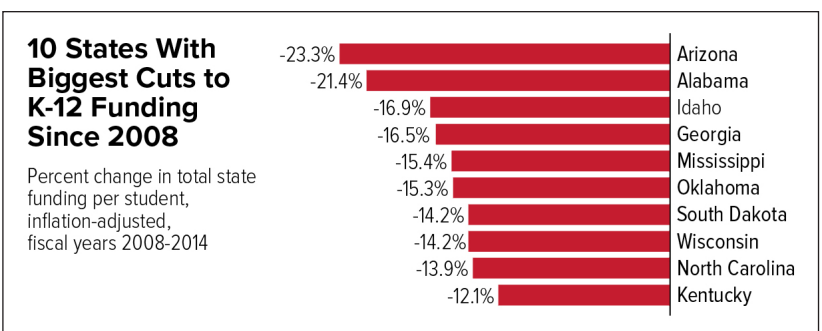
- AZ still ranks 46th in per-student spending (\$3300 less per pupil than the national average)
- 2nd most crowded class sizes in the US
- Median teacher salary: 49th in the US
- Highest teacher turnover in the US
- 3,400 classrooms without a certified teacher
- 70,000 students without a permanent teacher

Arizona teachers leave the teaching profession at the highest rate in the country, nearly 3x higher than the national median



Source: Expect More Arizona's Progress Meter (2019); Auditor General Report on School District Spending (2018)

- More cuts to AZ's K-12 education than any other state.
- AZ has cut \$4.56B from education budget since 2009
- More than \$14B given away in tax cuts each year

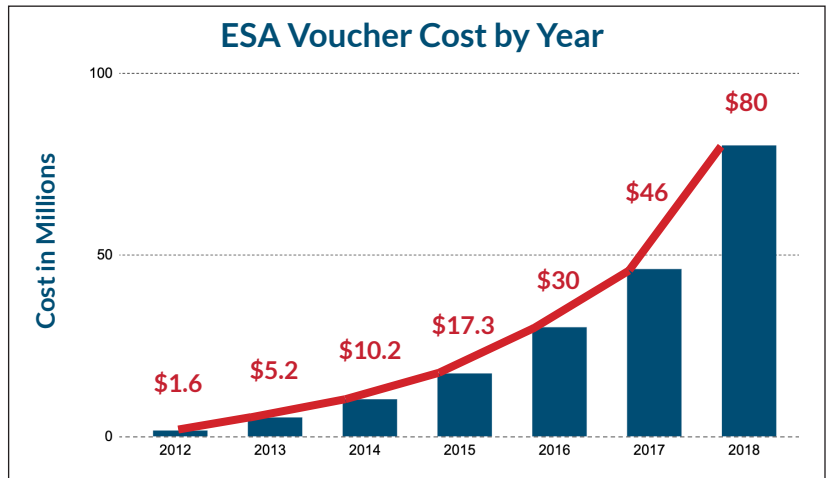


Source: Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, and AZ School Boards Association "Unrestored Budget Cuts" (2015)

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ESA Vouchers

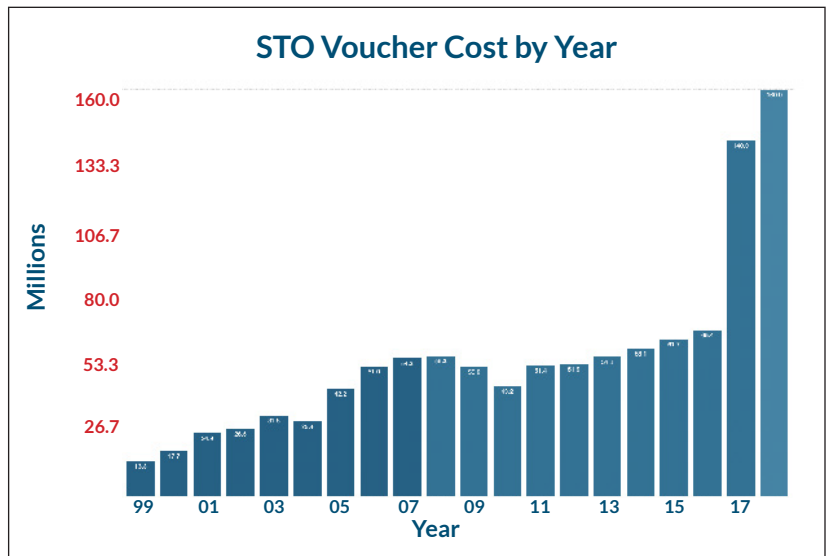
- \$186,149,744 is being diverted from our public schools EVERY YEAR via STO and ESA vouchers
- ESA vouchers are debit cards loaded with taxpayer funds and given to parents to spend as they see fit on private school tuition and many other services
- \$5000-30,000 per child
- Little to no accountability or tracking
- Grew from a small \$1.6 million program to over \$80 million per year now



Source: Arizona School Boards Association (2018)

STO Vouchers

- School Tuition Organizations provide an individual state tax credit (up to \$2000) and corporate tax credits, diverting state tax dollars to private school tuition.
- STOs keep 10% of funding for profit.
- STOs topped \$160 million in 2016



Source: AZ Department of Revenue, Summary of Activity (2018)

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