



2023 ARIZONA GEAR UP
CONVENING OF PARTNERS
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Launch Guide | A60 Services



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Land Acknowledgment



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Tatou te ta'utino atu ma le faaaloalo, le pule maualuga a Tagata Muamua o lenei laueleele ma o latou vai, lea ua tatou potopoto ai nei, o le mamalu lava lea o le atunuu o San Francisco Peaks.

Tatou te ta'utino atu lo tatou faaaloalo i o latou ta'ita'i, o e ua mavae atu, ma e o loo soifua nei, faapea ai foi suli uma o lenei atunuu, o e na tausia lenei nofoaga talu mai le amataga

Tatou te ofoina atu o tatou tagata, ina ia tatou galulue pea mo se leleiga i lenei laueleele.

We acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of these lands and waters where we meet, at the base of the San Francisco Peaks.

We pay our respects to their elders past and present and to all descendants of these nations who have cared for this place since creation

We commit ourselves again to working for reconciliation in this sacred land



Introductions



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Name

Position + School/Org. Name

What is one thing you are proud of accomplishing during the 2022-23 school year?

What is one goal you want to accomplish by the end of 2023-24 school year?



Overview



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Arizona GEAR UP

Advancing Equity



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Arizona GEAR UP helps middle and high school students prepare for college and succeed in life beyond high school. A robust Arizona depends on a well-educated workforce, and we believe every Arizona child deserves equal access to higher education.

Arizona GEAR UP will increase:

- Academic performance and college preparation.
- High school graduation and college enrollment rates.
- Educational expectations for students and increase college knowledge for students and families.

Where it all started...



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Arizona GEAR UP (2012-2019 grant)

- **Cohort Model**
- **12** Partner High Schools in **rural Arizona**
- Worked with **Class of 2018** (7th grade to 12th grade + 1st year in college)
- **3,400** students

