

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile¹:

Academy of Excellence

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

Academy Of Excellence, Inc.
425 N. 36th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008

Director: Dr. Eula S. Dean
Schedule: 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Web Address: Unpublished or Unavailable
E-mail: edean@absschoolservices.com

Grades: K-8
2002 Enrollment: 176
Phone: (602) 389-4271
Fax: (602) 389-4278

∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

Our mission is to teach academic excellence to instill lifelong learning.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Uniform School
- w Traditional Setting
- w 5th & 8th, 6th & 7th Grade Block Classes
- w Transportation Provided

Instructional Programs

- w Full-day Kindergarten
- w Small Class Sizes
- w Foreign Language Class Offered (Spanish)
- w Technology/Internet
- w Special Education Inclusionary
- w Law-related Education Program
- w Art (Taught by Resident Artist)
- w Physical Education

School/Academic Goals

- w Implement technology into our curriculum to support thematic curriculum and creative interventions with an emphasis on research and writing.
- w Implement writing skills with special emphasis on proper grammar, phonics and word phraseology.
- w The Academy focuses on creating a respectful and learning environment in order for students to gain respect for others and instill lifelong learning.
- w The Academy implemented the foreign language class to emphasize the importance of speaking dual languages.

Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	171
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law ² :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	180

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)
- 1 Teacher(s)
- 1 Parent(s)
- 2 Community Member(s)
- 0 Student(s)

Council Duties

- w Fundraisers
- w Student Discipline
- w Instructional Strategies
- w School Safety Issues
- w Curriculum Development

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	3.00	Teacher	12.00
Other Professional Staff	3.00	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	5	0	0	1
4 to 6 years	0	0	0	0
7 to 9 years	0	0	0	0
10 or more years	0	0	0	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

AOE provides a safe, learning environment by enforcing zero-tolerance toward drugs, weapons and violence. The Academy sets high expectations and high academic standards for each student.

Parents

Parents are encouraged and welcome to visit the classrooms and to volunteer in any capacity (e.g., playground, cafeteria, field trips, etc.). Parents are expected to have their child/children adhere to the school's dress code policy; follow schoolwide rules; arrive to school on time and daily; and have their child/children show respect to those in authority. The above will foster academic excellence in student performance.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

A transportation contract is signed during the enrollment process. All students and parents are expected to honor the contract. Students are required to follow all bus safety rules and parents are encouraged to ride on the bus when possible.

∨ Calendar Information ∨

Number of Instruction Days:	180	First Day of School:	8/5/02
Average Daily Instruction Time:	6 hrs. 50 min.	Last Day of School:	5/23/03

Operates on Extended Schedule

Report Card Release Dates

10/14/02	1/6/03	3/24/03	5/23/03
----------	--------	---------	---------

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 Technology Lab

Extracurricular Activities

W Student Council	W Cheerleading Squad
W Basketball Team	W PeeWee Soccer
W Life Skills (Grades 6-8 Afterschool)	W Young Men's Group (Grades 5-8)
W Young Women's Group (Grades 5-8)	

School/Community Resources

W District 8 Youth Advisory Council	W Boys and Girls Club
W Partnership with Business Corporations	W Phoenix Fire Pal Program
W Phoenix Main Library/Story Time	W ASU Sparky's Kids to College
W Tobacco Prevention Program/Speakers	

∇ 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 Grade One At the Library Goal.

w The Academy received a commemorative plaque from the Phoenix Fire Department regarding the Urban Survival League Program.

Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	94.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
Transfers Out ⁴	36.8 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	0.0 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	21.1 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	100.0 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
Retention Rate ⁷	0.0 %	1.5 %	2.1 %	5.2 %
Dropout Rate ⁸	NA			9.5 %
Status Unknown ⁹	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.

