

The Arizona Students' Association 2009-2010 Legislative Report Card



The Arizona Students' Association (ASA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan higher education advocacy organization directed and funded by the 130,000 public university students in Arizona. ASA works for affordable, accessible higher education in Arizona by advocating to elected officials and running issue campaigns to engage students.

At the beginning of the 2009-2010 legislative sessions, the ASA Board of Directors, made up of students from across the state, established legislative priorities. Throughout the year, ASA vocalized student stories, gathered research and letters of support, and testified at committee hearings. The bills were student-drafted and advocated by ASA as the statewide organization that represents the united voice of Arizona's public university students.

Those priorities included students advocating against university budget cuts for fiscal years 2009-2010 (S1001 and S1188) and for student-drafted legislation (S1186 and H2668).

As advocated by ASA, S1186 will strengthen efforts to ease the transfer of community college credits to the state's universities by matching course-numbers for 100 and 200 level courses. H2668 will formalize student government civic engagement efforts with university administration to expand voter access for college students.

In the report card, a star is shown and three points awarded for a favorable vote for the two student-drafted legislation. A star is shown and two points awarded for a vote corresponding with ASA legislative agenda against university budget cuts. A "DNV" indicates that the legislator did not vote or was absent and does not count in the legislator's overall percentage score. An "NO" or "YES" is shown and no points awarded for when a legislator voted unfavorably for the ASA legislative agenda. "Extra credit" between one and three points was given if a legislator earned an ASA Award, sponsored an ASA bill, or if legislators went above and beyond to work with students.

Legislative Report Card Key

★	=	supported ASA
NO/YES	=	did not support ASA
DNV	=	did not vote (does not count in score)
N/A	=	not applicable