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Annual Report for the Arizona Teacher Student Loan Program

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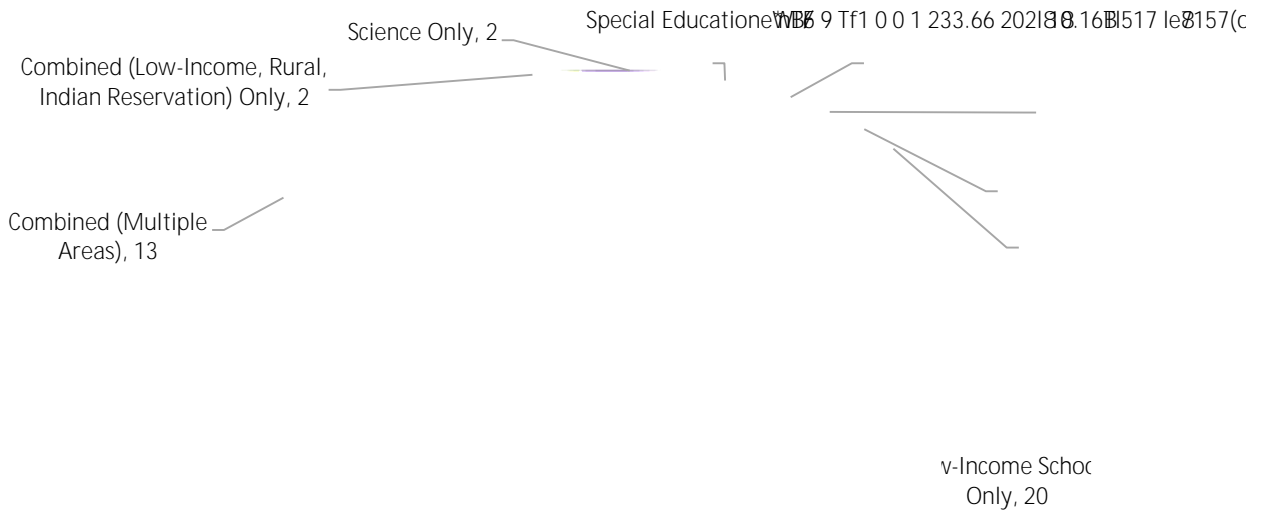
Introduction and Description of the Program

The Math, Science, and Special Education Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program (MSSE) was created in 2007. During the 2017 Fifty-Third Legislature, First Regular Session, Senate Bill 1040 made significant changes along with renaming the program to the Arizona Teacher Student Loan Program (ATSLP). Effective FY 2018, the changes were:

1. Elimination of the service area of teaching in elementary schools that are located in geographic areas that are experiencing a shortage of teachers,
2. Inclusion of three additional service areas: low-income schools, rural schools, or schools located on an Indian reservation,
3. Inclusion of students who are pursuing a teaching certificate through an alternative teacher certificate program as eligible students for the forgivable loan,
4. Inclusion of students who have a bachelor's degree and are in an alternative teacher certification program as eligible students for the forgivable loan, and
5. The allocation of forty percent of the annual amount appropriated to students who agree to provide instruction in a low-income school, rural school, or a school located on an Indian reservation.

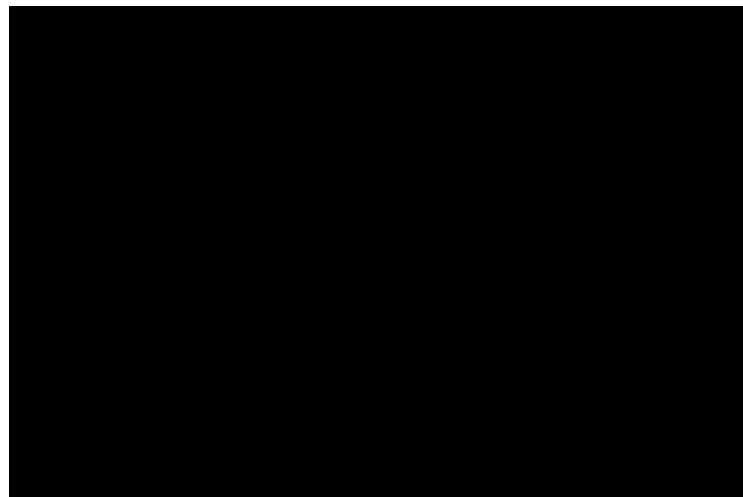
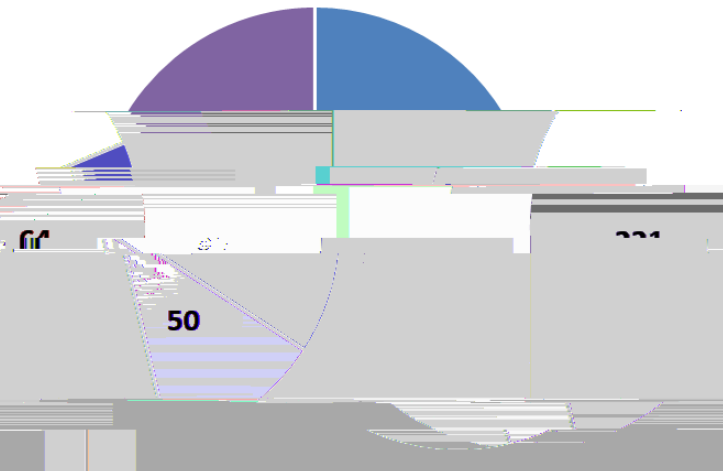
During FY 2020, this student-centered, need-based forgivable loan was designed to increase the number of teachers in Arizona's public K-12 system in the following areas: math, science, special education, low-income schools, rural schools, or schools located on an Indian reservation. The forgivable loan supports and encourages Arizona resident college students to take on a mission of service in order to repay their obligation by pursuing a teaching career in identified high need areas and to remain in the State after graduation. Forgivable loans to help defray the cost of tuition, fees, and instructional materials were granted to eligible junior or senior undergraduate education majors and students enrolled in an alternative teacher certificate program offered at qualifying postsecondary education institutions in the State. Additionally, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The maximum forgivable loan is \$7,000 per academic year for up to three years. To have the loan forgiven, students must sign a promissory note each year agreeing to teach in select service areas in a public K-12 school in Arizona for the number of years they received the loan funding plus one year. The selected service areas in FY 2020 are math, science, special education, or a low-income school, rural school, or a school located on an Indian reservation. Students who do not meet the forgiveness criteria must repay the amount borrowed plus any interest.

Recipients by Subject/Location in FY 2020



Status of Recipients in ATSLP from Inception through FY 2020

Tracking responsibilities are significant for ATSLP as each loan recipient is required to be tracked between seven to eleven years, depending on the number of years each student received funding. For students who enter into repayment, the relationship can increase up to 15 years. With the conclusion of FY 2020, 412 students have participated in ATSLP since its inception in 2007.



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