

# ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

## Achievement Profile<sup>1</sup>:

### Horizon High School

Paradise Valley Unified District  
5601 E. Greenway Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

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

**Principal:** Mr. Anthony Capuano  
**Schedule:** 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM  
**Web Address:** Unpublished or Unavailable  
**E-mail:** Unpublished or Unavailable

**Grades:** 9-12  
**2002 Enrollment:** 2392  
**Phone:** (602) 953-4104  
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## ∨ School Overview ∨

### Mission

Horizon High School is a traditional triple A (Academics, Arts and Athletics) four-year college preparatory secondary school offering programs in Advanced Placement, Honors, Signature Programs, Standard, as well as Special Education Programs. Our mission is to provide the building blocks for the ABC's in the 21st Century: Academic Excellence, Belief in Self and Others, and Community Responsibility in an ever-changing society.

### Organization and Philosophy

- w Traditional Accelerated Academics
- w Departmentalized Instruction
- w College Preparatory Classwork
- w Signature Programs Available

### Instructional Programs

- w Advanced Placement
- w Honors Classes
- w Law-related Studies
- w ESL
- w Basic Level Curriculum
- w On-site Special Education
- w School-to-Work

### School/Academic Goals

- w Encouraging and directing students to seek their highest level of performance. Every child is supported in reaching maximum academic potential.
- w Encouraging student development of a self-concept and a sense of trust in their colleagues; using cooperative learning approaches to develop this self-concept.
- w Encouraging community service as an essential part of academic programs and promoting concepts of personal responsibility and accountability.

### Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	2411
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law <sup>2</sup> :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	316

<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)
- 3 Teacher(s)
- 3 Parent(s)
- 1 Community Member(s)
- 1 Student(s)

**Council Duties**

- w School Safety Issues
- w Student Discipline
- w At-risk Programs
- w Parent/Educator Relations
- w Curriculum Development
- w Budget

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	3.00	Teacher	101.40
Other Professional Staff	12.00	Teacher Aide	16.00

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

Experience	Degree			
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	8	3	0	0
4 to 6 years	4	3	0	0
7 to 9 years	2	6	0	0
10 or more years	11	71	1	6

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

**School**

Horizon distributes parent newsletters, a schoolwide calendar of events, progress reports, report cards and utilizes electronic attendance reporting. An electronic surveillance system is in place to provide a safe campus environment. Student Honor Clubs, Scholar 100 Club, Guidance and Advisement Program and an extensive Advanced Placement program exist to ensure high academic standards.

**Parents**

Parents are expected to cooperate and work collaboratively with the school, support its policies and notify the school of any special circumstances that affect student learning. Parent responsibilities include reporting necessary absences, providing appropriate attire in compliance with dress code, providing transportation for out-of-boundary students, and encouraging student support and participation in school-related activities.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

We provide transportation services for all students who live farther than a one and one-half mile radius from the school and for all students with special needs. The school is bound by Bell Road, Tatum Boulevard, Cactus Road and Pima Road. Transfer students who live outside this radius must supply their own transportation.

∨ **Calendar Information** ∨

**Number of Instruction Days:** 180                      **First Day of School:** 8/19/02  
**Average Daily Instruction Time:** 6 hrs. 36 min.      **Last Day of School:** 5/30/03  
**Operates on Traditional Schedule**

**Report Card Release Dates**

10/28/02              1/10/03              3/24/03              6/4/03

**Additional Calendar/Report Card Information**

∨ **Resources Available at School Site** ∨

**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.

**Special Facilities**

- W Computer Labs    W Theatre Production Studio
- W Media/Career Center                                      W Technology Complexes

**Extracurricular Activities**

- W Interscholastic Sports                                      W Performing Arts
- W Student Clubs    W Student Government
- W Project Pride    W Academic Decathlon
- W Anytown/Paradise United Retreats

**School/Community Resources**

- W Lunch Program    W Counseling Services
- W Crisis Intervention                                      W Health Services
- W Job Placement Services                                      W Community Classes
- 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 North Central Association: Received its endorsement in April 2000 and is now a North Central accredited school. This prestigious national recognition meets student needs in written expression, higher-order thinking skills and student responsibility.</p> | <p>w Two hundred and forty-five students took 397 Advanced Placement exams. More than 61% of exams resulted in college credit.</p>   |
| <p>w More than one-third of the senior class received scholarships and awards at the Senior Awards Night.</p>  | <p>w Students attending Harvard, Stanford, Penn., Duke, Northwestern, Princeton, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, UCLA, Berkeley, Rice, Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt, U. of Chicago, Carnegie-Mellon, Vassar and Georgetown.</p> |

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

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
<b>Attendance Rate</b>	96.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
<b>Transfers Out</b> <sup>4</sup>	12.1 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
<b>Transfers In</b> <sup>5</sup> : Within District	0.3 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
<b>Transfers In</b> <sup>5</sup> : Out-of-District	3.6 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
<b>Promotion Rate</b> <sup>6</sup>	99.4 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
<b>Retention Rate</b> <sup>7</sup>	0.6 %	1.5 %	2.1 %	5.2 %
<b>Dropout Rate</b> <sup>8</sup>	1.0 %			9.5 %
<b>Status Unknown</b> <sup>9</sup>	0.5 %			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
AP Scholars (42)	2001
Flinn Foundation Scholars (5)	2000
National Merit Semifinalists (5)	2003
Commended Merit Scholars (5)	2003

## ∨ 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 10 (Class of 2003) <sup>2</sup>		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
Reading	School	503	538	3%	12%	59%	26%
	State	49803	512	15%	23%	48%	14%
Writing	School	541	501	3%	18%	79%	0%
	State	50471	477	17%	23%	59%	1%
Mathematics	School	520	502	26%	24%	30%	19%
	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

<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												
9	Reading	99	59	44	92	61	43	97	63	43	92	59	43	91	61	43
	Language	99	57	39	98	62	39	96	65	40	94	62	41	94	64	42
	Mathematics	99	74	57	97	75	57	96	80	59	92	79	61	93	78	62
10	Reading	93	59	42	91	63	42	95	63	42	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	93	58	43	96	64	44	95	64	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	93	63	47	94	66	49	92	66	50	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	Reading	93	60	46	89	62	44	90	63	45	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	93	54	43	93	59	42	91	64	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	93	66	51	95	68	52	89	73	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 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; 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

Horizon High School provides many alternative programs for students. These include safety and first aid training for teachers; support groups for students in areas of smoking cessation and teen issues; peer mediation; quick follow through on referrals with documented consequences.

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	\$2,701	\$6,675,954
Classroom Supplies	\$23	\$57,280
Administration	\$316	\$782,064
Support Services-Students	\$266	\$657,457
Other Support Services and Operations	\$656	\$1,621,122
<b>Total Expenditures- All Categories 2000-2001</b>	<b>\$3,963</b>	<b>\$9,793,877</b>

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>	Anthony Capuano	(602) 953-4195	
<b>Transportation Policy</b>	Jeffrey Cook	(602) 493-6320	
<b>Community Resources</b>	Counseling Department	(602) 953-4103	
<b>School Nutrition Programs</b>	Kathy Glindmeier	(602) 493-6330	
<b>Parent Organization</b>	Horizon Booster Club	(602) 953-9151	
<b>Student Health/Nurse</b>	Lynn Lawrence	(602) 953-4114	

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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