

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile¹ :

Desert Willow Elementary School

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

Cave Creek Unified District
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2002 Enrollment: 687

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∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

Our vision and desire at Desert Willow Elementary is that students will read at or above grade level at the end of their academic school year. Our educational community will prepare students to become excellent readers, writers, thinkers and problem solvers. Desert Willow is a community of learners where students, parents and faculty are eager to seek knowledge, caring and loving individuals, dedicated to making our world a better place to live and enthusiastic to celebrate learning.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Curriculum Aligned w/AZ Acad. Standards
- w Parental Involvement at All Levels
- w Self-contained Classrooms
- w Looping

Instructional Programs

- w Technology-based Learning
- w Cooperative Learning Environment
- w Community Education
- w School-to-Work
- w Reading and Math Tutoring
- w Gifted Instruction
- w On-site Special Education Classes
- w LEEP Language Program

School/Academic Goals

- w The desire at Desert Willow Elementary is that students will read at or above their grade level at the end of their academic school year.
- w Our educational community will prepare students to become excellent readers, writers, thinkers and problem solvers.
- w Our school will be a primary focal point for community life.
- w At Desert Willow Elementary School, parents will be active partners in the learning process.

Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	703
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law ² :	No
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	15

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)
 6 Parent(s)
 0 Community Member(s)
 0 Student(s)

Council Duties

w Technology
 w Curriculum
 w Instruction
 w School Safety
 w Community Involvement
 w Strategic Planning

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	1.00	Teacher	35.00
Other Professional Staff	11.00	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	7	1	0	0
4 to 6 years	4	4	0	0
7 to 9 years	2	2	0	0
10 or more years	2	13	0	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

Desert Willow Elementary School is a learning place where excellence is modeled and expected in every area of school. We are dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing learning environment where faculty, parents, students and the community members contribute to high academic standards.

Parents

Desert Willow Elementary School parents are seen daily on campus working in various areas of the school, reading to and with children, and contributing to an environment where children are happy learners. Parents are valued members of our school culture. We welcome parents to Desert Willow.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Desert Willow Elementary School is the first neighborhood school in the district. Students walk, ride bikes and ride the school bus to school. Students who live on the east side of Cave Creek Road are encouraged to ride the school bus rather than walking. Transportation is provided for students with special needs.

∨ Calendar Information ∨

Number of Instruction Days:	176	First Day of School:	8/14/02
Average Daily Instruction Time:	5 hrs. 30 min.	Last Day of School:	5/23/03

Operates on Traditional Schedule

Report Card Release Dates

10/18/02	12/20/02	3/21/03	5/23/03
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Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

∨ 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 Computer Lab	W Indoor/Outdoor Performing Areas
W Computer Lab/4 Computers per Class	W Media Center/Library

Extracurricular Activities

W Birthday Book Club	W Mini-museum
W Girl Scouts	W Musical Performances
W Performing Arts	W Student Council
W Roadrunner Club	W Boy Scouts

School/Community Resources

W Kids Count	W Phoenix Police Partnership
W Enrichment Classes	W Summer School
W School-to-Work	W Community Education Tutoring
W Performing Arts/Missoula Theatre Company	W Community Education

∨ 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 Desert Willow Elementary School celebrated its grand opening on October 26, 1999. This event marked the opening 1999-2000 school year for Desert Willow students and their families.</p> | <p>W Students at Desert Willow Elementary School indicate continuous improvement in reading, writing and math.</p> |
| <p>W The faculty at Desert Willow Elementary School is top notch. Their success is indicated in student achievement in the areas of reading, writing and math.</p> | <p>W The Desert Willow parents and community are a vital component of this successful school. The PTO has worked closely with faculty to assist in our goal for all students to become excellent readers, writers and thinkers.</p> |

Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	97.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
Transfers Out ⁴	13.2 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	0.7 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	2.9 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	99.9 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
Retention Rate ⁷	0.1 %	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
Project GOAL - 1st Grade	2000
Project GOAL - 1st Grade	2001
Project GOAL - 1st Grade	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

		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E	
Grade 3	Reading	School	132	538	3%	11%	42%	43%
		State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
Writing	School	130	555	4%	8%	70%	18%	
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%	
Mathematics	School	136	528	4%	19%	49%	29%	
	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

Reading	School	96	519	10%	15%	47%	28%
	State	61305	505	21%	20%	43%	15%
Writing	School	99	543	5%	15%	49%	30%
	State	59599	512	17%	26%	42%	16%
Mathematics	School	101	515	4%	33%	15%	49%
	State	61760	494	14%	40%	12%	34%

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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	98	85	60	--	--	--
2	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	50	97	66	52	77	67	53	100	76	57
	Language	--	--	--	--	--	40	97	62	43	93	65	44	100	67	48
	Mathematics	--	--	--	--	--	51	97	70	55	93	73	57	100	75	61
3	Reading	--	--	47	--	--	47	99	66	48	95	60	50	93	66	50
	Language	--	--	49	--	--	51	99	69	54	95	69	56	94	64	57
	Mathematics	--	--	46	--	--	49	99	61	52	95	57	54	93	64	56
4	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	97	71	54	88	70	55	97	70	55
	Language	--	--	47	--	--	49	97	64	48	88	63	50	100	63	50
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	98	63	55	89	67	57	99	71	58
5	Reading	--	--	51	--	--	51	100	68	51	91	71	51	91	74	53
	Language	--	--	42	--	--	44	100	58	45	92	59	45	92	61	47
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	99	64	55	95	67	57	93	76	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 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	66	55
Grades 3-4	87	88
Grades 4-5	84	81
Grades 5-6	***	***

*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 Willow Elementary School works closely with the community to provide a safe learning environment for all students and faculty. The Tatum Ranch Association and Desert Willow PTO partnered with the Phoenix Police Department to provide a call box on campus for the police. The Site Council has been actively involved in addressing safety at school. Desert Willow's Crisis Management Team meets monthly.

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	\$2,315	\$1,617,361
Classroom Supplies	\$37	\$25,974
Administration	\$404	\$282,048
Support Services-Students	\$207	\$144,763
Other Support Services and Operations	\$829	\$579,330
Total Expenditures- All Categories 2000-2001	\$3,793	\$2,649,476

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	Jana Woodward	(480) 575-2800	
Transportation Policy	Cathy Erwin	(480) 575-2081	
Community Resources	Evelyn Holbrook	(480) 575-2070	
School Nutrition Programs	Debbie Silver	(480) 575-2437	
Parent Organization	Susie Warren	(480) 575-2877	
Student Health/Nurse	Linda Robert	(480) 575-2802	

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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