

BILL CLINTON ON EDUCATION

America needs an Education President who shows up for class every day, not just once every four years. In the first 100 days of his administration, Bill Clinton will give Congress and the American people a real education reform package.

THE CLINTON PLAN

Parents and children together

- Inspire parents to take responsibility and build an ethic of learning at home.
- Fully fund Head Start, WIC, and other critical initiatives to prepare small children.

Establishing tough standards

- Create a set of national standards for what students should know.
- Establish a National Examination System to measure our students' progress.
- Achieve the "National Education Goals."

Reforming our schools

- Expand opportunity by increasing Chapter One funding for schools in disadvantaged areas.
- Grant expanded decision-making powers at the local level.
- Support better incentives to hire and keep good teachers.
- Help develop public school choice programs that also protect against discrimination.

Making our schools safe again

- Get drugs out of our schools through comprehensive anti-drug efforts.
- Support a Safe Schools initiative.

Alternative and continuing education programs

- Establish a Youth Opportunity Corps to give students who drop out a second chance.
- Create a National Apprenticeship Program to offer non college-bound students valuable training and job opportunity.
- Give every American the right to borrow for college through a National Service Trust Fund. Borrowers can repay their loans by helping their communities.
- Invest in worker retraining programs that require employers to spend on all workers.

THE CLINTON RECORD IN ARKANSAS

- Established the first statewide Home Instructional Program for Pre-School Youngsters.
- Cut Arkansas' infant mortality rate by almost 50% since 1978.
- Initiated the Better Chance Program to provide \$15 million to help at-risk small children.
- Required all Arkansas schools to provide intensive instruction in basic skills, offer advanced courses, strictly limit class size, regularly test student performance.
- Directed the state to issue a yearly report card on all Arkansas schools.
- Enabled parents to choose public schools, as long as racial balance is maintained.
- Provided the largest public school teacher salary raise in the nation for 1991-92.
- Required eight graders to pass an exam to go to high school, and teachers to pass an exam to keep their jobs. Revoked driver's licenses of students who drop out for no good reason.
- Authorized fines for parents who take no interest in their children's education.
- Improved Arkansas test scores; helped Arkansas achieve the highest graduation rate in the region; and increased the percentage of high school seniors attending college by 34%.
- Created the Academic Challenge Grant Scholarships to reward good students who avoid drugs.
- Established a college bond program allowing parents to buy bonds not taxed in Arkansas.