

# ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

## Grand Canyon College Preparatory Charter School

Global Renaissance Academy of Distinguished Education  
5801 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85283  
Mailing Address: 7533 E. Kilarea Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85208

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

| EL                                  | HS                                  |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Excelling               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Improving               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Maintaining Performance |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Underperforming         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Extremely Small School  |

Director: Mr. David Gordon  
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Grades: 6-12  
2002 Enrollment: 25  
Phone: (602) 433-9964  
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### ∨ School Overview ∨

#### Mission

Educate all young people who want to learn in a Twenty-first Century educational environment. Shape and challenge young people to utilize their minds in a variety of disciplines that steer toward both college and the workplace.

#### Organization and Philosophy

- w Community and Service Learning
- w College and Career Preparatory
- w Small Class Sizes & Character Education
- w Portfolios and Student Accountability

#### Instructional Programs

- w Enrichment
- w Advanced Placement/Dual Credit
- w Small Classes
- w Portfolios
- w Community Service
- w Supervised Study
- w Career Pathways
- w Core Values and Character Education

#### School/Academic Goals

- w Increasing graduation requirements in the core subjects of English, science, social studies and math.
- w Instituting new requirements in foreign language, art, portfolios and community service.
- w Requiring a passing cumulative GPA of 70 in all programs of study course work.
- w For students to develop an awareness of the community around them and the service they can provide the needy.

#### Enrollment

|                                                                            |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:                            | 15  |
| Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law <sup>2</sup> : | Yes |
| Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:             | 22  |

<sup>1</sup> For an explanation of the Achievement Profiles, please visit <http://www.ade.az.gov/azlearns>. EL-Elementary; HS-High School.

<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.

NDS = No Data Submitted    NR = No Response    NA = Not Applicable    ISD = Insufficient Data to Calculate Rate

∨ **School Site Council** ∨

**Council Composition**

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

**Council Duties**

w Student Discipline  
 w Curriculum Development  
 w School Safety Issues  
 w Budget  
 w Service Learning  
 w School Improvement Plan

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

| Position                 | Number | Position     | Number |
|--------------------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Administrator            | 2.00   | Teacher      | 2.00   |
| Other Professional Staff | 2.00   | Teacher Aide | 0.00   |

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

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

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

**School**

Our school is responsible for providing a quality education to all our parents' children. Our school is responsible for making sure that their children are exposed to the four C's: Character, Career, Community, and College. We are responsible to make sure that our parents have full knowledge of their child's academic and professional progress.

**Parents**

Parents should make sure that children come to school physically and mentally prepared to learn. Parents should be willing participants in our school program and willing to share their time and experience with us. Parents should be able to spend time on helping their child succeed.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Car pooling from our parents who reside in Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert and Tempe.

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### ∨ Calendar Information ∨

|                                        |                |                             |         |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| <b>Number of Instruction Days:</b>     | 186            | <b>First Day of School:</b> | 8/19/02 |
| <b>Average Daily Instruction Time:</b> | 6 hrs. 35 min. | <b>Last Day of School:</b>  | 6/13/03 |

**Operates on Traditional Schedule**

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#### Report Card Release Dates

|          |        |         |         |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 10/25/02 | 1/2/03 | 3/22/03 | 6/20/03 |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|

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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 - No      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 Computer Lab | W Outdoor Commons Area |
| W Library      |                        |

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#### Extracurricular Activities

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| W Student Council    | W Yearbook |
| W School Newspaper   | W Hiking   |
| W Computer/Game Club | W Drama    |
| W Softball/Baseball  | W Soccer   |

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#### School/Community Resources

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| W Clothing/Food Banks | W Library Volunteer |
| W Community Service   | W Adopt a Family    |
| W Bake Sales          | W YMCA              |

## ∨ 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 Helped victims of 9/11 through School Bake Sale. We also sponsored a holiday food and gift drive through the Salvation Army and Wal-Mart.
- W Becoming accredited through the North Central Association as a College Preparatory School. We are the only charter school with that honor.
- W The great majority of our students improved on the their Stanford 9 performances.

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

|                                                    | School | Arizona |        |        |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
|                                                    |        | K-6     | 7-8    | 9-12   |
| <b>Attendance Rate</b>                             | 94.0 % | 95.0 %  | 94.0 % | 94.0 % |
| <b>Transfers Out</b> <sup>4</sup>                  | 51.2 % | 19.6 %  | 19.5 % | 20.5 % |
| <b>Transfers In</b> <sup>5</sup> : Within District | 0.0 %  | 2.7 %   | 2.2 %  | 2.0 %  |
| <b>Transfers In</b> <sup>5</sup> : Out-of-District | 46.3 % | 9.7 %   | 9.6 %  | 9.5 %  |
| <b>Promotion Rate</b> <sup>6</sup>                 | 86.4 % | 98.4 %  | 97.8 % | 94.8 % |
| <b>Retention Rate</b> <sup>7</sup>                 | 13.6 % | 1.5 %   | 2.1 %  | 5.2 %  |
| <b>Dropout Rate</b> <sup>8</sup>                   | 0.0 %  |         |        | 9.5 %  |
| <b>Status Unknown</b> <sup>9</sup>                 | 0.0 %  |         |        | 6.0 %  |

