

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile¹:

Tse Ho Tso Intermediate School

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

Window Rock Unified District
Navajo Route 12, Ft Defiance, AZ 86504
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Principal: Mr. Victor Benally
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Grades: 3-5
2002 Enrollment: 418
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∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

School Vision: Children are the future; together we make it happen. School Mission: The THTIS staff are consistently committed to challenging every student to learn to the best of his/her ability in a safe and positive environment. Every student is valued, respected and encouraged to grow academically, socially, culturally and emotionally. Active parental and community partnerships and involvement are encouraged in the education of our children.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Focus is the Basic Skills!
- w Self-contained w/Team Teaching Classes
- w ESL-Navajo Language for All
- w Empowered Staff, Excelling Students

School/Academic Goals

- w All students will succeed and meet the Arizona student content area and the Arizona Academic Standards as determined by the Stanford 9 and AIMS.
- w All students will improve their school attendance by at least 5% each school year.

Instructional Programs

- w On-site Special Education
- w Music, P.E., library, programs
- w Arizona Academic Standards Driven
- w Spalding Reading/Phonics
- w Gifted/Talented Program
- w At-risk Social Services/Coun. Interven.
- w Navajo Language/Immersion
- w Career Ladder Tutoring Program

- w All student basic skills class norms will rise by a minimum of 1.0 GLE each school year as measured by the Stanford 9.
- w The school will produce academically prepared, happy, positive students as assessed by the faculty on an annual rating scale.

Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	472
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law ² :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	35

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

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

Council Duties

- w Curriculum Development
- w Textbook Selections
- w Instructional Program Improvement
- w Extracurricular Activities
- w Budget

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	1.00	Teacher	34.00
Other Professional Staff	1.50	Teacher Aide	4.00

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

Experience	Degree			
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	11	0	0	0
4 to 6 years	3	2	0	0
7 to 9 years	2	2	0	0
10 or more years	8	6	0	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

To receive each student into a safe, nurturing environment and assist all students in their highest development academically, physically, attitudinally and psychologically.

Parents

To send their children to school after ensuring that they are settled, have had adequate hygiene, sleep and nutrition. Parents are invited to confer with their children's teachers at least each mid-quarter and on regular conference and open-house dates. School-Parent teamship is provided.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Bus transportation is provided for all students outside a one-mile radius of school. Students with certified special needs receive accommodating transportation service. Students who ride buses do so as a privilege and not a right. Bus riding privileges can be denied because of unacceptable student behavior.

∨ 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 A student progress-oriented and dedicated faculty constantly striving toward excellence in teaching students to meet the Arizona Academic Standards.</p> | <p>W The school's students have improved their overall school attendance.</p> |
| <p>W An empowered faculty and staff have produced academically empowered and healthier students.</p> | <p>W Development of curriculum that is aligned with Arizona Academic Standards is being continued by our faculty and staff.</p> |

Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	94.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
Transfers Out ⁴	11.3 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	0.4 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	4.9 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	98.3 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
Retention Rate ⁷	1.7 %	1.5 %	2.1 %	5.2 %
Dropout Rate ⁸	NA			9.5 %
Status Unknown ⁹	NA			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
Exemplary Navajo Language Program	1999
AIE Science Fair Top Honors	1999
North Central Association Membership Continued	2000
Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program	2002

∨ 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 3		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
Reading	School	36	507	17%	31%	39%	14%
	State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
Writing	School	35	522	20%	17%	51%	11%
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%
Mathematics	School	35	487	23%	46%	14%	17%
	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	55	492	35%	36%	27%	2%
	State	61305	505	21%	20%	43%	15%
Writing	School	52	476	37%	40%	17%	6%
	State	59599	512	17%	26%	42%	16%
Mathematics	School	55	450	40%	47%	5%	7%
	State	61760	494	14%	40%	12%	34%

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												
3	Reading	90	21	47	100	27	47	92	20	48	91	23	50	21	37	50
	Language	91	27	49	100	33	51	93	27	54	94	32	56	21	44	57
	Mathematics	91	28	46	100	33	49	93	30	52	95	27	54	21	48	56
4	Reading	82	32	53	94	26	54	87	30	54	90	35	55	24	29	55
	Language	85	35	47	100	31	49	90	28	48	89	34	50	24	33	50
	Mathematics	85	35	51	100	37	54	90	37	55	91	39	57	24	42	58
5	Reading	91	24	51	93	32	51	93	22	51	91	31	51	28	27	53
	Language	93	22	42	98	35	44	93	26	45	91	29	45	28	33	47
	Mathematics	95	29	51	99	42	54	93	33	55	93	40	57	28	44	59

∨ 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	37	51
Grades 3-4	86	87
Grades 4-5	43	72
Grades 5-6	***	***

*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

Our school has an Intervention Team made up of principal, counselor, psychologist, social worker, and parenting specialist. We identify at-risk students early and develop intervention strategies. We have opened a Parent Center that works to improve parenting skills and improve communication between the school and the parents. Teachers must communicate with parents daily.

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	\$4,236	\$1,840,751
Classroom Supplies	\$35	\$15,035
Administration	\$801	\$348,209
Support Services-Students	\$466	\$202,410
Other Support Services and Operations	\$1,252	\$543,817
Total Expenditures- All Categories 2000-2001	\$6,790	\$2,950,222

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	Matthew Baker	(928) 729-7554	
Transportation Policy	Chester Mego	(928) 729-7532	
Community Resources	Allan Begay	(928) 729-7504	
School Nutrition Programs	Gloria Perkins	(928) 729-7615	
Parent Organization	Ruby Allen	(928) 729-7697	
Student Health/Nurse	Karen Little Elk	(928) 729-7557	

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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