



A Desert View Elementary School teacher and student work together to solve a problem.

Gadsden Elementary School District #32 | Arizona

Sitting along the U.S./ Mexico border, Gadsden Elementary School District #32's success is rooted in the district's intentional investments in teacher leadership. Gadsden's teacher leadership model has created a pipeline of local instructional leaders who are prepared to support their colleagues to meet students' academic and emotional development needs. Gadsden's educators and students have thrived as a result of the district's

investments in teacher leadership. Their development of a pipeline for educators with educational expertise has been so successful that six of their eight principals are former teacher leaders.

For example, Desert View Elementary School exemplifies the district's success in using teacher leadership to drive growth in both teacher effectiveness and student achievement. From 2021 to 2023, Desert View Elementary increased the percentage of

students passing the Arizona state assessment by 14 percentage points in English language arts and 30 percentage points in math. In 2023, the school also exceeded the state in the percentage of students passing the state assessment in both English language arts and math. These assessment results are mirrored in Desert View Elementary's "A" letter grade. ●

“NIET’s systematic approach, including comprehensive support, can empower and elevate educators to new heights in their professional journeys. The teachers we have grown showcase the tangible and positive outcomes that result from the thoughtful implementation of NIET’s principles and support.”

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