

# ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

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

### Desert Springs Academy

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

Desert Springs Academy  
10355 E. 29th Street, Tucson, AZ 85748

Director: Mrs. Lydia A. Capara

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Grades: K-8

2002 Enrollment: 182

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## ∨ School Overview ∨

### Mission

Desert Springs Academy Charter School will allow each student to achieve maximum growth in academics, citizenship and personal responsibility in a positive environment that allows each student to progress at his or her own pace. Small classes in a self-contained classroom.

### Organization and Philosophy

- w Solid Preparation/Fundamental Academics
- w Well-structured Learning Day
- w Productive Members of Society
- w Respect, Fairness, Caring Discipline

### School/Academic Goals

- w All students will become more efficient readers, writers, listeners and speakers.
- w Students will develop appropriate proficiencies in basic computations and higher-order math skills.
- w Students will develop skills that will enhance their scientific understanding.

### Instructional Programs

- w Intensive Systematic Phonics Program
- w Language Arts Through Literature
- w Full-day/Half-day Kindergarten
- w Art and Music
- w Foreign Language

### Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	138
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law <sup>2</sup> :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	132

<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)  
 0 Non-certified Employee(s)  
 1 Teacher(s)  
 1 Parent(s)  
 3 Community Member(s)  
 0 Student(s)

**Council Duties**

w Budget  
 w Curriculum Development  
 w Student Policies  
 w Parental Contact

∇ **Staffing Information** ∇

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	1.50	Teacher	11.00
Other Professional Staff	0.00	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	0	3	0	0
4 to 6 years	0	0	0	0
7 to 9 years	0	1	0	0
10 or more years	7	0	0	0

∇ **Shared Responsibilities** ∇

**School**

Safe learning environment; high academic standards; distribution of parent handbook; monthly newsletter.

**Parents**

Student attendance; communicating with school and student; supporting dress code; supporting behavior policies.

∇ **Transportation Policy** ∇

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**∨ Calendar Information ∨**

**Number of Instruction Days:** 185                      **First Day of School:** 8/12/02  
**Average Daily Instruction Time:** 6 hrs. 30 min.      **Last Day of School:** 5/23/03  
**Operates on Traditional Schedule**

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**Report Card Release Dates**


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10/15/02                      12/19/02                      3/7/03                      5/22/03

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**Additional Calendar/Report Card Information**


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**∨ Resources Available at School Site ∨**


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**Nutrition Programs**


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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**


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W NDS

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**Extracurricular Activities**


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W NDS

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**School/Community Resources**


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W Counseling Services

W Afterschool Enrichment Program

## ∨ 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 The intensive phonics program has proven to help students to not only become better readers but to succeed in all other subject areas.

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

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
<b>Attendance Rate</b>	95.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
<b>Transfers Out</b> <sup>4</sup>	20.6 %	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	10.6 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
<b>Promotion Rate</b> <sup>6</sup>	100.0 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
<b>Retention Rate</b> <sup>7</sup>	0.0 %	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
Four First Place Awards for the Citywide Science Fair	2002
First Place Essay Contest Winners for Local Newspapers	2002
Recognition by Local Red Cross for Contributions	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

		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>31%</b>
	School State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>29%</b>
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>31%</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>26</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	State	61305	505	21%	20%	43%	15%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>23%</b>
	State	59599	512	17%	26%	42%	16%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>28%</b>
	State	61760	494	14%	40%	12%	34%

#### Grade 8

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

<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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	100	82	60	--	--	--
2	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	50	100	63	52	100	60	53	100	53	57
	Language	--	--	--	--	--	40	100	79	43	100	47	44	100	62	48
	Mathematics	--	--	--	--	--	51	100	74	55	100	53	57	83	51	61
3	Reading	--	--	47	--	--	47	81	71	48	100	63	50	100	60	50
	Language	--	--	49	--	--	51	81	71	54	100	63	56	100	73	57
	Mathematics	--	--	46	--	--	49	81	62	52	100	69	54	100	74	56
4	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	98	62	54	100	70	55	100	61	55
	Language	--	--	47	--	--	49	98	58	48	100	52	50	100	48	50
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	98	49	55	100	48	57	100	72	58
5	Reading	--	--	51	--	--	51	100	74	51	100	45	51	70	58	53
	Language	--	--	42	--	--	44	100	53	45	100	31	45	70	50	47
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	100	67	55	100	48	57	80	54	59
6	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	91	36	53	100	40	54	100	66	56
	Language	--	--	41	--	--	44	100	14	44	100	30	45	100	63	47
	Mathematics	--	--	57	--	--	59	100	27	60	100	47	63	100	70	65
7	Reading	--	--	52	--	--	53	95	56	52	52	21	53	75	54	55
	Language	--	--	52	--	--	54	95	60	54	52	14	55	75	56	58
	Mathematics	--	--	53	--	--	55	95	51	56	52	27	58	75	65	60
8	Reading	--	--	54	--	--	54	79	66	53	100	47	55	100	46	56
	Language	--	--	46	--	--	49	79	44	49	100	51	50	100	26	52
	Mathematics	--	--	52	--	--	54	79	50	56	100	43	58	100	46	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>70</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Grades 3-4</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Grades 4-5</b>	*	*
<b>Grades 5-6</b>	*	*
<b>Grades 6-7</b>	*	*
<b>Grades 7-8</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

Desert Springs Academy's Governing Board has adopted student behavioral policies that create an orderly climate on campus. Mutual respect between staff, students and parents is fostered on a continual basis. Desert Springs Academy has included character education as part of each student's daily instruction.

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 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	\$2,686	\$379,238
Classroom Supplies	NDS	NDS
Administration	\$466	\$65,817
Support Services-Students	NDS	NDS
Other Support Services and Operations	\$246	\$34,666
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
<b>School Site Council</b>	Lydia A. Capara	(520) 546-9966
<b>Transportation Policy</b>	NDS	
<b>Community Resources</b>	NDS	
<b>School Nutrition Programs</b>	NDS	
<b>Parent Organization</b>	Debbie Dowdall	(520) 790-1767
<b>Student Health/Nurse</b>	Mary Kingsland	(520) 546-9966

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