

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile¹:

EL	HS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Excelling
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Improving
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Performance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Underperforming
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Extremely Small School

Excalibur Charter School

Excalibur Charter School Inc
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Grades: K-12

2002 Enrollment: 206

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∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

The mission statement of Excalibur Charter School is to provide a safe environment where a partnership between students, parents and the school addresses individual needs; encourages and enables student to achieve academic excellence; and helps them develop the habits and traits of self-motivation, leadership, service, integrity, and respect for the law and for other members of society.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Academic Excellence
- w Attention to the Individual
- w Honesty and Integrity
- w Services to Individuals and Community

Instructional Programs

- w Teach to AZ Academic Standards and Above
- w Math (from Lowest Ability to Highest)
- w Technology-based Learning
- w English (Read & Write Proficiently)
- w Parent Involvement
- w Social Studies (Law, Civics, Ethics)
- w Art Appreciation and Theory
- w Full Day Kindergarten

School/Academic Goals

- w Academic Performance: Have a minimum classroom 35% composite score on Stanford 9 (norm-referenced test). Increase math, reading and language scores by 5%. Improvements on criterion-referenced test scores by increasing at least one grade level.
- w Attendance: Maintain minimum classroom enrollment of 25 students and attendance rate of 95% (average 18.0 students per class).
- w Parent Involvement: Continue to support already established Parent Teacher Committee by raising awareness about the importance of parent participation in their child's education. Create and support school-based parental involvement activities.
- w Core Subject Areas: Reading: Nurture and create opportunities to love the ability to read. Math: Recognize the value of obtaining excellent math skills and how they apply to everyday living, as well as professional pursuits.

Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	214
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law ² :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	200

¹ For an explanation of the Achievement Profiles, please visit <http://www.ade.az.gov/azlearns>. EL-Elementary; HS-High School.

² Under ARS§15-816, school district governing boards must implement open enrollment programs and establish policies covering admission criteria, application procedures and transportation provisions. For more information, contact the school district office.

∨ **School Site Council** ∨

Council Composition

- 1 School Administrator(s)
- 1 Non-certified Employee(s)
- 0 Teacher(s)
- 1 Parent(s)
- 2 Community Member(s)
- 0 Student(s)

Council Duties

- w Budget
- w Student Discipline
- w Personnel Decisions
- w Curriculum Development
- w School Improvement
- w Decisions for all Policy and Procedures

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

School administration and instruction for school year 2002-03 are provided by:

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	1.00	Teacher	13.00
Other Professional Staff	4.00	Teacher Aide	1.50

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

Experience	Degree			
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	7	0	0	0
4 to 6 years	0	1	0	0
7 to 9 years	0	0	0	0
10 or more years	0	1	1	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

Education at Excalibur is a partnership between students, parents, school, community and businesses. Excalibur will carry out their part of the partnership by providing a clean and safe learning environment; Parent and Student Handbook; PTC organization; high academic standards; regular home/school communication.

Parents

Excalibur parents have the responsibility to set a positive example. Read and discuss the Parent/Student Handbook. Help students understand and abide by the Student Code of Conduct and dress code. See that students attend school regularly, on time, and with necessary materials and completed assignments. Attend monthly PTC meetings and volunteer on a regular basis. Attend Parent-Teacher conferences and regularly review student's school work. Ensure their student's daily planner is kept current.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Busing is available to and from school within a five-mile radius. Bus routes are much like city routes with stops being at major cross streets closest to our registered students. Students riding school buses or waiting for a school bus are subject to the Student Code of Conduct and are under the authority of the bus driver. Students who violate the school's Code of Conduct may forfeit the privilege of riding the bus.

∨ **Calendar Information** ∨

Number of Instruction Days: 177 **First Day of School:** 8/15/02
Average Daily Instruction Time: 5 hrs. 30 min. **Last Day of School:** 5/23/03
Operates on Traditional Schedule

Report Card Release Dates

10/21/02 12/19/02 3/10/03 5/22/03

Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

∨ **Resources Available at School Site** ∨

Nutrition Programs

Federal food programs available to eligible³ students:

Breakfast - No Lunch - Yes Summer Food - No

³ Schools participating in the federal nutrition programs provide meals to all children. Students may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Eligibility is based on the federal poverty guidelines.

