

# ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

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

### W.V. Whitmore Elementary School

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

Tucson Unified District  
5330 E. Glenn Street, Tucson, AZ 85712-1319

**Principal:** Ms. Kristine Hansen

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**Grades:** K-5

**2002 Enrollment:** 349

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## ∨ School Overview ∨

### Mission

Our mission is to work with students, families and the community to meet each child's educational needs, now and in the future. All members of the Whitmore community will work together to help all children develop into mature, responsible, respectful, healthy adults.

### Organization and Philosophy

- w Traditional
- w Inquiry-based Instruction
- w Home-School Communication
- w Parent Involvement

### Instructional Programs

- w Integrated Curriculum/Instruction
- w CORE Curriculum/AZ Acad. Standards
- w On-site Special Education
- w Inquiry-based Learning
- w Balanced Literacy
- w Library Flexible Schedule
- w FOSS Science
- w Six Trait Writing

### School/Academic Goals

- w Instruction: Whitmore students will improve skills in academic areas through an emphasis on writing across the curriculum with a continuing, increased emphasis on improving math skills in all grade levels.
- w Curriculum: Whitmore students will experience an integrated curriculum, enabling students to receive a standards-based education that provides all students with quality learning experiences, leading to increased student achievement.
- w Home and Community Partnership: The Whitmore community (home, extended family, community, district) will collaborate to meet the educational, social and emotional needs of all Whitmore students and their families.

### Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	364
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law <sup>2</sup> :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	25

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

**Council Duties**

- w Academic Achievement
- w Instructional Strategies
- w School/Business/Community Partnership
- w 301 Monies for Leadership Positions
- w 301 Monies for Mentoring Positions

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	1.00	Teacher	18.00
Other Professional Staff	9.00	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	3	2	0	0
4 to 6 years	1	1	0	0
7 to 9 years	0	1	0	0
10 or more years	3	15	2	1

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

**School**

Instructional partnership; Curriculum aligned to Academic Standards, Action 2000 implementation; monthly newsletter (Cat-Tracks); Weekly teacher/home newsletters; Monthly Principal Letter home to families (Principal's Pen); students' rights and responsibilities; midquarter progress reports to parents; quarterly reports to parents; portfolio reports; School Council; PTA meetings; Open House; Curriculum and Conference Nights.

**Parents**

Instructional partnership; classroom assistants; PTA; reading tutors; math tutors; Health Fair; Chess Club; playground improvement; food bank; Parents on Patrol; School Council; School/community projects; support with homework and dress code; safety and monitoring; academic support.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Students will be transported if they live one and one-half miles from Whitmore, with the exception of Old Farm Apartments. Boundaries for attendance are North: east on Snyder Road from Swan Road to Kolb Road (7100 E). East: south on 7100 E from Snyder Road to 4000 N alignment, then east on 4000 N to Sabino Canyon Road. South: west on Grant Road from Pantano Wash to Columbus. West: north on Columbus from Grant Road to Rillito Creek.

∨ **Calendar Information** ∨

**Number of Instruction Days:** 177                      **First Day of School:** 8/15/02  
**Average Daily Instruction Time:** 6 hrs. 30 min.      **Last Day of School:** 5/20/03  
**Operates on Traditional Schedule**

**Report Card Release Dates**

10/22/02                      1/7/03                      3/18/03                      5/21/03

**Additional Calendar/Report Card Information**

∨ **Resources Available at School Site** ∨

**Nutrition Programs**

Federal food programs available to eligible<sup>3</sup> students:

Breakfast - Yes              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 Garden Center
- W The Learning Center
- W Kinder/1st Hummingbird/Butterfly Habitat
- W Science Resource Room

**Extracurricular Activities**

- W Chess Club
- W Boy Scouts
- W Student Council
- W Bowling
- W Girl Scouts
- W Art & Music
- W Gardening/Horticulture

