

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Does Not Receive Profile ¹:

- Alternative School
- Pre-K - 2
- New School

Mingus Mountain Academy

Mingus Mountain Estate Residential Center, Inc.
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Grades: 6-12
2002 Enrollment: 48
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∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

Students are our number one priority at MMA. We believe that all students can learn and high expectations are held for all students whether they be gifted or less able; affluent or disadvantaged; destined for college, further technical training or immediate employment. We believe that students should be encouraged to adopt an attitude of lifelong learning which will enable them to compete in a dynamic diverse society. We believe that students should be treated as individuals.

Organization and Philosophy

- w At-risk Population
- w Experiential Learning
- w Charter School
- w Small Class Size (12:1)

School/Academic Goals

- w Students will improve their attitude toward school and learning.
- w Students will master problem-solving skills, and critical thinking skills to their maximum ability.
- w Students will learn to take responsibility for their behaviors by improving their social skills.
- w Students will learn how to learn independently and cooperatively.

Instructional Programs

- w Alternative Education
- w On-site Special Education
- w School-to-Work
- w Group Therapy
- w Arizona Academic Standards Curriculum
- w Professional Psychological Support
- w Specializing in BEH, EH, SHE
- w Equestrian Science

Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	56
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law ² :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	43

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

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

Council Duties

- w Instructional Strategies
- w Curriculum Development
- w Textbook Selection
- w Student Discipline
- w Safety Issues
- w Parent/Teacher Relations

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	1.00	Teacher	9.00
Other Professional Staff	2.00	Teacher Aide	1.00

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

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

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

The Academy is responsible to students and to parents for grade reporting and academic counseling, for working out a reasonable and attainable educational treatment plan for every student, and for facilitating the student's successful completion of the plan.

Parents

Parents have the responsibility to assist and to support their student in every way possible. Parents should also be willing to participate in regular family therapy with the student. Parents also need to understand and support the Academy in its structure and philosophical purpose.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Students will be transported from the Prescott Valley area by school vehicle every school day. The distance is approximately 15 miles. There is no minimum distance for transportation.

∨ Calendar Information ∨

Number of Instruction Days:	238	First Day of School:	7/5/02
Average Daily Instruction Time:	6 hrs. 0 min.	Last Day of School:	6/30/03

Operates on Extended Schedule

Report Card Release Dates

11/15/02	1/17/03	3/21/03	6/30/03
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Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

Report cards listing a cumulative grade in each subject with teacher dialogue record of academic performance, as well as behavior are mailed/faxed to parents every month of the school term.

∨ Resources Available at School Site ∨

Nutrition Programs

Federal food programs available to eligible³ students:

Breakfast - Yes Lunch - Yes Summer Food - Yes

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 Computers in Every Class; Also Lab	W Equestrian Program
W Ropes and Ladders Course	W Special (Remote) Campsite

Extracurricular Activities

W Hiking/Camping	W Horseback Riding
W Rodeo Events	W Arts/Crafts
W Drama/Music/Choir	W Journalism
W Computer Vocational Skills	W Rehabilitation Counselling Services

School/Community Resources

W Psychiatric Counseling	W Health Services
W Medical/Dental Services	W GED Classes
W School-to-Work Program	W Crisis Intervention
W Recreational Activities	W Job Placement 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 Students achieved success in improving their attitude toward school and learning with increased attendance and improved grades.</p> | <p>w Students gain skills that increased their ability to problem solve.</p> |
| <p>w Students have mastered many critical thinking skills, enabling them to better reach their potential.</p> | <p>w With small class sizes and increased 1:1 instruction, students have increased their ability to work independently and cooperatively.</p> |

Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	98.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
Transfers Out ⁴	61.7 %	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	0.0 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	69.4 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
Retention Rate ⁷	30.6 %	1.5 %	2.1 %	5.2 %
Dropout Rate ⁸	0.0 %			9.5 %
Status Unknown ⁹	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.

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
Outstanding Provider ADJC & AZ Adm. Offices Courts	2002
Killian Commendation of Horsemanship Care	2002
Residential Psychiatric Annual Inspection Commendation	2002
NJCHO Top Honors	2002

∨ 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 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)²

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%

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												
6	Reading	--	**	53	--	**	54	--	--	53	--	--	54	--	--	56
	Language	--	**	41	--	**	44	--	--	44	--	--	45	--	--	47
	Mathematics	--	**	57	--	**	59	--	--	60	--	--	63	--	--	65
7	Reading	--	**	52	100	**	53	100	24	52	100	--	53	100	**	55
	Language	--	**	52	100	**	54	100	11	54	100	--	55	100	**	58
	Mathematics	--	**	53	100	**	55	100	27	56	100	--	58	67	**	60
8	Reading	--	12	54	90	7	54	100	29	53	--	--	55	30	**	56
	Language	--	12	46	100	8	49	100	8	49	--	--	50	30	**	52
	Mathematics	--	21	52	90	16	54	100	14	56	--	--	58	30	**	59
9	Reading	--	24	44	72	9	43	52	13	43	100	16	43	83	22	43
	Language	--	20	39	78	12	39	56	5	40	100	6	41	83	17	42
	Mathematics	--	15	57	78	20	57	56	20	59	100	20	61	78	22	62
10	Reading	--	20	42	75	3	42	73	14	42	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	--	26	43	92	5	44	60	7	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	--	16	47	83	12	49	67	11	50	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	Reading	--	**	46	18	**	44	62	**	45	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	--	25	43	18	**	42	62	**	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	--	22	51	18	**	52	62	**	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 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 Percentage of Students Achieving One Year's Growth	Math Percentage of Students Achieving One Year's Growth
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

We are implementing an action plan based on the Arizona Behavioral Initiative. This plan will encompass the Academic, Residential Treatment, Recreational, and Health & Nutrition programs at Mingus Mountain Estates, of which Mingus Mountain Academy is the academic arm. We also maintain current training for all staff in Creative Conflict Resolution, Therapeutic Crisis Intervention and Group Counseling.

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 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 ∨

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Transportation Policy	Mark McCommonn	(928) 772-6394	18
Community Resources	Timothy Barber-Lindstrom	(928) 772-4296	26
School Nutrition Programs	Mary Burroughs	(928) 772-6394	17
Parent Organization	Elizabeth DeWolfe	(928) 772-6394	18
Student Health/Nurse	Mary Burroughs	(928) 772-6394	17

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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