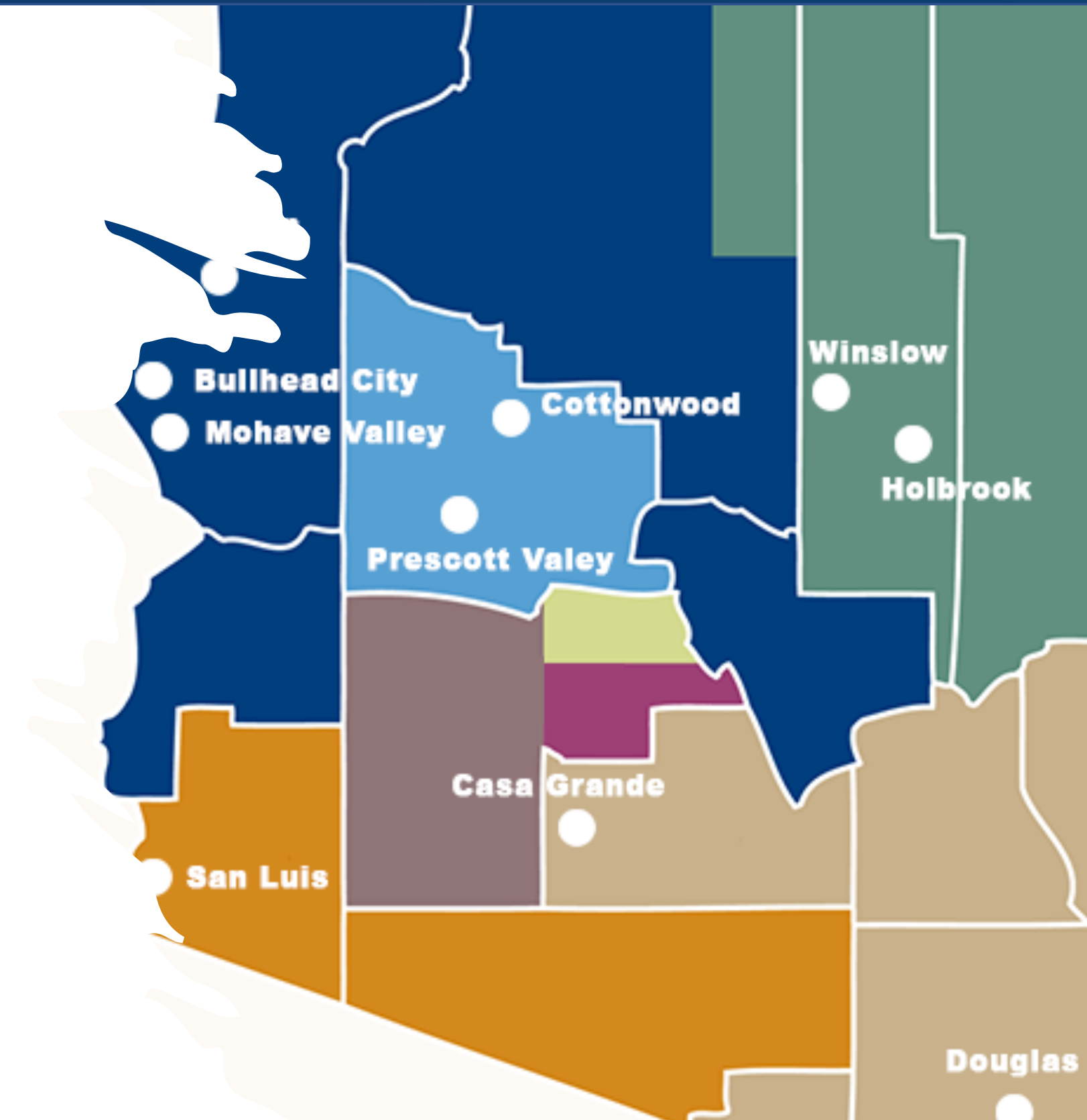
Our Partner Schools

(2012 – 2019)



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- **3,400** students
- **Rural**
 - 59% Hispanic
 - 27% White
 - 8% Native American
 - 6% all others
- Cohort F/R Lunch rate = 70%
- ESL & IRP rates ~ 10%



Current Grant Cycle

(2019 – 2026)



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- Priority Model (previous grants operated on a Cohort Model)
 - 5E's of Equity – **Engage, Empower, Excel, Elevate, and Enrich**
- **41 High Schools (A60 Schools)**
 - Prioritize senior-year services
 - **5 of 41** schools – direct services from AZGU 9-12th grade
 - **36 of 41** schools – senior-year services + resources from partner organizations

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Schools we serve

Apache

- Ganado High School

Coconino

- Page High School

Maricopa

- Agua Fria High School
- Dysart High School
- Cortez High School
- Dobson High School
- Skyline High School
- North Canyon High School
- Peoria High School
- Alhambra High School
- Camelback High School
- Carl Hayden High School
- Central High School
- Cesar Chavez High School
- Maryvale High School
- Metro Tech High School
- South Mountain High School
- Trevor Browne High School
- La Joya Community High School
- Sierra Linda High School

