

# ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile<sup>1</sup>:

## Mountain School #1

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

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Grades: Pre-K-6  
2002 Enrollment: 97  
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### ∨ School Overview ∨

#### Mission

Mountain School is a non-profit, charter school serving grades Pre-K-6. Children are encouraged to develop their academic goals with the support and guidance of teachers and parents, thus enabling the school to preserve the child's individuality, cultivate self-esteem and instill social responsibility. We accomplish this through small classes, low teacher-student ratios, integrated multilevel teaching, a breadth of courses (125+) which express different ways to approach learning.

#### Organization and Philosophy

- w Thematic Instruction
- w Multiage Classrooms
- w Charter School
- w Small Student-Teacher Ratio

#### School/Academic Goals

- w Mountain School uses a multi-sensory approach to teaching, building on what the child already knows about oral language, reading and writing.
- w Mountain School is committed to having children gain academic breadth while maintaining their inherent love of learning, a school where learning works in concert with children's senses of integrity and self-esteem.
- w The Spanish language is taught to students. Teachers are often native speakers and bring cultural, as well as excellent mechanical use of the language.
- w Art pervades all of the subjects in the curriculum and is taught as a separate class each week. The children are given a wide variety of materials to manipulate.

#### Instructional Programs

- w Individualized Instruction
- w Enrichment
- w Full-day Kindergarten
- w Odyssey of the Mind
- w Inclusive Classrooms
- w Foreign Language
- w Spalding Phonics
- w Music and Art

#### Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	42
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law <sup>2</sup> :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	72

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

<sup>2</sup> 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)  
 0 Non-certified Employee(s)  
 8 Teacher(s)  
 9 Parent(s)  
 1 Community Member(s)  
 8 Student(s)

**Council Duties**

w School Safety Issues  
 w Student Discipline  
 w Extracurricular Activities  
 w Fund-raising Activities  
 w Character Education  
 w Vision for Future

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	2.00	Teacher	12.00
Other Professional Staff	5.00	Teacher Aide	3.00

**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	1	1	0	0
7 to 9 years	1	0	0	0
10 or more years	0	2	0	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

**School**

Committed to children gaining academic breadth while maintaining their inherent love of learning in a safe environment. Provide an environment in which children construct their curriculum with proper materials. Provide a creative environment so children can better develop problem-solving skills. Communicate openly and effectively about the child's progress. Maintain and foster high standards of academic achievement and positive behavior.

**Parents**

Parents are responsible for transportation arrangements. Commit consistent time to share in the activities of Mountain School and enrich the program with their talents. Provide plenty of food and warm, clean clothes. Assist in fund-raising efforts. Support their children by ensuring that they attend school daily and arrive to school on time. Attend school conferences. Provide a well-lit, quiet place for their children to complete their homework.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Mountain School presently relies on the parents as the main source of transportation. We contract with The Charter Bus which picks up and drops off children at two convenient location. The school and parents split the cost for this service. We own and operate a school van for field trips.

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### ∨ Calendar Information ∨

**Number of Instruction Days:** 180                      **First Day of School:** 8/21/02  
**Average Daily Instruction Time:** 5 hrs. 20 min.      **Last Day of School:** 6/3/03  
**Operates on Traditional Schedule**

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#### Report Card Release Dates

10/23/02                      2/13/03                      5/15/03

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### Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

Since we serve just 80 families, we see most of these parents every day, sometimes twice, and are able to discuss any progress (or lack of) face-to-face.

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### ∨ Resources Available at School Site ∨

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#### Nutrition Programs

Federal food programs available to eligible<sup>3</sup> students:

Breakfast - No                      Lunch - No                      Summer Food - No

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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#### Special Facilities

W NDS

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#### Extracurricular Activities

W Drama Club

W Art Club

W Indigo Movement

W Yearbook Club

W Odyssey of the Mind

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#### School/Community Resources

W Afterschool Program

W DES Services

W Recreational Activities

W Health Services

W Speech Pathology Services

W Educational Evaluation Services

W Educational Think Tank

W Coconino County Superintendent's Office

## ∨ 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 Many students excel in the Mountain School environment and work above grade level. 75% of our students are highly motivated, independent learners.</p>  | <p>W Art covers most performing and visual arts. Our students are given many opportunities to perform plays, choral concerts and enter work in galleries.</p>       |
| <p>W All of our students participate in classes that incorporate Odyssey of the Mind curriculum. This enrichment focuses on students thinking outside the box, and encourages children to think creatively to solve ordinary problems.</p> | <p>W All students, including Pre-Kindergarten, study a foreign language, usually Spanish. Students often have performance opportunities at the community level.</p> |

### Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
<b>Attendance Rate</b>	92.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
<b>Transfers Out</b> <sup>4</sup>	14.3 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
<b>Transfers In</b> <sup>5</sup> : Within District	4.3 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
<b>Transfers In</b> <sup>5</sup> : Out-of-District	14.3 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
<b>Promotion Rate</b> <sup>6</sup>	98.4 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
<b>Retention Rate</b> <sup>7</sup>	1.6 %	1.5 %	2.1 %	5.2 %
<b>Dropout Rate</b> <sup>8</sup>	NA			9.5 %
<b>Status Unknown</b> <sup>9</sup>	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.**

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Retention Rate: Percentage of students retained at the end of the 2001-02 school year.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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
Odyssey of the Mind - 2nd Place	1998
Student Citizen of the Week	2000
Placed at the NAU Science Fair	2002
6th Grade Math Challenge (County-wide) - 1st Place	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 <sup>1</sup>, 2001-02

		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Reading</b>	**	**	**	**	**	**
	School State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
<b>Writing</b>	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%
<b>Mathematics</b>	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

<b>Reading</b>	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	61305	505	21%	20%	43%	15%
<b>Writing</b>	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	59599	512	17%	26%	42%	16%
<b>Mathematics</b>	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	61760	494	14%	40%	12%	34%

<sup>1</sup>Results reflect student performance on the English form of AIMS.

<sup>2</sup>Class 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												
1	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	100	68	60	--	--	--
2	Reading	--	--	--	100	31	50	100	81	52	50	--	53	100	42	57
	Language	--	--	--	100	**	40	100	77	43	50	--	44	100	44	48
	Mathematics	--	--	--	100	46	51	100	93	55	50	--	57	100	42	61
3	Reading	--	68	47	50	**	47	--	--	48	--	--	50	56	**	50
	Language	--	76	49	100	21	51	--	--	54	--	--	56	56	**	57
	Mathematics	--	62	46	100	37	49	--	--	52	--	--	54	56	**	56
4	Reading	--	76	53	88	61	54	--	--	54	--	--	55	100	68	55
	Language	--	63	47	88	46	49	--	--	48	--	--	50	100	59	50
	Mathematics	--	74	51	88	72	54	--	--	55	--	--	57	100	65	58
5	Reading	--	71	51	100	70	51	--	--	51	--	--	51	100	65	53
	Language	--	45	42	100	54	44	--	--	45	--	--	45	100	62	47
	Mathematics	--	71	51	100	77	54	--	--	55	--	--	57	100	74	59
6	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	--	--	53	--	--	54	--	--	56
	Language	--	--	41	--	--	44	--	--	44	--	--	45	--	--	47
	Mathematics	--	--	57	--	--	59	--	--	60	--	--	63	--	--	65

## ∨ 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 Stanine<sup>9</sup> or advances a Stanine from one year to the next. The percentage of students achieving OYG at the school is reported below.

<sup>9</sup> 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 Percentage of Students Achieving One Year's Growth	Math Percentage of Students Achieving One Year's Growth
<b>Grades 2-3</b>	*	*
<b>Grades 3-4</b>	*	*
<b>Grades 4-5</b>	*	*
<b>Grades 5-6</b>	**	**
<b>Grades 6-7</b>	***	***

\*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

Mountain School provides a safe and risk-free environment where each child and parent is respected. Parents are an integral part of the learning environment and encouraged to become involved in their child's education. In order to create a true sense of community, it is imperative that an orderly and manageable framework be maintained. It is the responsibility of each member of the community of learners to help preserve all aspects of the classroom environment. Character Counts principles used.

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).

0

**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	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

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
<b>School Site Council</b>	Renee Fauset	(928) 779-2392	
<b>Transportation Policy</b>	Renee Fauset	(928) 779-2392	
<b>Community Resources</b>	Anne Marie Mackler	(928) 773-9196	
<b>School Nutrition Programs</b>	Renee Fauset	(928) 779-2392	
<b>Parent Organization</b>	Dayna Watts	(928) 779-2392	
<b>Student Health/Nurse</b>	Elena Kirschner	(928) 779-0274	

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/](http://www.ade.az.gov/srcs/) on the Internet.

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