

# ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile<sup>1</sup>:

## Cocopah Middle School

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

Scottsdale Unified District  
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**Grades:** 6-8  
**2002 Enrollment:** 1195  
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### ∨ School Overview ∨

#### Mission

Our mission is to meet the unique needs of each student, emphasize high academic standards and develop qualities of responsibility, self-worth and leadership. We are characterized by academic excellence, a middle school philosophy and Common Core of Knowledge. Our exemplary educational, exploratory and athletic programs, on-site special education, consistent attendance, positive school climate, site-based decision-making process and safe environment are keys to Cocopah's continued success.

#### Organization and Philosophy

- w Academic Excellence/Interdisciplinary
- w Site-based Shared Decision Making
- w Middle School Concept
- w Consultative/Inclusionary/Special Ed

#### Instructional Programs

- w Advanced Placement for Math
- w Gifted Programs
- w On-site Special Education
- w ELL
- w Team Philosophy
- w Humanities Including Advanced Clusters
- w Exploratory/Elective Classes
- w Technology

#### School/Academic Goals

- w Implement and evaluate instructional strategies which result in academic excellence (targeting especially language arts and writing) and meet individual, diversified needs.
- w Implement and evaluate programs on our campus (including Character Counts) that ensure a safe, respectful environment.
- w Implement and evaluate an integrated curriculum that is meaningful to students and teachers.
- w Provide leadership and community service opportunities for the school and the surrounding community.

#### Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	1235
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law <sup>2</sup> :	No
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)  
 1 Non-certified Employee(s)  
 5 Teacher(s)  
 5 Parent(s)  
 0 Community Member(s)  
 0 Student(s)

**Council Duties**

w Curriculum/Instruction  
 w School Improvement Plan  
 w Parent/Educator/Community Relations  
 w Budget  
 w Facility Standards/Construction  
 w School Safety Issues

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	3.00	Teacher	64.80
Other Professional Staff	7.00	Teacher Aide	6.00

**Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff**

Experience	Degree			
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	6	3	2	0
4 to 6 years	3	3	0	0
7 to 9 years	2	5	0	0
10 or more years	8	33	1	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

**School**

To provide a stimulating and challenging academic program; to provide a climate conducive to learning; to honor and protect the rights of all students; to communicate openly and regularly; to encourage parent participation in the life of the school; to ensure the safety of students; to maintain a highly qualified professional staff.

**Parents**

Parents are urged to show support of their children in several areas: provide a supportive home environment conducive to study and learning; motivate their children to do their best by taking an interest in their work; be role models by valuing education and by participating in the activities of the school and parent organization; help their children abide by the district's Code of Student Conduct and the school's rules.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Transportation is provided for students who live more than one mile from school. Service is also provided for special education students whose IEPs require it. Safety and welfare of student riders is the first consideration. All vehicles are maintained to provide safe and efficient transportation services daily and for school field trips. Bus evacuation drills are conducted for all students and staff.

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## ∨ Calendar Information ∨

<b>Number of Instruction Days:</b>	177	<b>First Day of School:</b>	8/13/02
<b>Average Daily Instruction Time:</b>	6 hrs. 30 min.	<b>Last Day of School:</b>	5/28/03

**Operates on Traditional Schedule**

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### Report Card Release Dates

10/25/02	1/10/03	3/21/03	6/6/03
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### Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

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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 - Yes      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 State-of-the-Art Media Center	W Computer Labs
W Band/Orchestra Center	W Counseling/Nurse Service Center

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### Extracurricular Activities

W National Junior Honor Society	W Student Council
W Science Olympiad	W Yearbook/Newspaper
W Show Choir	W Interscholastic Sports
W Student/Staff Initiated Clubs	W Jazz Band/Wind Ensemble/Honor Orchestra

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### School/Community Resources

W Counseling Services	W Health Services
W Crisis Intervention	W Character Counts
W Resource Officer	W Lunch Program
W Recreational Activities	

