



Rim Country Middle School
Payson Unified District
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ARIZONA
 School Report Card
 2000-2001

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Grades: 6-8
1999 Enrollment: 673
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∨ **School Overview** ∨

Mission

Our mission is to provide a quality education for all students through a unique, safe, caring, learning environment in which students acquire critical thinking skills and achieve personal excellence which foster current and future productivity.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Student/Teacher Teams
- w Interdisciplinary Instruction
- w Rotating Block Schedules
- w Comprehensive Guidance Program

Instructional Programs

- w Core Academics (Read/Sci/SS/Math/Engl)
- w Accelerated Reader Program
- w Multiple Exploratory Opportunities
- w On-site Special Education
- w Family and Consumer Sciences
- w Comprehensive Competency-based Guidance
- w Music/Band/Choir
- w Vocational Technology

School/Academic Goals

- w The implementation of a variety of technology resources to improve student achievement.
- w The development of programs that have a positive impact on the character development of students.
- w The development of an alternative school program to help keep all students in school.
- w An emphasis on bringing all students to the level of meeting standards expected by the state of Arizona.

Enrollment

2000-2001 School Year Student Enrollment as of 10/23/00: 863
 Accepting New Students in 2000-2001 Under Open Enrollment Law¹: Yes
 Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 1999-2000: 5

¹ 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

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

Council Duties

- w Curriculum Development
- w Textbook Selection
- w Student Discipline
- w School Safety Issues
- w Extracurricular Activities
- w Schoolwide Project Development

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

School administration and instruction for school year 2000-2001 are provided by:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Number</u>
Administrator	2.00	Teacher	36.00
Other Professional Staff	4.00	Teacher Aide	7.00

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

<u>Experience</u>	<u>Degree</u>			
	<u>Bachelor's</u>	<u>Master's</u>	<u>Doctorate</u>	<u>Other</u>
3 or fewer years	7	0	0	0
4 to 6 years	5	1	0	0
7 to 9 years	8	1	0	0
10 or more years	9	5	0	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

High academic standards are an expectation at RCMS. With parental input, the school has established a strong Code of Conduct for all members of the organization, adult and student alike. We have established a Zero-tolerance Policy against violence or gang-related activities. A School Resource Officer, peer mediation, DARE, Project Alert and group counseling are all used to make our school safe.

Parents

Parents are responsible for the basic survival needs of their children and to provide support, encouragement and discipline. They are responsible for helping their children understand the importance of education by inquiring about the school day, assignments and progress. Children should be given a proper location in the home at which uninterrupted study time is allowed. Parents should ensure that their children arrive at and attend school regularly and on time, and abide by school rules.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Bus transportation is a privilege offered to any of our students who live over one and one-half miles from the school campus, up to a distance of approximately 30 miles. Approximately 65% of our student population qualify for bus service.

∨ Calendar Information ∨

Number of Instruction Days: 177	First Day of School: 8/16/00
Average Daily Instruction Time: 6 hrs. 45 min.	Last Day of School: 5/28/01
Number of Year-round Tracks: 0	Operates on Traditional Schedule

Report Card Release Dates

10/23/00 1/10/01 3/30/01 5/27/01

Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

Parents can access student progress through agendas, progress reports, newsletters and track sheets. Parents are encouraged to meet with teachers in a conference format to review the progress and needs of their children.

∨ Resources Available at School Site ∨

Nutrition and Limited English Proficient Programs

Federal food programs available to eligible² students:

Breakfast - Yes Lunch - Yes Summer Food - No

Limited English Proficient programs³ available to eligible students:

Bilingual - No ESL - Yes ILEP - No

² 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.

³ Limited English Proficient (LEP) means having a low level of skill in comprehending, speaking, reading and writing the English language because of being from an environment in which another language is spoken. LEP students are eligible to participate in one of the programs that follow. English as a Second Language (ESL): Students are given daily instructions in English language development and cognitive and academic skills development in English, as well as instruction in the history and culture of the United States and the culture associated with their primary home language. Bilingual: Students are given instruction in and through English and their primary home language to increase dual language proficiency and academic achievement. Individual Language Education Program (ILEP): Each school district having nine or fewer LEP pupils in any kindergarten program or grade in any school shall provide these LEP pupils with either a bilingual program or ESL program or shall provide an ILEP for each of these pupils that provides a plan for meeting the cultural and linguistic needs of the pupil. An ILEP consists of a systematic, individualized program of instruction designed to ensure equal educational opportunities for the pupil by promoting English language development and by sustaining normal academic achievement through the use of the pupil's primary home language for subject matter instruction.

