

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile¹:

Mesa High School

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

Mesa Unified District
1630 E. Southern Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85204-5299

Principal: Mr. Peter V. Lesar
Schedule: 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Web Address: www.mpsaz.org/mesa/
E-mail: pvlesar@mpsaz.org

Grades: 10-12
2002 Enrollment: 2655
Phone: (480) 472-5900
Fax: (480) 472-5995

∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

The mission of Mesa High School is to:
-Establish high expectations
-Promote personal accountability
-Provide relevant learning opportunities
-Create a motivational learning environment
-Facilitate mastery of school, district and state standards

Organization and Philosophy

- w Comprehensive Traditional High School
- w Departmental Teaching Cadres
- w Legacy of Strong Traditions
- w Meets National Accreditation Standards

School/Academic Goals

- w Increase academic achievement in the area of reading.
- w Increase academic achievement in the area of writing.

Instructional Programs

- w Scholastic or Standard Diploma Option
- w Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment
- w Opportunities for Gifted and Talented
- w English as a Second Language
- w School-to-Work Educational Opportunities
- w Special Education Services
- w Technology Integrated into Instruction
- w Technology Certification Courses

- w Increase academic achievement in the area of mathematics.

Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	2652
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law ² :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	139

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

Council Duties

- w Parent/Educator Relations
- w Curriculum Development
- w Site Improvement
- w School Safety Issues
- w Guidelines for Student Behavior
- w Extracurricular Travel

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	4.00	Teacher	130.00
Other Professional Staff	11.00	Teacher Aide	13.00

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

Experience	Degree			
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	6	2	0	2
4 to 6 years	10	7	0	0
7 to 9 years	5	9	0	0
10 or more years	21	82	1	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

Our school's responsibility to parents is to keep the lines of communication open concerning the student's progress and achievement. We also must provide a safe environment where students can succeed academically and grow as young adults. Caring, competent and efficient teachers, along with administrators who maintain a focus on achievement, create an atmosphere conducive to student success.

Parents

Mesa High parents are committed to sending students prepared to learn, promoting proper nourishment and health practices, and appropriate clothing. Parents support a safe campus, the drug-free and weapon-free zones, and the enforcement of the schools' behavioral standards. Support for a comprehensive academic program, complete fine arts department, wide variety of student clubs and a full-range athletic program is strong and highly encouraged.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Busing is provided for all students who live more than two miles from the school to which they are assigned. Transportation is not provided for open enrollment students. Specialized transportation for special education students is addressed in the IEP.

∨ Calendar Information ∨

Number of Instruction Days:	180	First Day of School:	8/15/02
Average Daily Instruction Time:	6 hrs. 0 min.	Last Day of School:	5/29/03

Operates on Traditional Schedule

Report Card Release Dates

10/25/02	12/26/02	3/13/03	6/5/03
----------	----------	---------	--------

Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

∨ 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 Library (Media Center) and Computer Labs	W Fine and Performing Art Facilities
W Vocational and Technology Labs	W Complete Athletic Facilities

Extracurricular Activities

W Student Government	W Exceptional Performing Arts Programs
W Vocational Educational Clubs	W Competitive Athletic Programs
W Academic Decathlon Team	W Forensics, Speech and Debate
W National Honor Society	W Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC)

School/Community Resources

W Job Placement Services	W Counseling Services
W Crisis Intervention	W Health Services
W Adult Education Opportunities	W School Resource Officer
W Breakfast/Lunch Programs	W Alternative Education Opportunities

∨ 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

W Mesa High School has successfully achieved North Central Outcomes Accreditation.

W Technology is available for student use in the Media Center, specialized labs and in individual classrooms.

W Eighty-four percent (84%) of the stakeholders gave Mesa High School a grade of A or B on the Quality Service Survey.

Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	95.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
Transfers Out ⁴	17.9 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	0.1 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	3.4 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	99.0 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
Retention Rate ⁷	1.0 %	1.5 %	2.1 %	5.2 %
Dropout Rate ⁸	1.7 %			9.5 %
Status Unknown ⁹	1.0 %			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
Service Learning-Class of 2002 donated 18,278 hours	2002
42 Athletes Made 1st Team East Valley	2002
Scholarships to Seniors \$9,543,000+	2002
National Skills USA Competition-TQM National Champs	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 10 (Class of 2003) ²		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
Reading	School	804	523	10%	19%	54%	17%
	State	49803	512	15%	23%	48%	14%
Writing	School	791	489	10%	16%	73%	1%
	State	50471	477	17%	23%	59%	1%
Mathematics	School	824	503	23%	22%	33%	21%
	State	50429	480	48%	19%	22%	10%

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

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												
10	Reading	82	44	42	88	49	42	70	49	42	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	83	50	43	92	53	44	71	53	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	83	55	47	89	60	49	75	62	50	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	Reading	84	51	46	100	51	44	78	50	45	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	84	53	43	100	47	42	76	46	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	84	63	51	100	63	52	82	65	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; therefore, no data to report.

∨ 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

The Mesa USD and Mesa High are committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment for instruction and learning. To achieve this, we have an active program of prevention and enforcement through the collaboration of school, police and probation officials. Clear and concise student behavior rules and expectations are set and aggressively, fairly and consistently enforced. Additionally, students receive instruction in the form of Law Related Education through the Arizona Safe Schools Program.

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)

30

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	\$3,132	\$8,075,023
Classroom Supplies	\$46	\$118,634
Administration	\$416	\$1,073,126
Support Services-Students	\$343	\$883,892
Other Support Services and Operations	\$672	\$1,733,945
Total Expenditures- All Categories 2000-2001	\$4,609	\$11,884,620

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	Peter V. Lesar	(480) 472-5903	
Transportation Policy	Community Relations	(480) 472-0222	
Community Resources	Kay Opper	(480) 472-5918	
School Nutrition Programs	Misty Smith	(480) 472-5938	
Parent Organization	Julie Ashby	(480) 472-5903	
Student Health/Nurse	Marilyn Brown	(480) 472-5917	

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.

"The Arizona Department of Education, a state educational agency, is an equal opportunity employer and affirms that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex or handicapping conditions."