Special Facilities

- W State-of-the-Art Computer Lab
- W The World Wide Web as a Resource Center
- W Businesses and Corporations as Partners

Extracurricular Activities

- W School Paper
- W Student Council
- W Military Officer Training Program
- W Yearbook
- W Cheerleading

School/Community Resources

- W Students, Parents and Siblings
- W Corporate Entities
- W Business Groups
- W Parks and Recreation
- W Private Groups and Church Leaders
- W Public Libraries

∨ Indicators of Success ∨

Information provided on this page is based on historical data, primarily from the previous school year, 2001-02.

2001-02 School Achievements/Accomplishments

- W Excalibur the decrease in student absences. Absence rate for the 2001-2002 school year was never higher than 4% which is a significant difference from previous years. When students are in school, they are learning!
- W During 2001-02, Excalibur launched several initiatives and programs geared towards improving reading performance specifically focusing on vocabulary building and comprehension. Two programs implemented were STAR reading and Action reading.

- W Special Education was an area where Excalibur saw significant improvement. A dedicated Special Ed teacher was hired to not only provide individual instruction, but also serve as the administrator for all Special Ed record keeping.

Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	95.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
Transfers Out ⁴	30.9 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	0.0 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	25.9 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	92.0 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
Retention Rate ⁷	8.0 %	1.5 %	2.1 %	5.2 %
Dropout Rate ⁸	17.1 %			9.5 %
Status Unknown ⁹	4.0 %			6.0 %

Students reported as "dropouts" who may have returned to school for the following academic year are not accounted for in this report.

⁴ Transfers Out: Percentage of accountable students withdrawing to continue studies in another school or to be taught at home for the 2001-02 school year.
⁵ Transfers In: Within District: Percentage of accountable students entering school who were previously enrolled in another Arizona public school within the school district during the 2001-02 school year. Out-of-District: Percentage of accountable students entering school who were previously enrolled in another school district during the 2001-02 school year.
⁶ Promotion Rate: Percentage of students promoted to the next grade or who met graduation requirements and received a traditional diploma at the end of the 2001-02 school year. Percentage includes students who left school at age 22 or who had completed school and received a non-traditional diploma.
⁷ Retention Rate: Percentage of students retained at the end of the 2001-02 school year.
⁸ Dropout Rate: Percentage of students counted as withdrawn due to chronic illness, expulsion or dropping out during the 2000-01 school year, to include activity during the summer of 2001. This rate includes students who were withdrawn after 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences or were coded by the school as "status unknown." The Promotion Rate, Retention Rate, Dropout Rate and Status Unknown Rate may not add to 100% due to the inclusion of summer activity in the Dropout Rate and the Status Unknown Rate but not in the Promotion Rate and Retention Rate. Data for 2001-02 is not yet available.
⁹ Status Unknown: Percentage of students unaccounted for by any method during the 2001-02 school year. Status unknown students are not necessarily dropouts.

∨ School Honors ∨

Awards or special recognition honors received by the school, staff or students:

Award/Honor	Year
NDS	

∨ Academic Achievement Indicators ∨

Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) is designed to measure student achievement of the Arizona Academic Standards. Effective with the high school Class of 2006 (eighth graders in 2001-02), students must "Meet the Standard" or "Exceed the Standard" on all portions of AIMS or pass an AIMS Equivalent Demonstration (subject to approval by the state Board of Education) in order to be eligible for a high school diploma. High school students who did not attain "Meets the Standard" or "Exceeds the Standard" in reading, writing and mathematics will have additional opportunities to retake the test in their junior and senior years. Students in grades 3, 5, and 8 also take AIMS.