Mohave

- Kingman High School

Navajo

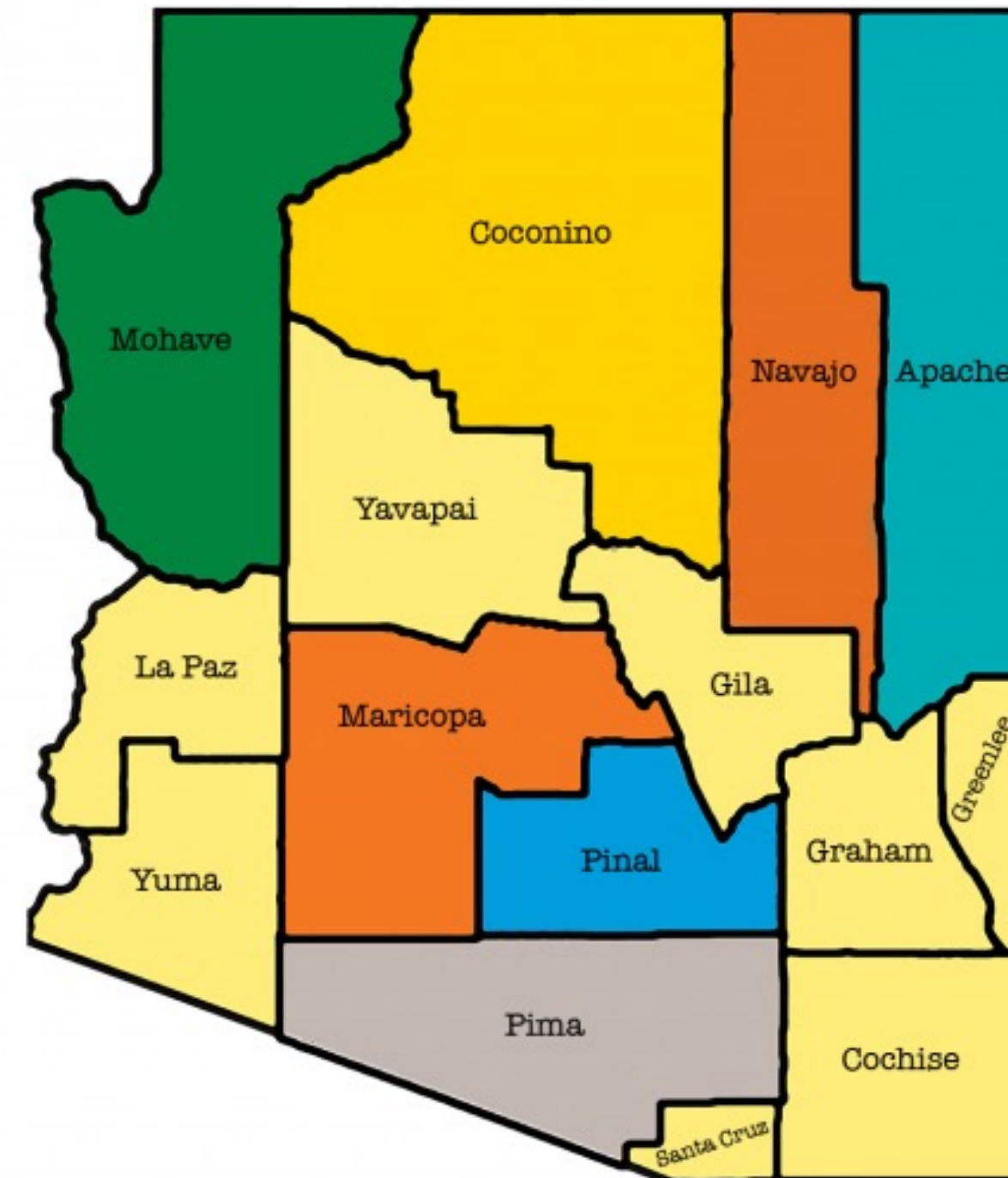
- Monument Valley High School
- Pinon High School
- Alchesay High School

Pima

- Desert View High School
- Sunnyside High School
- Catalina High Magnet School
- Cholla High Magnet School
- Palo Verde High Magnet School
- Pueblo High Magnet School
- Santa Rita High School

Pinal

- Casa Grande Union High School
- Vista Grande High School
- Coolidge High School
- Poston Butte High School
- San Tan Foothills High School



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Leadership Summit



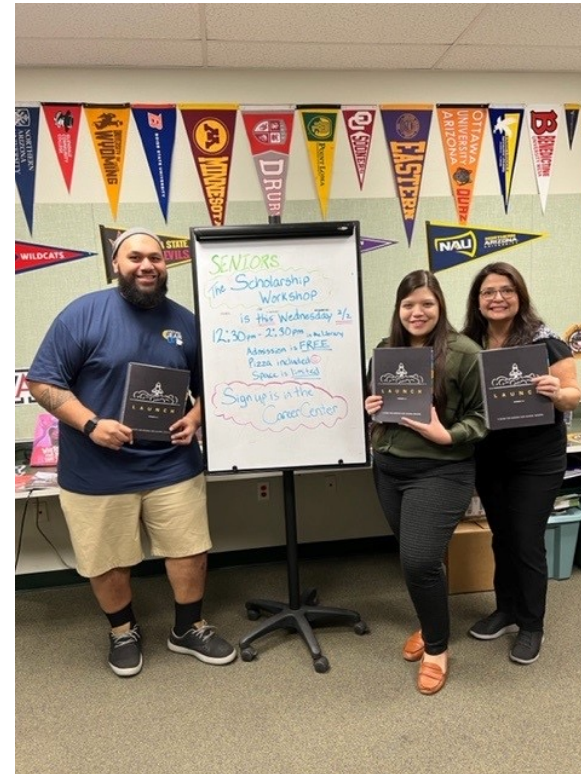
AzCAN College Access Professional Training