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
3 Students Received Perfect Attendance	2001
16 Students Received Perfect Attendance	1999
26 Students Received Perfect Attendance	2000
2 Teachers Received Perfect Attendance	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 ¹, 2001-02

		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
Grade 3	Reading	23	484	35%	30%	26%	9%
	School State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
Writing	School	21	474	38%	43%	19%	0%
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%
Mathematics	School	23	453	48%	30%	22%	0%
	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

Reading	School	11	484	64%	9%	27%	0%
	State	61305	505	21%	20%	43%	15%
Writing	School	11	456	45%	45%	9%	0%
	State	59599	512	17%	26%	42%	16%
Mathematics	School	11	418	82%	18%	0%	0%
	State	61760	494	14%	40%	12%	34%

Grade 8

Reading	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	57484	504	24%	20%	40%	16%
Writing	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	55420	493	15%	42%	41%	2%
Mathematics	School	**	**	**	**	**	**
	State	57734	459	39%	40%	14%	7%

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												
1	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	92	43	60	--	--	--
2	Reading	--	--	--	78	15	50	78	21	52	62	19	53	59	50	57
	Language	--	--	--	96	12	40	92	19	43	83	30	44	50	21	48
	Mathematics	--	--	--	96	14	51	100	33	55	95	41	57	55	33	61
3	Reading	--	--	47	100	16	47	84	8	48	96	11	50	92	12	50
	Language	--	--	49	100	20	51	84	15	54	93	17	56	92	20	57
	Mathematics	--	--	46	100	18	49	84	20	52	96	16	54	92	15	56
4	Reading	--	--	53	95	13	54	85	15	54	68	12	55	60	18	55
	Language	--	--	47	100	12	49	89	14	48	68	20	50	64	22	50
	Mathematics	--	--	51	100	16	54	89	12	55	68	33	57	64	25	58
5	Reading	--	--	51	100	15	51	84	8	51	83	14	51	73	20	53
	Language	--	--	42	100	14	44	94	8	45	83	11	45	73	15	47
	Mathematics	--	--	51	100	21	54	99	9	55	77	9	57	73	16	59
6	Reading	--	--	53	100	18	54	87	22	53	81	16	54	100	31	56
	Language	--	--	41	100	16	44	87	10	44	81	15	45	100	21	47
	Mathematics	--	--	57	100	24	59	87	31	60	81	24	63	100	35	65
7	Reading	--	--	52	77	32	53	73	16	52	70	21	53	79	13	55
	Language	--	--	52	85	34	54	73	16	54	70	30	55	79	10	58
	Mathematics	--	--	53	85	22	55	69	24	56	70	18	58	79	19	60
8	Reading	--	--	54	45	7	54	95	26	53	63	27	55	91	27	56
	Language	--	--	46	55	6	49	95	19	49	63	20	50	91	21	52
	Mathematics	--	--	52	55	20	54	95	24	56	63	23	58	91	28	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 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.

	Reading	Math
	Percentage of Students Achieving One Year's Growth	Percentage of Students Achieving One Year's Growth
Grades 2-3	*	*
Grades 3-4	*	*
Grades 4-5	**	**
Grades 5-6	*	*
Grades 6-7	**	**
Grades 7-8	**	**

*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

The Academy believes that a student's education should enable him or her to take increasing responsibility for both learning and behavior. All students attending the Academy are pre-screened prior to enrollment. This pre-screening interview allows parents to decide if the Academy is the school of their choice. The Academy also chooses to remain small in student total enrollment. Administrators are always visible and the CHAMPS Program is provided for the students.

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).

2

School uniforms are 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
School Site Council	Cord Ivanyi	(602) 389-4271	15
Transportation Policy	Randy Webb	(480) 557-7640	
Community Resources	Cord Ivanyi	(602) 389-4271	15
School Nutrition Programs	Teresa Owens	(602) 389-4271	
Parent Organization	Antonia Rodriguez	(602) 389-4271	
Student Health/Nurse	C. Mailloux/A. Rodriguez	(602) 389-4271	

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."