AIMS Results ¹, 2001-02

		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
Grade 3	Reading	**	**	**	**	**	**
	School State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
Writing	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%
Mathematics	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	59030	517	11%	27%	35%	27%

Legend

- MS - The Mean Scale Score (average) on a 200-800 scale. A student must have achieved a scale score of 500 to meet the standard. Scale scores are not comparable among content areas.
- FFB - Percent of students who Fell Far Below the standard
- A - Percent of students who Approached the standard
- M - Percent of students who Met the standard
- E - Percent of students who Exceeded the standard

Grade 5

Reading	School	11	452	73%	27%	0%	0%
	State	61305	505	21%	20%	43%	15%
Writing	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	59599	512	17%	26%	42%	16%
Mathematics	School	12	417	75%	25%	0%	0%
	State	61760	494	14%	40%	12%	34%

Grade 8

Reading	School	24	476	38%	38%	21%	4%
	State	57484	504	24%	20%	40%	16%
Writing	School	24	469	33%	46%	17%	4%
	State	55420	493	15%	42%	41%	2%
Mathematics	School	23	416	87%	9%	4%	0%
	State	57734	459	39%	40%	14%	7%

Grade 10 (Class of 2003)²

Reading	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	49803	512	15%	23%	48%	14%
Writing	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	50471	477	17%	23%	59%	1%
Mathematics	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	50429	480	48%	19%	22%	10%

¹Results reflect student performance on the English form of AIMS.

²Class of 2003 is the cohort of students who began 9th grade during the 1999-2000 school year.

Items of data containing information about fewer than ten students have been replaced with () to protect student privacy.

--Some columns contain dashes (--) to indicate "not applicable" or "no data available."

∨ Academic Achievement Indicators ∨

Since 1997, students have been tested in reading, language and mathematics using the *Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition*, a standardized, nationally norm-referenced test. Since 1999, all students in grades 2 through 9 have been tested using the Stanford 9, though other grades have been tested in the past (grades 10-12 in 1997 and 1998, grades 10-11 in 1999 and 2000, and grade 1 reading in 2001).

The percentage (%) of eligible students tested and the school's percentile ranks are presented below. State average percentile ranks (AZ) are provided for comparison. Note that the average percentile ranks for the nation are 50 for all content areas in all grades.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten students have been replaced with (**) to protect student privacy. Some columns contain dashes (--) to indicate "not applicable" or "no data available."

Stanford 9 Percentile Rank Scores

Grade	Content Area	1997-1998			1998-1999			1999-2000			2000-2001			2001-2002		
		%	Score	AZ												
1	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	58	36	60	--	--	--
2	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	50	28	19	52	57	--	53	62	32	57
	Language	--	--	--	--	--	40	67	14	43	57	--	44	69	31	48
	Mathematics	--	--	--	--	--	51	67	24	55	57	--	57	69	23	61
3	Reading	--	--	47	--	--	47	92	42	48	73	17	50	73	33	50
	Language	--	--	49	--	--	51	92	52	54	73	15	56	73	40	57
	Mathematics	--	--	46	--	--	49	92	46	52	73	18	54	73	22	56
4	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	78	40	54	76	20	55	100	23	55
	Language	--	--	47	--	--	49	78	33	48	82	22	50	100	24	50
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	78	43	55	88	17	57	100	14	58
5	Reading	--	--	51	--	--	51	96	41	51	87	17	51	86	16	53
	Language	--	--	42	--	--	44	96	37	45	81	15	45	86	11	47
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	96	46	55	87	16	57	86	16	59
6	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	100	41	53	100	19	54	59	27	56
	Language	--	--	41	--	--	44	100	37	44	100	10	45	68	15	47
	Mathematics	--	--	57	--	--	59	100	51	60	100	20	63	68	36	65
7	Reading	--	--	52	--	--	53	86	50	52	92	31	53	100	31	55
	Language	--	--	52	--	--	54	86	37	54	92	19	55	100	31	58
	Mathematics	--	--	53	--	--	55	86	50	56	92	34	58	100	33	60
8	Reading	--	--	54	--	--	54	100	26	53	76	40	55	87	32	56
	Language	--	--	46	--	--	49	100	20	49	80	28	50	87	28	52
	Mathematics	--	--	52	--	--	54	100	38	56	76	35	58	87	34	59
9	Reading	--	--	44	--	--	43	90	32	43	55	45	43	88	28	43
	Language	--	--	39	--	--	39	90	28	40	55	27	41	88	20	42
	Mathematics	--	--	57	--	--	57	90	32	59	55	44	61	92	37	62
10	Reading	--	--	42	--	--	42	100	20	42	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	--	--	43	--	--	44	100	38	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	--	--	47	--	--	49	100	38	50	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	Reading	--	--	46	--	--	44	91	41	45	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	--	--	43	--	--	42	91	37	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	52	91	57	55	--	--	--	--	--	--

∨ **Measure of Academic Progress** ∨

Arizona's Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) is an indicator of student academic growth from one year to the next. The results are based on the *Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition* (Stanford 9), given in 2001 and 2002. MAP includes only those students who were tested both years in consecutive grade levels at the same school or who started the school year in the same school in which they were tested in 2002. A student achieves One Year's Growth (OYG) if he or she remains in the same Stanine⁹ or advances a Stanine from one year to the next. The percentage of students achieving OYG at the school is reported below.