Professional Development

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Postsecondary-going Support



Senior Launch Guide Utilization

Printed SLG

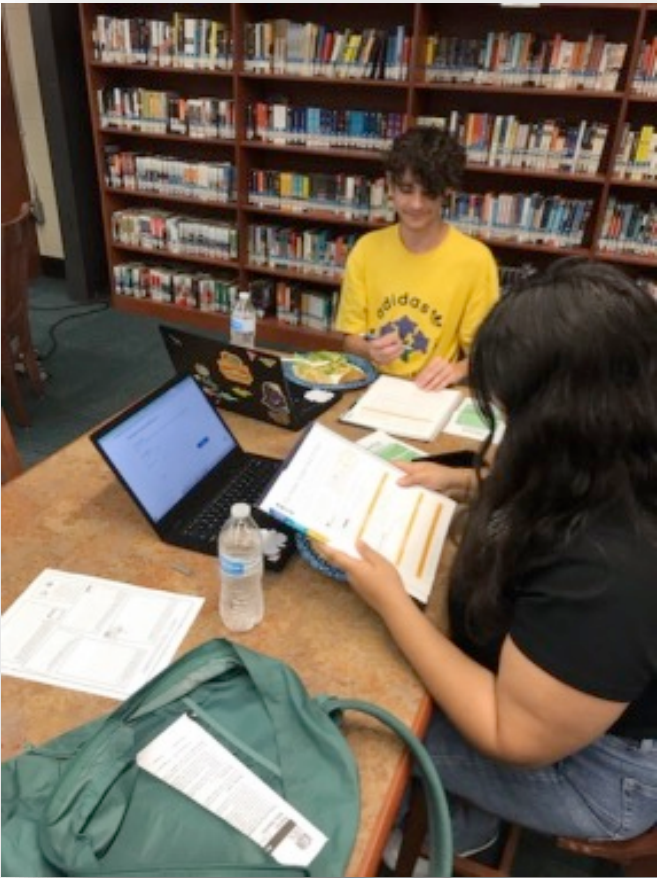


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Launch Guide Utilization (Printed)

The program disseminated almost 35% more Launch Guides in the 2022 – 2023 school year compared to the previous school year:

	<u>2022-23 SY</u>	<u>2021-22 SY</u>
Launch Guides Disseminated	9550	7075
A60 Schools that received Launch Guides	23	21

