

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile¹:

Desert Pointe Academy

- Excelling
- Improving
- Maintaining Performance
- Underperforming
- Extremely Small School

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2002 Enrollment: 119

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∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

Desert Pointe Academy (DPA) provides a safe, positive learning environment that promotes respect for individual strengths and qualities, cultures, creativity and learning styles. Students participate in a comprehensive educational experience that prepares them for post-high school success in the community, whether it be in college or the work force. DPA students will meet or exceed Arizona State academic standards and become productive citizens and contributing members of our society.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Smaller Learning Community
- w Diversified, Committed Staff
- w Collaborative Parent/School Relationship
- w Holistic Approach

School/Academic Goals

- w Ninety percent of parent and student satisfaction surveys will report an overall positive opinion of the school and its programs.
- w Improve student achievement in the areas of math, reading and language arts as measured by a 10% decrease in the number of students scoring in the lowest quartile on Stanford 9 tests, and a 10% increase in students who meet/exceed AIMS standards.
- w Increase the number of student award/recognition programs by 2.
- w Develop a formal vocational training and education program incorporating both on and off-site vocational training opportunities. Create a collaborative learning community through team and cross teaching, lesson planning and resource sharing.

Instructional Programs

- w Science Lab with Live Animals
- w Hands-on, Experiential Instruction
- w Smaller, Safer Class Size
- w Character Development Curriculum
- w Spanish/PE/Journalism/Art/Computers
- w On-site Special Education Services
- w Extracurricular Competitive Athletics
- w Vocational Training Opportunities

Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	93
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law ² :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	100

¹ For an explanation of the Achievement Profiles, please visit <http://www.ade.az.gov/azlearns>.

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

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

Council Duties

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	1.00	Teacher	6.00
Other Professional Staff	2.75	Teacher Aide	1.00

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

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

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

Desert Pointe Academy has a commitment to provide a physically and emotionally safe learning environment, high academic standards, and fairness and consistency in discipline. Personal character values and skills are reinforced through a schoolwide educational program, and are reflected throughout the school via rules, structure, and the presence of multicultural, dedicated, positive adult role models.

Parents

Parents of Desert Pointe students are expected to ensure their child's attendance at school, to reinforce a positive learning attitude, and to partner with the teachers and staff to support their child's learning both at home and school. Active involvement in school-based activities, such as fundraisers, extracurricular activities, and volunteering personal time at the school, is also strongly encouraged.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Transportation by school staff is provided on a first-registered, first-served basis. Students who are not transported by the school bus ride bikes, walk or are transported by their parents.

∨ Calendar Information ∨

Number of Instruction Days:	185	First Day of School:	8/14/02
Average Daily Instruction Time:	6 hrs. 30 min.	Last Day of School:	5/30/03

Operates on Traditional Schedule

Report Card Release Dates

10/21/02	1/6/03	3/24/03	5/30/03
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Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

In addition to formal report cards given during parent/teacher conferences on a quarterly basis, written progress reports are sent home with students half way through each quarter. Parents are also encouraged to contact their child's teacher should they have questions or concerns about their child's progress.

∨ Resources Available at School Site ∨

Nutrition Programs

Federal food programs available to eligible³ students:

Breakfast - Yes 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 Science Lab	W Half-court Gym
W Small Library	

Extracurricular Activities

W Student Council	W Off-site Educational Trips
W Afterschool Tutoring	W Organized, Competitive Sports Teams
W Special Interest Clubs	W Sponsored Clubs

School/Community Resources

W Counseling Services	W Breakfast/Lunch Programs
W CPR/First Aid Classes Offered On-site	W Career Guidance

∨ 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

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| <p>W Began implementation of curricular alignment with the Arizona State Standards.</p> | <p>W Created a computer lab and added computer elective courses for students, as well as professional development in technology for staff.</p> |
| <p>W Continued the increase and expansion of the on-site special education program. Doubled and expanded elective course offerings.</p> | <p>W Demonstrated an overall improvement in students' social and behavioral development, as measured by parent satisfaction surveys and self-reports. Participated in the state and world Solar Splash Competitions.</p> |

Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	93.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
Transfers Out ⁴	1.1 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	2.2 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	1.1 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	98.9 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
Retention Rate ⁷	1.1 %	1.5 %	2.1 %	5.2 %
Dropout Rate ⁸	0.0 %			9.5 %
Status Unknown ⁹	0.0 %			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
SRP Solar Splash Grant	2001
Para Professional Training Grant	2001
Improving Parent-Teacher Communication Grant	2001

∨ 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

Grade 8		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
Reading	School	16	504	19%	25%	56%	0%
	State	57484	504	24%	20%	40%	16%
Writing	School	18	475	22%	67%	11%	0%
	State	55420	493	15%	42%	41%	2%
Mathematics	School	18	449	39%	50%	6%	6%
	State	57734	459	39%	40%	14%	7%

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 10 (Class of 2003)²

Reading	School	12	515	8%	17%	75%	0%
	State	49803	512	15%	23%	48%	14%
Writing	School	14	459	7%	71%	21%	0%
	State	50471	477	17%	23%	59%	1%
Mathematics	School	12	463	83%	17%	0%	0%
	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."

∨ Mathematics Education and AIMS ∨

On April 24, 2000, the state Board of Education amended the high school graduation requirements to include the following: "Effective with the graduating class of 2004, the two required math credits shall be taken consecutively beginning with the ninth grade and course content shall reflect Academic Standards preparation for proficiency at the high school level." Parents should verify with the school that their ninth grade students are enrolled in one or more mathematics courses that provide instruction in the state Board-adopted mathematics standards that lead to proficiency in high school. Students who begin the ninth grade during the 2001-02 school year should be enrolled in a mathematics sequence that is aligned to the state's mathematics standards and includes instruction in the concepts and performance objectives that will be assessed by AIMS. The Board's amendment to the high school graduation requirements should not be interpreted to mean that all ninth grade students must be enrolled in any *particular* course. **The Board's intent is to assure that all ninth grade students are enrolled in courses that prepare students for success on AIMS.**

∨ **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												
7	Reading	--	--	52	--	--	53	--	--	52	73	39	53	75	33	55
	Language	--	--	52	--	--	54	--	--	54	69	36	55	71	36	58
	Mathematics	--	--	53	--	--	55	--	--	56	69	43	58	79	44	60
8	Reading	--	--	54	--	--	54	--	--	53	84	41	55	94	44	56
	Language	--	--	46	--	--	49	--	--	49	84	34	50	100	34	52
	Mathematics	--	--	52	--	--	54	--	--	56	78	35	58	100	50	59
9	Reading	--	--	44	--	--	43	68	30	43	57	36	43	48	37	43
	Language	--	--	39	--	--	39	68	21	40	52	41	41	48	26	42
	Mathematics	--	--	57	--	--	57	68	31	59	57	51	61	52	51	62
10	Reading	--	--	42	--	--	42	49	23	42	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	--	--	43	--	--	44	49	29	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	--	--	47	--	--	49	49	31	50	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	Reading	--	--	46	--	--	44	58	21	45	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	--	--	43	--	--	42	58	21	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	52	58	42	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 6-7	*	90
Grades 7-8	*	*

*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

Staff members are trained in positive discipline, crisis prevention, and CPR and First Aid measures. There is also a schoolwide Emergency Plan on which all staff have been trained. In addition, students who violate school safety rules are subject to a variety of consequences, including suspension, random searches, individualized behavioral contracts, and going before the Director and/or school board for further disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

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	\$4,515	\$423,059
Classroom Supplies	NDS	NDS
Administration	\$1,227	\$114,989
Support Services-Students	NDS	NDS
Other Support Services and Operations	\$1,884	\$176,490
Total Expenditures- All Categories 2000-2001	NDS	NDS

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.

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.

∨ Contacts ∨

	Name	Phone	Extension
School Site Council	Jeff Studer	(623) 930-1734	122
Transportation Policy	Tony Valencia	(623) 930-1734	117
Community Resources	Shannon Adams	(623) 930-1734	118
School Nutrition Programs	Lynette Thompson	(623) 930-1734	122
Parent Organization	Loretta Kellogg	(623) 878-6608	
Student Health/Nurse	Tammy Gray	(623) 930-1734	119

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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