Special Facilities

W Vocational Technology Lab

W Computer Assisted FACS

W Guidance Center

W Accelerated Reader Testing Center

Extracurricular Activities

W Academic League Team

W STRIVE Club

W Student Council

W Interscholastic Athletics

W Journalism/Yearbook Club

W Performing Band/Chorus

W Builder's Club

W Bell Club

School/Community Resources

W DARE Program

W Service Club Sponsorships

W Local Business Partners

W Lunch Program

W Breakfast Program

W Afterschool Program

W Health Services

W Payson Youth Organization

∨ Indicators of Success ∨

Information provided on this page is based on historical data, primarily from the previous school year, 1999-2000.

1999-2000 School Achievements/Accomplishments

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| <p>W Award winning science program reflected by the large number of winners at the Central Arizona Science and Engineering Fair.</p> | <p>W Successful increase in overall reading scores during the 1999-2000 school year. Increase attributed to a district focus on reading and the Accelerated Reader Program.</p> |
| <p>W Increase in available technology resources. The school invested \$20,000 in site funds to new computers and software. Acquisition of 80 new computers through the state Facilities Fund.</p> | <p>W Increase in contacts with parents and community. Neighborhood meetings lead to implementation of parent suggestions. Parent E-mail lists and a web site are available to improve school to home contact.</p> |

Student Information: 1999-2000 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	93.9%	94.7%	93.4%	94.1%
Transfers Out⁴	9.6%	13.2%	12.2%	12.7%
Transfers In⁵: Within District	0.1%	2.2%	1.8%	2.1%
Transfers In⁵: Out-of-District	11.1%	5.9%	5.5%	5.8%
Promotion Rate⁶	ISD	97.7%	95.4%	82.3%
Retention Rate⁷	ISD	1.4%	2.4%	5.1%
Dropout Rate⁸	NA			12.2%
Status Unknown⁹	NA			7.0%

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 1999-2000 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 1999-2000 school year. Out-of-District: Percentage of accountable students entering school who were previously enrolled in another school district during the 1999-2000 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 1999-2000 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 1999-2000 school year.

⁸ Dropout Rate: Percentage of students counted as withdrawn due to chronic illness, expulsion or dropping out during the 1998-1999 school year, to include activity during the summer of 1998. 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 1999-2000 is not yet available.

⁹ Status Unknown: Percentage of students unaccounted for by any method during the 1998-1999 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
Middle Level Counselor of the Year	1999
Payson Teacher of the Year	2000
Middle Level Teacher of the Year	1998
White Mountain League FB Champions	2000

∨ Academic Achievement Indicators ∨

Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) is a test designed to measure each student's progress in learning the Arizona Academic Standards. Effective with the Class of 2002 (tenth graders in 1999-2000), students must meet or exceed the Standard on the reading and writing portions of AIMS in order to be eligible for a high school diploma. Students in the class of 2004 must also pass the math portion as a graduation requirement. High school students who did not attain "Meets the Standard" or "Exceeds the Standard" in reading, writing or math will have additional opportunities to retake the test in their junior and senior years. Students in grades 3, 5 and 8 will also take AIMS.

AIMS Results, 1999-2000

Grade 8		Number Tested	MS	FFB ¹	A ¹	M ¹	E ¹
Reading	School	185	506	16%	25%	44%	15%
	District	186	505	17%	25%	44%	15%
	State	57752	499	30%	18%	38%	14%
Writing	School	183	494	11%	46%	41%	2%
	District	183	494	11%	46%	41%	2%
	State	56051	497	17%	35%	45%	3%
Mathematics	School	185	458	61%	27%	12%	1%
	District	186	458	61%	27%	12%	1%
	State	57975	465	50%	34%	11%	5%

Legend

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

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

²Class of 2002 is the cohort of students who began 9th grade during the 1998-1999 school year.

