

# ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Achievement Profile<sup>1</sup>:

## Paramount Academy

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

Paramount Education Studies Inc  
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Grades: K-8

2002 Enrollment: 400

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### ∨ School Overview ∨

#### Mission

We believe all children are capable of learning, given proper motivation and instructional techniques and will increase in self-esteem knowing they worked hard demonstrating their talents and gifts. Our curriculum emphasizes a work ethic, critical thinking, hands-on learning, representative projects, formal research and writing, positive decision making, life skills, performance of student-created material and the bonding of family, school and community.

#### Organization and Philosophy

- w Charter School
- w Performing Arts Program
- w Science Program
- w Basic Skill Program

#### School/Academic Goals

- w All students will perform at or above national averages for their grade/age level.
- w Students will demonstrate higher-level research skills.
- w Students will develop elevated communication skills, both written and oral.
- w Basic academic abilities will be enhanced through performing arts, hands-on science and life skills.

#### Instructional Programs

- w Full-day Kindergarten
- w Saxon Math
- w Saxon Phonics
- w Technology Program
- w Performing Arts
- w Physical Education Program
- w 4-H Program
- w Ability Grouping

#### Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	NDS
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law <sup>2</sup> :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	318

<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**

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

**Council Duties**

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Number</b>
Administrator	1.00	Teacher	22.00
Other Professional Staff	3.00	Teacher Aide	4.00

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

<b>Experience</b>	<b>Degree</b>			
	<b>Bachelor's</b>	<b>Master's</b>	<b>Doctorate</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>3 or fewer years</b>	8	1	0	0
<b>4 to 6 years</b>	7	0	1	1
<b>7 to 9 years</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>10 or more years</b>	0	6	0	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

**School**

Provide a safe and positive environment where self-confidence, personal achievement and community service are taught through performing arts and hands-on science. We will provide a family atmosphere where students, teachers, staff and administration are working as a team to best serve the leaders of tomorrow.

**Parents**

Parents will attend Parent/Teacher conferences when scheduled. The parent will support and enforce that his or her child is properly dressed in uniform attire. They will ensure that his/her child regularly attends school. Our parents will support rules and policies as required.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Parents/Guardians will transport student to and from school daily. Students may ride their bike or walk based on parent approval. There is no busing at the Peoria location.

∨ **Calendar Information** ∨

**Number of Instruction Days:** 177                      **First Day of School:** 8/14/02  
**Average Daily Instruction Time:** 6 hrs. 0 min.      **Last Day of School:** 5/20/03  
**Operates on Traditional Schedule**

**Report Card Release Dates**

10/21/02                      1/6/03                      3/7/03                      5/20/03

**Additional Calendar/Report Card Information**

∨ **Resources Available at School Site** ∨

**Nutrition Programs**

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.

**Special Facilities**

- W Performing Arts Studio
- W Maricopa Bookmobil/Bi-weekly
- W Computers in Classrooms
- W Multi-Purpose Room

**Extracurricular Activities**

- W Student Council
- W Select Choir
- W After-school sports
- W Extended Learning/After-school program
- W Yearbook
- W 4-H Club
- W Field-Day

**School/Community Resources**

- W Peoria Public Library
- W Luke Airforce Base
- W Community Performances

## ∨ 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 Through life skills, students have developed interpersonal relationships establishing an environment that is conducive to learning. This includes exhibiting personal responsibility and respect for others.</p> | <p>W Through the performing arts, the students have demonstrated creative writing skills, enhanced their ability to achieve academic areas.</p> |
| <p>W Students have shown accelerated progress because of being placed in groups according to individual academic ability rather than by grade or age level.</p>   | <p>W Through cooperative learning, the students have demonstrated higher interests in multiple academic disciplines.</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>	36.7 %	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	12.2 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
<b>Promotion Rate</b> <sup>6</sup>	96.4 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
<b>Retention Rate</b> <sup>7</sup>	3.6 %	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
Mesa Days Parade	1998
Performance at State Fair	1999
City of Peoria Young Art Festival---7 Ribbons Won	2001
City of Peoria Young Art Festival -13 Ribbons Won	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 <sup>1</sup>, 2001-02

		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>27%</b>
	School State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>3%</b>
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>28%</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>33</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>12%</b>
	State	61305	505	21%	20%	43%	15%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	State	59599	512	17%	26%	42%	16%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>29%</b>
	State	61760	494	14%	40%	12%	34%

#### Grade 8

<b>Reading</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
	State	57484	504	24%	20%	40%	16%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
	State	55420	493	15%	42%	41%	2%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	58	60	--	--	--
2	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	50	98	48	52	37	51	53	--	56	57
	Language	--	--	--	--	--	40	100	36	43	37	30	44	--	51	48
	Mathematics	--	--	--	--	--	51	100	28	55	37	52	57	--	52	61
3	Reading	--	--	47	--	--	47	100	48	48	11	--	50	--	50	50
	Language	--	--	49	--	--	51	100	53	54	11	--	56	--	61	57
	Mathematics	--	--	46	--	--	49	100	58	52	11	--	54	--	57	56
4	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	100	48	54	55	57	55	--	55	55
	Language	--	--	47	--	--	49	100	37	48	55	54	50	--	56	50
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	100	46	55	55	54	57	--	71	58
5	Reading	--	--	51	--	--	51	100	61	51	23	--	51	--	57	53
	Language	--	--	42	--	--	44	100	50	45	35	18	45	--	57	47
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	100	49	55	35	30	57	--	64	59
6	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	100	50	53	35	27	54	--	54	56
	Language	--	--	41	--	--	44	100	41	44	35	20	45	--	38	47
	Mathematics	--	--	57	--	--	59	100	41	60	35	41	63	--	62	65
7	Reading	--	--	52	--	--	53	100	45	52	47	45	53	--	53	55
	Language	--	--	52	--	--	54	100	43	54	47	44	55	--	59	58
	Mathematics	--	--	53	--	--	55	100	28	56	47	34	58	--	59	60
8	Reading	--	--	54	--	--	54	100	59	53	43	57	55	--	37	56
	Language	--	--	46	--	--	49	100	60	49	50	35	50	--	36	52
	Mathematics	--	--	52	--	--	54	100	48	56	50	55	58	--	30	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>75</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Grades 3-4</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Grades 4-5</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Grades 5-6</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Grades 6-7</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Grades 7-8</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**

We have contracted with a truancy officer to ensure a safe and orderly environment for our students. Parenting classes are offered to parents at the school. Paramount Academy provides the DARE program for the 6th grade.

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	\$1,938	\$598,875
Classroom Supplies	NDS	NDS
Administration	\$616	\$190,485
Support Services-Students	NDS	NDS
Other Support Services and Operations	\$597	\$184,428
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>	NDS		
<b>Transportation Policy</b>	Dale R. Cline	(623) 853-2522	
<b>Community Resources</b>	Mr. Williams	(623) 977-0614	
<b>School Nutrition Programs</b>	NDS		
<b>Parent Organization</b>	Claudia Meiners	(623) 510-1659	
<b>Student Health/Nurse</b>	Susan Crane	(623) 977-0614	

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/](http://www.ade.az.gov/srcs/) on the Internet.

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