

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile¹:

EL HS

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

Sequoia Charter School

Sequoia Charter School
1460 S. Horne, Mesa, AZ 85204

Principal: Ms. Judith Harper/Becky Pitney

Schedule: 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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Grades: 7-12

2002 Enrollment: 383

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∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

The mission of Sequoia Charter School is to assist families by using an effective blend of time-tested teaching techniques and new technology tools to prepare students with the competencies, character and confidence to fulfill their individual missions.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Elementary Program
- w Junior High Program
- w High School--24-credit Diploma

School/Academic Goals

- w Students will have an average growth of over one year on AIMS or the Stanford 9 standardized test administered in the spring.
- w Students will complete and exceed the Arizona Academic Standards at all levels 7-12.
- w Sequoia High School graduates will complete the requirements for high school graduation and take college classes for which they qualify on the Sequoia School campus.
- w Tutorial hour will continue to have a positive impact on student achievement.

Instructional Programs

- w Standards Based
- w Drama, Music, Speech & Debate
- w ASL & English
- w Core: Grades 7-8 (Lang. Arts/Reading/SS)
- w College Dual Enrollment - CGCC, Rio
- w Internet Dual Enrollment - Rio Salado
- w Interscholastic Sports

Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	375
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law ² :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	369

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.

NDS = No Data Submitted NR = No Response NA = Not Applicable ISD = Insufficient Data to Calculate Rate

∨ **School Site Council** ∨

Council Composition

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

Council Duties

- w Fundraising
- w Volunteer in Classrooms
- w Assist Staff as Needed with Activities

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	2.00	Teacher	19.00
Other Professional Staff	3.00	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	5	2	0	2
4 to 6 years	2	0	0	2
7 to 9 years	2	0	0	1
10 or more years	1	2	1	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

One of the major advantages of charter schools is the choices made available to meet different needs. While we cannot provide everything for everyone, with a child-centered, standards-based elementary and a secondary school which includes deaf students, dual enrollment college classes and technology-assisted individual studies (for courses with too few students for a traditional class), we can meet most of the needs of all the children from many families.

Parents

Because of the fundamental belief that we are here to assist families in the education of their children, parents assist the school in the teaching of their children by serving on the PTO; chaperoning or leading activities and field trips; helping in classrooms with special projects; guest speaking and presenting in classes, communicating with their children's teachers and helping their children understand what they are learning through home discussions.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Provide limited bus routes.

∨ Calendar Information ∨

Number of Instruction Days: 177 **First Day of School:** 8/19/02
Average Daily Instruction Time: 6 hrs. 0 min. **Last Day of School:** 5/29/03
Operates on Traditional Schedule

Report Card Release Dates

11/15/02 12/27/02 4/11/03 6/4/03

Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

Listed above are four of the six report card release dates. To improve communication with the parents Sequoia School sends report cards every six weeks. The first report card date for fall semester is 10-3-02. The first report card date for spring semester is 2-21-03.

∨ 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 28-computer Literacy and Graphics Lab

W Computers in All Classrooms

W 36-computer Media Center

W 10-acre Campus Across Street from Park

Extracurricular Activities

W Volley/Basketball/Track/Cross Co., Socc

W Music/Drama Club

W Middle Ages Re-enactment Society

W Afternoon & Lunch Tutoring

W Outdoor/Culture/Book/Kenpo Clubs

W Speech & Debate

W Student Council Activities, Dances/Prom

School/Community Resources

W High School LDS Seminary Next to Campus

∨ 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 Secondary students are required to earn 70% in a subject in order to receive credit and/or pass.</p> | <p>W 30% of Sequoia high school graduates received college scholarships. Many 11th and 12th grade students are enrolled in college courses on our campus.</p> |
| <p>W Sequoia School is fully accredited by the North Central Association.</p> | <p>W Seventy-eight percent (78%) of all tenth grade students passed Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) in Writing for 2001.</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	27.1 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	0.2 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	5.5 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	99.7 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
Retention Rate ⁷	0.3 %	1.5 %	2.1 %	5.2 %
Dropout Rate ⁸	2.3 %			9.5 %
Status Unknown ⁹	1.9 %			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
State Approved Teacher Cert. Program	2000

∨ 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	61	506	16%	25%	48%	11%
	State	57484	504	24%	20%	40%	16%
Writing	School	59	489	12%	53%	34%	2%
	State	55420	493	15%	42%	41%	2%
Mathematics	School	59	441	54%	39%	5%	2%
	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	42	515	10%	33%	40%	17%
	State	49803	512	15%	23%	48%	14%
Writing	School	44	471	16%	25%	59%	0%
	State	50471	477	17%	23%	59%	1%
Mathematics	School	42	474	52%	26%	14%	7%
	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	--	44	52	--	--	53	91	55	55
	Language	--	--	52	--	--	54	--	50	54	--	--	55	93	49	58
	Mathematics	--	--	53	--	--	55	--	43	56	--	--	58	91	54	60
8	Reading	--	--	54	--	--	54	--	44	53	--	--	55	79	56	56
	Language	--	--	46	--	--	49	--	43	49	--	--	50	79	52	52
	Mathematics	--	--	52	--	--	54	--	42	56	--	--	58	79	53	59
9	Reading	--	--	44	--	--	43	--	43	43	--	--	43	69	44	43
	Language	--	--	39	--	--	39	--	36	40	--	--	41	73	40	42
	Mathematics	--	--	57	--	--	57	--	59	59	--	--	61	71	55	62
10	Reading	--	--	42	--	--	42	--	39	42	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	--	--	43	--	--	44	--	47	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	--	--	47	--	--	49	--	35	50	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	Reading	--	--	46	--	--	44	--	41	45	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	--	--	43	--	--	42	--	47	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	52	--	43	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	80	64
Grades 7-8	78	78
*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

We are dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing atmosphere of respect that fosters the love of learning. Parents/faculty have developed a Contract of Expectations, which, as a condition of enrollment, the student & parent must be willing to abide by & uphold. Expectations are to respect the law, property of others, individual differences & the privilege of education. Our Behavior, Zero-Tolerance policies and Dress Code are strictly enforced. Respect-Education presented yearly to staff/students.

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 not 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	\$2,105	\$1,602,560
Classroom Supplies	NDS	NDS
Administration	\$1,069	\$813,436
Support Services-Students	NDS	NDS
Other Support Services and Operations	\$1,574	\$1,197,890
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	Judith Harper	(480) 649-7737	
Transportation Policy	Laurie Presnell	(480) 649-7737	2199
Community Resources	NDS		
School Nutrition Programs	Elaine Mann	(480) 649-7737	2302
Parent Organization	Patricia Bierwagen	(480) 649-7737	
Student Health/Nurse	Marjorie Smith	(480) 649-7737	2305

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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