Items of data containing information about fewer than five 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 2000-01 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 ∨

In 1997 and 1998, students in grades 3 through 12 were tested in reading, language and mathematics using the standardized, nationally norm-referenced *Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition* (Stanford 9). In 1999 and 2000, students were tested in grades 2 through 11. The percentage of eligible students tested (%) and the school's percentile rank score are presented below. State percentile rank scores (AZ) are provided for comparison. Also, note that the percentile rank scores 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 five 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

		1996-1997			1997-1998			1998-1999			1999-2000		
Grade	Content Area	%	Score	AZ									
6	Reading	84	55	52	100	53	53	100	62	54	95	62	53
	Language	83	41	40	100	41	41	100	49	44	96	47	44
	Mathematics	85	55	54	100	55	57	100	64	59	98	63	60
7	Reading	80	52	52	89	54	52	100	59	53	90	57	52
	Language	79	45	49	91	50	52	100	57	54	90	54	54
	Mathematics	81	48	50	96	46	53	100	59	55	94	51	56
8	Reading	88	60	54	80	62	54	100	62	54	84	61	53
	Language	86	49	45	81	50	46	100	53	49	84	53	49
	Mathematics	87	55	50	84	54	52	100	60	54	87	61	56

∨ 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 1999 and 2000. 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 2000. Average student growth over the course of the past academic year is compared to a national average in the table below. One hundred percent (100%) indicates that students in a particular grade level at the school have achieved an average amount of growth compared to a national sample. A percentage greater than 100 percent indicates student growth was greater than the national average.

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

	Reading	Math
	Percentage of Expected Gain	Percentage of Expected Gain
Grades 6-7	80	4
Grades 7-8	122	131

*Less than 8 students matched

**Less than 25% of 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 orderly environment for learning. The *2000 Comprehensive Health and Prevention Program Survey Annual Report* provides additional information on Health and Prevention Programs, School Safety and Security Measures, Policy Violations and Expulsions at www.ade.az.gov/ResearchPolicy/chapps/.

School-level Efforts to Ensure a Safe and Orderly Environment for Learning

Our school addresses safety issues through a staff Safety Committee. The committee meets on a monthly basis to discuss safety issues, revise procedures and suggest new efforts. The committee also meets after any major incident to review the situation and how it was handled. In addition, RCMS conducts periodic lock-down drills to review student and staff performance in emergency situations.

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).

▽ Per Pupil and School Expenditures for the 1999-2000 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 1999-2000	NDS	NDS

Total Expenditures may not be exact because of rounding.

Information is self-reported by the district and is unaudited.

* Based upon 1999-2000 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.

▽ Classroom Enhancement Funds 1999-2000 ▽

For fiscal year 1999-2000, school districts and charter schools shall report on the School Report Card issued pursuant to section 15-746, Arizona Revised Statutes, a summary of any monies received pursuant to Section 23 of H.B. 2007 for fiscal year 1999-2000 and a description of how the monies were used to enhance classrooms to augment pupil learning.

Total Amount Awarded to School District/Charter Holder \$70,956.24 [\$18.48 per Student x Enrollment (ADM)].

Enhancement Programs	Amount Spent
Classroom Teacher Salaries	\$17,978.78
Employing New Teachers	
Teacher Training and Development	
Classroom Technology	
Strengthening K-3 Programs	
Additional School Days	
Support Programs to Meet State Standards	
Reading Clinics	
Achieving/Maintaining School Sizes for Fewer Than 450 Pupils	

Total Amount of Classroom Enhancement Funds Expended at the School Level \$17,978.78

▽ Contacts ▽

	Name	Phone	Extension
School Site Council	Frank Larby	(520) 474-4511	2140
Transportation Policy	Phil Johnson	(520) 474-4511	2308
Community Resources	Frank Larby	(520) 474-4511	2140
School Nutrition Programs	Lisa Hillegas	(520) 474-4511	2159
Parent Organization	NDS		
Student Health/Nurse	Linda Swartwood	(520) 474-4511	2148

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 <http://www.ade.state.az.us/srcs/> on the Internet.

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