

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile¹:

Taylor Elementary School

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

Snowflake Unified District

29 S. 300 East, Taylor, AZ 85939

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Principal: Mr. Dennis Michael Evans

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Grades: Pre-K-3

2002 Enrollment: 314

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∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

Our mission at Taylor Elementary, in cooperation with home and community, is to prepare our students to be problem-solving, self-motivated, productive members of society, while providing a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Traditional
- w Self-contained Classrooms

School/Academic Goals

- w Academic Goal: Students will learn and effectively apply a variety of language arts strategies for comprehending, interpreting and evaluating information.
- w Affective Goal: As children at Taylor Elementary come to understand the unique individuality of self and others, behavior referrals will diminish and citizenship recognition will increase.
- w Technology Goal: Students will access and process information using technology tools and instruction.

Instructional Programs

- w Traditional Academics
- w Fine Arts/Music
- w Collaborative Literacy Intervention Prg.
- w Special Education & District Sunbeam Prg
- w Speech
- w Gifted
- w ESL & District Pre-K Program
- w District K-3 Handicapped Program

Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	307
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law ² :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	8

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)
- 2 Non-certified Employee(s)
- 4 Teacher(s)
- 3 Parent(s)
- 0 Community Member(s)
- 0 Student(s)

Council Duties

- w Fund Raising
- w Quality Educational Processes
- w Quality Performance of Students
- w Quality Environment for Learning
- w Quality Support Shown to Staff
- w Quality Support of Student Activities

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	1.00	Teacher	20.50
Other Professional Staff	0.00	Teacher Aide	11.00

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

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

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

The responsibility of the school is to provide comprehensive, success-oriented learning activities in a safe environment. These opportunities will be designed to develop each student's potential in the areas of academic ability, vocational awareness, cultural appreciation, physical well-being and social development. Student status in academics, attendance, behavior, etc., will be reported on a regular basis.

Parents

The school recognizes that the ultimate responsibility for the well-being of all children rests with their parents. All parents are expected to foster an attitude in their children that recognizes and promotes the importance of academic excellence, regular attendance and citizenship. Cooperation to fulfill the above is greatly appreciated!

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Bus transportation of students is a privilege extended to students in the district and is not a statutory requirement except for necessary transportation of students with disabilities as indicated in their respective Individual Education Programs. It is our expectation for students participating in the transportation program to observe appropriate standards of conduct, namely that their behavior on the bus is merely an extension of the classroom and will be treated as such.

∨ Calendar Information ∨

Number of Instruction Days:	177	First Day of School:	8/5/02
Average Daily Instruction Time:	6 hrs. 0 min.	Last Day of School:	5/23/03

Operates on Traditional Schedule

Report Card Release Dates

10/24/02	12/20/02	2/28/03	5/16/03
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Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

Portfolio assessment for K-1. Graded report card for second and third grade.

∨ 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 Gym w/Stage & Curtains & Lrg. Playground	W Library/Media Center
W District Pre-K Program	W District Handicapped Classroom for K-3

Extracurricular Activities

W Little League	W City Parks & Recreation/BSA & GSA
W Piano Recital	W Citizenship of the Week Assembly
W Patriotic Program	W Flag Raising Ceremonies
W Christmas Program	W September 11 Memorial Service

School/Community Resources

W Recreational Activities Director	W Community Counseling
W Police Resource Officer	W Parent Resource Liaison
W Community Library	W Community Swimming Pool
W Brownies-Girl Scouts	W Cub Scouts-Boy Scouts

∨ 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 Fifteen students are honored weekly as citizens for the week in a citizenship assembly. Children are presented a certificate and have their photo taken with family members. Children who are recognized as such 3 or more times are given a lapel pin.</p> | <p>W Twelve students won First Place classroom honors in the Fire Prevention Safety Contest sponsored by our Fire Department. Their work has been entered into state competition.</p> |
| <p>W Our second graders scored at the 63rd percentile in total reading, and the 74th percentile in total mathematics on the Stanford Nine achievement test administered in March, 2002.</p> | <p>W Taylor Elementary earned above average AIMS scores for overall performance. AIMS scores for our 3rd grade children show that sixty percent meet or exceed math standards, and that 78 percent meet or exceed reading standards.</p> |

Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	93.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
Transfers Out ⁴	17.1 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	2.7 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	7.3 %	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
Arizona Teacher of the Year Nominee	1999
Who's Who Among America's Teachers	2000
Navajo Country Teacher of the Year	2000
Student Placed Third in State Fire Prevention Poster	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

Grade 3		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
Reading	School	61	524	5%	16%	52%	26%
	State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
Writing	School	59	524	17%	17%	59%	7%
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%
Mathematics	School	61	505	16%	23%	39%	21%
	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

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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90	50	60	--	--	--
2	Reading	--	--	--	100	60	50	100	67	52	76	57	53	72	64	57
	Language	--	--	--	100	39	40	100	53	43	78	51	44	73	58	48
	Mathematics	--	--	--	100	52	51	100	67	55	78	49	57	73	75	61
3	Reading	81	46	47	100	52	47	96	55	48	78	60	50	75	48	50
	Language	88	47	49	100	57	51	94	55	54	76	66	56	74	54	57
	Mathematics	88	51	46	100	59	49	97	65	52	78	68	54	74	56	56

∨ 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	61	88
Grades 3-4	***	***

*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

Every week, we hold a citizenship assembly in our gym to honor a student from each class who has been courteous and kind to all classmates, has obeyed all classroom and school rules and has completed all assignments to the best of his ability. Children who receive this honor are given a certificate. Our principal also gives a brief talk regarding an attribute of good citizenship and challenges children to apply that principle in their lives. Parents of award winners are invited to come.

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	\$2,418	\$776,134
Classroom Supplies	\$51	\$16,497
Administration	\$599	\$192,424
Support Services-Students	\$74	\$23,820
Other Support Services and Operations	\$583	\$187,278
Total Expenditures- All Categories 2000-2001	\$3,726	\$1,196,153

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	Dennis Evans	(928) 536-4156	125
Transportation Policy	John McCleve	(928) 536-4156	333
Community Resources	Dennis Evans	(928) 536-4156	125
School Nutrition Programs	Shelley Graham	(928) 536-4156	299
Parent Organization	Under Construction		
Student Health/Nurse	Dixie Barr	(928) 536-4156	124

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.

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