⁹ Stanines are normalized standard scores that range from a low of 1 to a high of 9, with 5 designating average performance. National Stanines, like National Percentile Ranks, indicate a student's relative standing in the national norm group (Source: Harcourt Educational Measurement).

The MAP is an elementary school (Grades 2-8) indicator only.

	Reading	Math
	Percentage of Students Achieving One Year's Growth	Percentage of Students Achieving One Year's Growth
Grades 2-3	*	*
Grades 3-4	*	*
Grades 4-5	*	*
Grades 5-6	*	*
Grades 6-7	*	*
Grades 7-8	71	79

*Less than 10 students matched

**No information available

***Not applicable

∨ **School Safety** ∨

The purpose of this section is to provide parents information about what the school is doing to promote a safe and healthy learning environment.

School-level Efforts to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment

Excalibur takes a serious and proactive stance on student and staff safety. This year, we have already completed successful bus evacuation drills and are planning our fire evacuation drills. In addition, we have established a zero-tolerance policy for students who receive excessive discipline referrals.

Total number of incidents that occurred on the school grounds that required the intervention of local, state or federal law enforcement (A.R.S. § 15-746.6)

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School uniforms are required at this school.

The Arizona Attorney General's Office has a hotline that allows students to report suspicious activities at schools and to get help with potentially violent situations, such as bullying, harassment, hate crimes, discrimination and gangs. The toll-free number, **1-877-900-1086**, is anonymous and available 24 hours a day.

∨ Per Pupil and School Expenditures for the 2000-2001 School Year ∨

Expenditure Category	*Per Pupil Expenditures by Category	School Expenditures by Category
Classroom Instruction	NDS	NDS
Classroom Supplies	NDS	NDS
Administration	NDS	NDS
Support Services-Students	NDS	NDS
Other Support Services and Operations	NDS	NDS
Total Expenditures- All Categories 2000-2001	NDS	NDS

These are maintenance and operation expenditures and do not include capital expenditures such as facilities construction and buses. Classroom Instruction includes activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students. It also includes activities of aides or classroom assistants that are involved in the instructional process. Classroom Supplies includes costs for items that are consumed, worn out or have deteriorated through use; or items that lose their identity through fabrication or incorporation into different or more complex units or substance. Administration includes governing board services, executive administration services, lobbying, office of the principal services and other support services for school administration. Support Services-Students includes attendance and social work, guidance, health, psychological, speech pathology, audiology services and other support services for students. Other Support Services and Operations includes support services for instructional staff, business support services, operation and maintenance of plant services, student transportation services, central support services, other support services, food service operation and bookstore operations.

Total Expenditures may not be exact because of rounding.
 Information is self-reported by the district and is unaudited.
 * Based upon 2000-2001 Average Daily Membership (ADM).
 (School Expenditures divided by ADM)
 **Due to technical difficulties, data for multiple charter school sites is not available.

∨ Contacts ∨

	Name	Phone	Extension
School Site Council	Carol Parker	(480) 373-9575	
Transportation Policy	Jeff Parker	(480) 373-9575	
Community Resources	Carol Parker	(480) 373-9575	
School Nutrition Programs	Barbara Wahlman	(480) 373-9575	
Parent Organization	Jeff Parker	(480) 373-9575	
Student Health/Nurse	Janette Benziger	(480) 373-9575	

The Arizona School Report Card was prepared by the Arizona Department of Education using a standardized format to combine information provided by the local school with data compiled from state records. Each school has special strengths and needs, and all schools benefit from the active involvement of parents in their children's education. If you have questions about the report card or need more information, contact the school office. Arizona School Report Cards can be found for all schools at www.ade.az.gov/srcs/ on the Internet.

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