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EDUPRIZE Schools Raises the Bar with Breakthrough Gains in Student Growth and Achievement

Arizona's Original Charter System Continues Its Legacy of A-Rated Excellence, Driven by a Deep Commitment to Every Learner

GILBERT, Ariz., November 1, 2025 EDUPRIZE Schools, Arizona's first charter system and a pioneer in family choice education, has once again demonstrated its leadership in student achievement. Arizona Department of Education (ADE) letter grades for the 2024-25 school year confirm that EDUPRIZE students are achieving remarkable growth across grade levels, solidifying the system's place among the state's most effective K-12 models for academic performance and innovation.

EDUPRIZE's continued success underscores the strength of its academic design and instructional coherence. Under the leadership of Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Michael Gordon-Smith, EDUPRIZE has redefined how teaching, learning, and leadership intersect to produce measurable and sustainable results. Guided by a research-based framework and a comprehensive data accountability system, EDUPRIZE campuses demonstrated exceptional student growth and increased proficiency across multiple grade levels, solidifying its position as one of Arizona's most effective charter systems.

"We believe that learning should adapt to the student, not the other way around," said Gordon-Smith. "These results reflect not only the incredible work of our teachers and leaders but also the strength of our system design. It is one built on clarity, coaching, and cohesion, with the student always at the center of our work."

Key Highlights from the 2024–25 Results:

- **Unbroken Record of Excellence:** EDUPRIZE has never received less than an A rating, a rare accomplishment among Arizona's charter systems and a testament to 30 years of instructional integrity and high expectations.
- **EDUPRIZE is one of only 5 Arizona charter school networks to achieve A and B ratings**
- **Sustained Growth Across Campuses:** Both the Gilbert and Queen Creek campuses posted continued growth in math and reading proficiency while maintaining their A ratings.
- **Excellence in Leadership and Instruction:** Each campus demonstrates progress in teacher development and data-informed instruction through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and a focus on Tier 1 teaching.
- **Commitment to Continuous Improvement:** EDUPRIZE implemented new assessment and feedback systems across campuses, aligning performance monitoring, curriculum delivery, and instructional coaching to measurable goals.

A Community United in Excellence

EDUPRIZE extends heartfelt gratitude to the families who continue to entrust their children's education to our care. Our continued success reflects the trust our families place in us and the dedication of teachers and leaders who turn that trust into action each day. Together, we form a community united by one purpose: helping every student thrive.

“Our A ratings are more than a letter grade,” added Gordon-Smith. “They represent the confidence our families place in us, the dedication of our teachers and leaders, and the belief that every student deserves an exceptional education.”

About EDUPRIZE Schools

Founded in 1995 as Arizona's first charter school, EDUPRIZE Schools serves students across multiple campuses through innovative, family-centered learning models. EDUPRIZE is nationally recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, character development, and system-wide coherence that places students at the center of every decision.

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