



School Participatory Budgeting in Arizona

School Participatory Budgeting (SPB) is an innovative civic learning process that engages and empowers students to contribute to their communities and civic life.

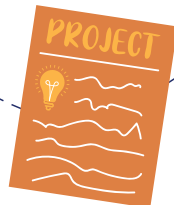
Design the
PROCESS



Brainstorm
IDEAS



Develop
PROPOSALS



Cast a
VOTE



Fund Winning
PROJECTS



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“Our students, they’re why we’re here, and it’s really important that we honor their voice. I believe by involving them in decision-making, they’ll feel more ownership and connectedness to the school community.”

—Michael Penca, Superintendent,
Flagstaff Unified School District

How it Works

Through SPB, students “learn democracy by doing” through a process of generating ideas, developing proposals, campaigning and deliberating, and voting to fund improvement projects that build stronger school communities. CFA provides training and support to our school partners to implement a year-long process, led by students working alongside their educators and the community.



Why it Matters

CFA envisions a future in which all Arizona students learn the power of their voice and are equipped to contribute to their communities and the state.

SPB is designed to:

- Empower Students
- Facilitate Project Based, Experiential Learning
- Foster Sense of Responsibility and Belonging
- Build Essential Civic Competencies and Skills
- Address Civic Opportunity Gap
- Encourage Long-term Civic Participation

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“SPB changed my views; I saw that not only can I change my campus, but I can also change other students’ lives. It really made us feel like we are in charge of this, and we are very important people, and our voices are being heard.”

*–Tayiza, Student, Cesar Chavez High School,
Phoenix Union High School District*

Impact

70,000+ students engaged across 10 districts & 70+ schools

7,000+ students registered to vote for future elections since 2016

160+ student-led improvement projects funded to date, including outdoor seating and shade structures, school spirit murals, and more

Partners

EVALUATION & RESEARCH PARTNER:

Arizona State University Participatory Governance Initiative

CURRENT SCHOOL & DISTRICT PARTNERS:

- Chandler Unified School District
- Queen Creek Unified School District
- Billy Lane Lauffer 6-8 School (Sunnyside USD)
- Roosevelt Elementary District
- Casa Grande Elementary School District
- Flagstaff Unified School District
- Williams High School (Williams USD)
- Glenn L. Downs Social Sciences Academy (Cartwright Elementary School District)
- Starline Elementary School (Lake Havasu USD)
- West Point High School (Tolleson UHSD)



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