## ∨ 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 Cocopah continues to rank high at district, state and national levels on standardized tests. Academic excellence is demonstrated by over 35% of student population with over a 3.5 GPA.</p> <p>w Cocopah staff continues to research, discuss, study, and evaluate curricula and instructional strategies through mapping, team meetings, content area meetings, 6-8 articulation meetings, and full faculty meetings.</p> | <p>w Cocopah met all four goal areas in our 2001-2002 School Improvement Plan: student growth as measured by the Stanford Achievement Test in language arts and writing, increased use of technology, strong staff development, and improved campus safety.</p> <p>w National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, and Cocopah Cares Club sponsor and conduct ongoing community service activities. We also use and support the six pillars of the Character Counts program school-wide.</p> |
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### Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
<b>Attendance Rate</b>	95.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
<b>Transfers Out</b> <sup>4</sup>	7.3 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
<b>Transfers In</b> <sup>5</sup> : Within District	0.7 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
<b>Transfers In</b> <sup>5</sup> : Out-of-District	6.7 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
<b>Promotion Rate</b> <sup>6</sup>	100.0 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
<b>Retention Rate</b> <sup>7</sup>	0.0 %	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
Science Olympiad - Spirit Award	2002
Beyond Battle of the Books	1999
Superior With Distinction to bands in ABODA festival	2002
Gold Crown Award for Journalism Excellence (Columbia U)	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 <sup>1</sup>, 2001-02

Grade 8		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
Reading	School	396	537	7%	10%	45%	39%
	State	57484	504	24%	20%	40%	16%
Writing	School	372	523	3%	23%	66%	8%
	State	55420	493	15%	42%	41%	2%
Mathematics	School	398	488	15%	48%	23%	14%
	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

<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												
6	Reading	96	79	53	100	81	54	98	77	53	97	80	54	93	83	56
	Language	95	71	41	100	73	44	98	76	44	97	76	45	91	79	47
	Mathematics	96	85	57	100	87	59	98	87	60	97	87	63	93	89	65
7	Reading	95	76	52	100	80	53	97	78	52	94	79	53	97	81	55
	Language	94	76	52	100	84	54	98	85	54	90	83	55	95	86	58
	Mathematics	94	77	53	100	82	55	99	85	56	93	80	58	95	85	60
8	Reading	97	81	54	100	82	54	96	80	53	94	83	55	92	83	56
	Language	96	77	46	100	81	49	98	81	49	92	84	50	91	85	52
	Mathematics	97	78	52	100	80	54	97	84	56	94	82	58	92	80	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 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.**

	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Math</b>
	<b>Percentage of Students Achieving One Year's Growth</b>	<b>Percentage of Students Achieving One Year's Growth</b>
<b>Grades 5-6</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Grades 6-7</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Grades 7-8</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>81</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

Safety and respect are major school goals this year. We have a well-defined crisis plan in place. We have a full-time, uniformed School Resource Officer on campus. All staff work hard to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. We use the Character Counts program school-wide.

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	\$2,843	\$3,439,750
Classroom Supplies	\$29	\$35,286
Administration	\$388	\$469,245
Support Services-Students	\$298	\$360,073
Other Support Services and Operations	\$736	\$890,260
<b>Total Expenditures- All Categories 2000-2001</b>	<b>\$4,293</b>	<b>\$5,194,614</b>

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.

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.

## ∨ Contacts ∨

	Name	Phone	Extension
<b>School Site Council</b>	Monica Nelson	(480) 484-4400	4410
<b>Transportation Policy</b>	Monica Nelson	(480) 484-4400	4410
<b>Community Resources</b>	Monica Nelson	(480) 484-4400	4410
<b>School Nutrition Programs</b>	NDS		
<b>Parent Organization</b>	Gina VanderRest	(480) 443-9771	
<b>Student Health/Nurse</b>	Jo Morrison	(480) 484-4400	4411

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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