**Students reported as "dropouts" who may have returned to school for the following academic year are not accounted for in this report.**

<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 |
|-----------------------------------------|------|
| City of Chandler: Community Service     | 2001 |
| Red Cross Bake Sale: Victims of 9/11    | 2001 |
| North Central Association Accreditation | 1999 |
| Salvation Army Food Drive               | 2001 |

## ∨ 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 | **            | **  | **  | **  | **  | **  |
|             | 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%  |

#### 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 10 (Class of 2003)<sup>2</sup>

|             |        |       |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Reading     | School | **    | **  | **  | **  | **  | **  |
|             | State  | 49803 | 512 | 15% | 23% | 48% | 14% |
| Writing     | School | **    | **  | **  | **  | **  | **  |
|             | State  | 50471 | 477 | 17% | 23% | 59% | 1%  |
| Mathematics | School | **    | **  | **  | **  | **  | **  |
|             | State  | 50429 | 480 | 48% | 19% | 22% | 10% |

<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      | --        | --    | 53 | 44        | **    | 54 | --        | --    | 53 | --        | --    | 54 | 100       | **    | 56 |
|       | Language     | --        | --    | 41 | 56        | 14    | 44 | --        | --    | 44 | --        | --    | 45 | 100       | **    | 47 |
|       | Mathematics  | --        | --    | 57 | 56        | 38    | 59 | --        | --    | 60 | --        | --    | 63 | 100       | **    | 65 |
| 7     | Reading      | --        | --    | 52 | 33        | **    | 53 | 100       | **    | 52 | --        | --    | 53 | --        | **    | 55 |
|       | Language     | --        | --    | 52 | 33        | **    | 54 | 100       | **    | 54 | --        | --    | 55 | --        | **    | 58 |
|       | Mathematics  | --        | --    | 53 | 33        | **    | 55 | 100       | **    | 56 | --        | --    | 58 | --        | **    | 60 |
| 8     | Reading      | --        | --    | 54 | 7         | **    | 54 | 100       | 67    | 53 | 42        | --    | 55 | 100       | 59    | 56 |
|       | Language     | --        | --    | 46 | 7         | **    | 49 | 100       | 56    | 49 | 42        | --    | 50 | 100       | 36    | 52 |
|       | Mathematics  | --        | --    | 52 | 7         | **    | 54 | 100       | 54    | 56 | 42        | --    | 58 | 100       | 42    | 59 |
| 9     | Reading      | --        | --    | 44 | 46        | 36    | 43 | 100       | 34    | 43 | 100       | 49    | 43 | 100       | 25    | 43 |
|       | Language     | --        | --    | 39 | 54        | 30    | 39 | 100       | 23    | 40 | 100       | 34    | 41 | 100       | 22    | 42 |
|       | Mathematics  | --        | --    | 57 | 50        | 42    | 57 | 100       | 29    | 59 | 100       | 59    | 61 | 100       | 42    | 62 |
| 10    | Reading      | --        | --    | 42 | 77        | 31    | 42 | 100       | 31    | 42 | --        | --    | -- | --        | --    | -- |
|       | Language     | --        | --    | 43 | 77        | 31    | 44 | 100       | 43    | 44 | --        | --    | -- | --        | --    | -- |
|       | Mathematics  | --        | --    | 47 | 77        | 35    | 49 | 100       | 27    | 50 | --        | --    | -- | --        | --    | -- |
| 11    | Reading      | --        | --    | 46 | 90        | 4     | 44 | --        | --    | 45 | --        | --    | -- | --        | --    | -- |
|       | Language     | --        | --    | 43 | 90        | 4     | 42 | --        | --    | 44 | --        | --    | -- | --        | --    | -- |
|       | Mathematics  | --        | --    | 51 | 90        | 10    | 52 | --        | --    | 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.**

|                   | <b>Reading</b><br>Percentage of Students Achieving<br>One Year's Growth | <b>Math</b><br>Percentage of Students Achieving<br>One Year's Growth |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Grades 5-6</b> | *                                                                       | *                                                                    |
| <b>Grades 6-7</b> | **                                                                      | **                                                                   |
| <b>Grades 7-8</b> | **                                                                      | **                                                                   |

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\*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

We are providing small classes with individualized instruction coupled with a Zero-tolerance Misbehavior Policy. We are also emailing families with students' homework and providing weekly grade notices if the child's grade is below a C. Furthermore, we have designed District Assessment Tests to measure Core Knowledge and Academic Success Plans to help students who are having difficulty with the material.

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                        | 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                             |

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>       | David Gordon | (602) 433-9964 |           |
| <b>Transportation Policy</b>     | David Gordon | (602) 433-9964 |           |
| <b>Community Resources</b>       | David Gordon | (602) 433-9964 |           |
| <b>School Nutrition Programs</b> | David Gordon | (602) 433-9964 |           |
| <b>Parent Organization</b>       | David Gordon | (602) 433-9964 |           |
| <b>Student Health/Nurse</b>      | David Gordon | (602) 433-9964 |           |

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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