**School/Community Resources**

- W Happy Hours Afterschool Program
- W Breakfast Program
- W District Clothing/Food Banks
- W Crisis Intervention
- W School Resource Officer Program
- W Lunch Program
- W Counseling Services
- W Health Services

## ∨ 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 Whitmore, in conjunction with the district Fine Arts Department, will provide instrumental instruction for all fourth graders (violins) and all fifth graders (cornet or clarinet). All first graders will participate in an Opera component.</p> | <p>w Besides using the hands-on Foss kits, the Whitmore science program now includes a resource center and a horticultural center, as well as the beginnings of a hummingbird/butterfly habitat.</p> |
| <p>w Whitmore has successfully implemented a schoolwide writing program based on a Six Point, Six Trait Rubric.</p>  | <p>w Whitmore staff are implementing cross-curricular instructional practices to meet high academic standards, ensuring academic achievement for students.</p>                                       |

### 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>	18.3 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
<b>Transfers In</b> <sup>5</sup> : Within District	3.9 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
<b>Transfers In</b> <sup>5</sup> : Out-of-District	6.3 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
<b>Promotion Rate</b> <sup>6</sup>	99.7 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
<b>Retention Rate</b> <sup>7</sup>	0.3 %	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
TUSD Award for Increase in Attendance	2000
Arizona State Scholastic Chess - 8th Place	2000
Youth Garden Grants Program Award	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 <sup>1</sup>, 2001-02

		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>53%</b>
	School State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>36%</b>
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>50%</b>
	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

<b>Reading</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>20%</b>
	State	61305	505	21%	20%	43%	15%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>25%</b>
	State	59599	512	17%	26%	42%	16%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>33%</b>
	State	61760	494	14%	40%	12%	34%

<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												
1	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90	54	60	--	--	--
2	Reading	--	--	--	100	79	50	98	69	52	85	59	53	54	65	57
	Language	--	--	--	100	70	40	100	69	43	85	58	44	63	64	48
	Mathematics	--	--	--	100	82	51	100	74	55	85	66	57	57	69	61
3	Reading	79	70	47	100	83	47	100	67	48	83	70	50	64	76	50
	Language	77	73	49	100	87	51	100	65	54	82	76	56	64	81	57
	Mathematics	77	75	46	100	83	49	100	63	52	83	73	54	66	82	56
4	Reading	89	77	53	100	88	54	98	81	54	78	74	55	64	79	55
	Language	89	67	47	100	79	49	94	77	48	81	71	50	64	74	50
	Mathematics	89	70	51	100	80	54	96	81	55	79	67	57	68	83	58
5	Reading	86	89	51	100	76	51	94	71	51	80	75	51	75	59	53
	Language	86	72	42	100	66	44	92	68	45	80	68	45	79	64	47
	Mathematics	86	82	51	100	66	54	98	66	55	80	73	57	72	62	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 2-3</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Grades 3-4</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Grades 4-5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Grades 5-6</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</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

Whitmore continues to implement a schoolwide Safety Plan which includes strategies for dealing with intruders, fire, natural disasters and bee swarms. In addition, Respect and Responsibility is a major focus of the entire Whitmore community, leading to increased involvement in all aspects of the school community, including, but not limited to, a continuing focus on a safe and orderly climate.

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).

0

**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	\$3,630	\$1,418,690
Classroom Supplies	\$21	\$8,293
Administration	\$492	\$192,403
Support Services-Students	\$425	\$166,243
Other Support Services and Operations	\$688	\$268,960
<b>Total Expenditures- All Categories 2000-2001</b>	<b>\$5,257</b>	<b>\$2,054,589</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>	Pam Jarrett	(520) 232-8000	
<b>Transportation Policy</b>	Ron Stacy	(520) 225-4800	
<b>Community Resources</b>	Ruth Davis	(520) 232-8000	
<b>School Nutrition Programs</b>	Martha Ewer	(520) 232-8000	
<b>Parent Organization</b>	Tina Eubanks	(520) 232-8000	
<b>Student Health/Nurse</b>	Eileen Vasko	(520) 232-8000	

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