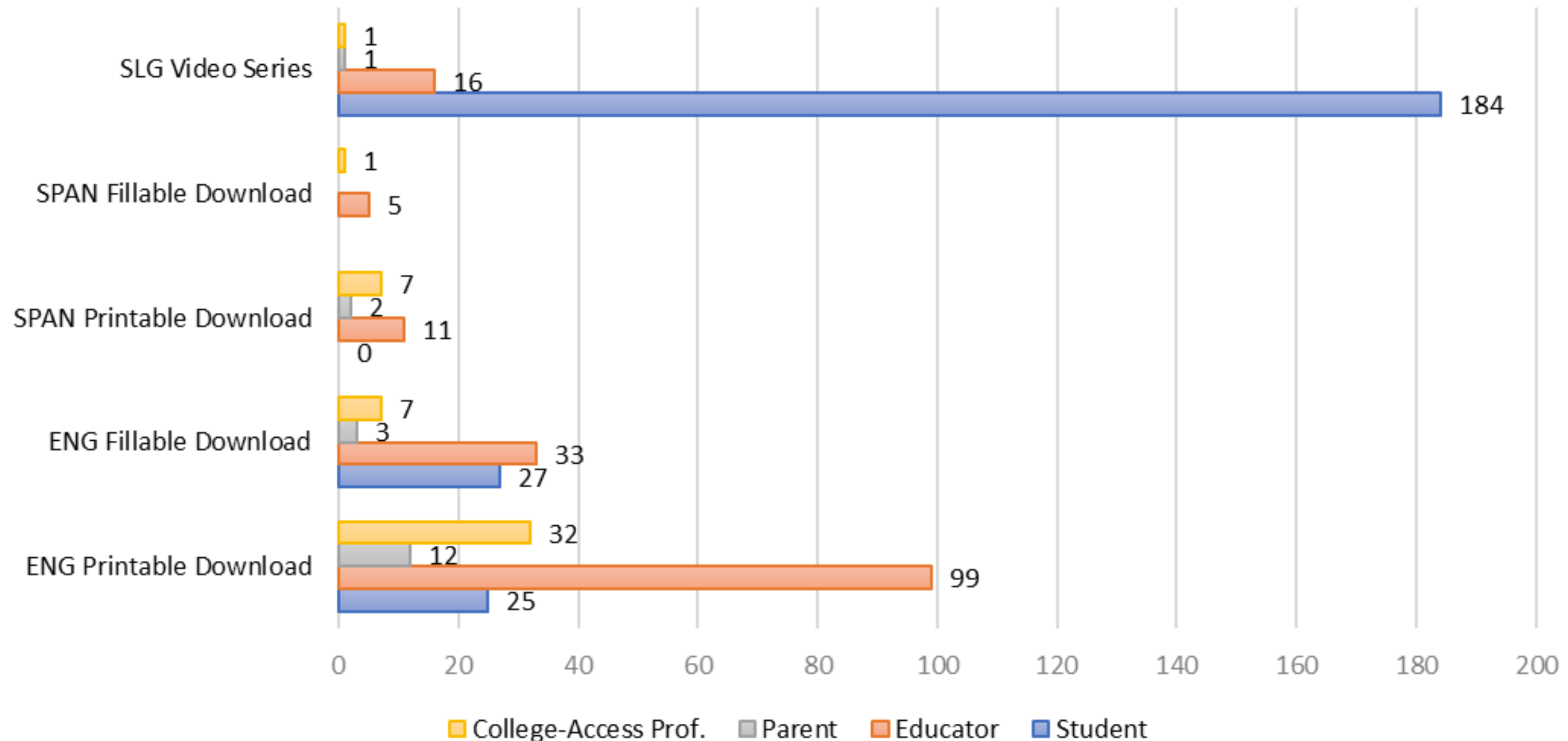


Digital SLG



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Digital Downloads



Postsecondary Enrollment



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**Average Postsecondary
Enrollment***

Class of 2022

55.42%

Class of 2021

35.47%

*AZGU's postsecondary enrollment rate is calculated by dividing the number of students with any postsecondary enrollment one-year post-graduation (2021,2022), divided by the total number of 12th graders enrolled at participating schools with available postsecondary data (*Agua Fria HS, Camelback HS, Carl Hayden HS, Casa Grande HS, Catalina HS, Central HS, Cesar Chavez HS, Cholla HS, Desert View HS, Dysart HS, Metro Tech HS, Pueblo HS, Sunnyside HS, and Vista Grande HS*).



Launch Guide Best Practices

Senior Launch Guide Implementation

- **Advisory-type class**
- **Advising/counseling sessions**
- **ECAPs**
- **Small group setting/workshop**
- **Senior night**
- **Postsecondary-related events:**
 - **College Application day**
 - **FAFSA completion events, or**
 - **Scholarship workshops**

Practitioner Practices



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Schools:

