

Maryland's Long-Term Commitment

- ✓ Nationally-recognized leadership
- ✓ Increased education funding
(Bridge to Excellence)
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Quality teaching
- ✓ Early childhood education
- ✓ College/Career preparation

"Though Maryland is clearly doing some things right, State Schools Superintendent Nancy S. Grasmick was wise to caution that school reform doesn't happen overnight; it's a process that requires years of sustained commitment, which also means this is no time to rest on our laurels."

- Editorial, *The Baltimore Sun*

Martin O'Malley, Governor

Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools
Secretary-Treasurer, State Board of Education

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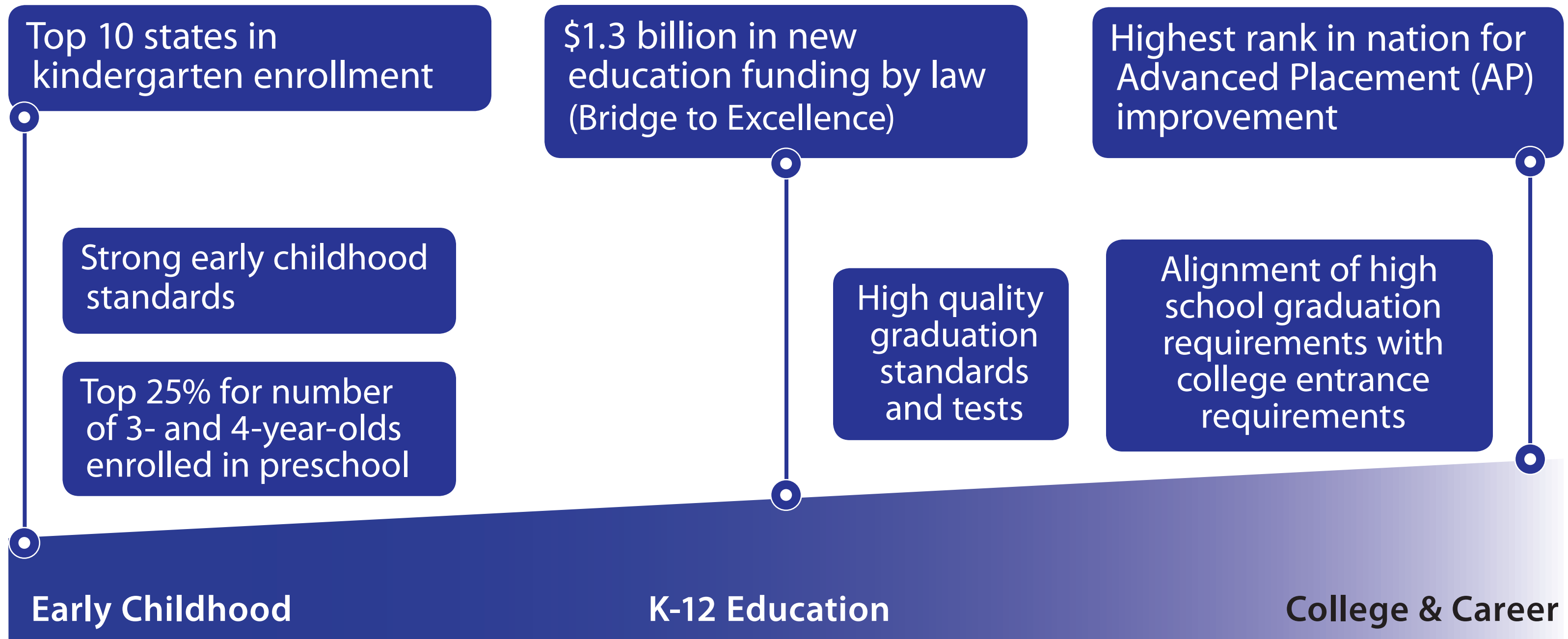
Maryland Education #1



in America

The leading education newspaper, *Education Week*, ranks Maryland first in its 2009 *Quality Counts* report on high school graduation, student achievement, academic standards, and accountability.

Maryland ranks #1 Overall by *Education Week*: 2009 *Quality Counts*



1st Overall Nationwide

Highest rank in nation for Transitions & Alignment

- The only state to implement 13 of the 14 Transitions & Alignment policies.
- Curriculum and programs are aligned from early childhood through high school and college.

Bridge to Excellence (BTE)

- Mandated education funding program became State law in 2003.
- An independent review of BTE **directly** links increased funding to higher test scores.