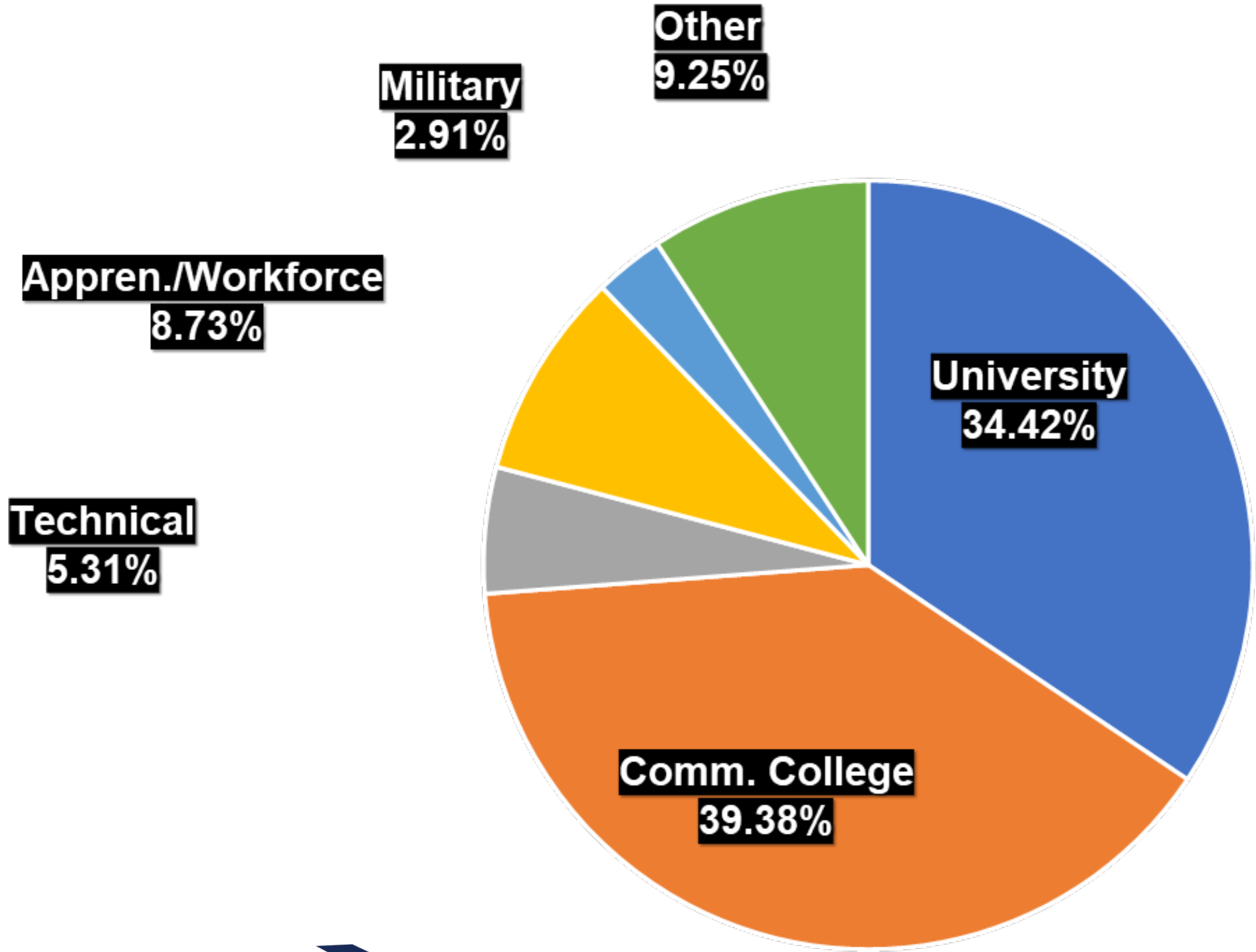
*Agua Fria High School
Cortez High School
Dysart High School
Thunderbird High School*

Student Feedback



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*What is your plan
after high
school?*



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Found Sections
“Moderately/Extremely Useful”

Section 1 – Checklist 32%

Section 2 – College App 41%

Section 3 – Financial Aid 50%

Section 4 – Scholarships + Jobs 42%

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“Thank you for the organization to be prepared for after high school.”

“It really helped me and I hope future Coronado [seniors] use this resource!”

“Thank you guys for everything even though I’m not going to college there was a lot of good information.”

On the horizon



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- *Section 3 Updates*
 - *FAFSA Simplification Updates*
 - *EFC = SAI*
 - *SAR = FAFSA Submission Summary*
 - *Individuals' w/o SSN can create FSA ID**

THANK YOU!

