

# ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Does Not Receive Profile <sup>1</sup>:

Alternative School

Pre-K - 2

New School

## Country Gardens Charter School

Higley Unified District  
6313 W. Southern Avenue, Laveen, AZ 85339

**Superintendent:** Mrs. Goldie H. Burge

**Schedule:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Web Address:** Unpublished or Unavailable

**E-mail:** Unpublished or Unavailable

**Grades:** K-12

**2002 Enrollment:** 394

**Phone:** (602) 237-3741

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### ∨ School Overview ∨

#### Mission

The mission of Country Gardens is to nurture academic, social and emotional success for all students, so they become well-rounded, productive citizens. The philosophy of CGCS is based on the integration of hands-on experiential learning, technology and application level projects in a Life-Science Environment. The belief that all children can learn is manifested in methodologies which utilize different learning modalities and individualization of instruction with learning centers and labs.

#### Organization and Philosophy

- w Low Class Size/Multi-age Groupings
- w Life Science Focus with Technology
- w Self-contained Classes/Integrated Subj.
- w Cross-grade Level Interaction/Tutoring

#### Instructional Programs

- w Individualized Curriculum K-12
- w Hands-on Experiential Learning/Centers
- w Phonetic & Linguistic Reading/Literature
- w Student-run Businesses
- w Outdoor Learning Labs: Ponds, Aviaries
- w Greenhouses/Gardens/Farm Animals
- w Zoology Lab/Animal Nursery/Animal Rescue
- w Classic Car Rebuilding/Band/Chorus

#### School/Academic Goals

- w To foster an increased awareness of science in everyday life and gain an increased knowledge of life science and the scientific method.
- w To create a heightened interest in US History and its effects upon today's world, coupled with providing a broadened application of history through project simulations and field study trips.
- w To create print-rich environments which foster reading and language arts skills inherently. Designing learning centers and curriculum programs which require individuals to read constantly to be able to complete the tasks.
- w To design programs which not only teach math on an application level but use it in that manner daily throughout the programs, so as to create an environment of daily mathing.

#### Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	371
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law <sup>2</sup> :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	335

<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>
<b>Administrator</b>	1.50	<b>Teacher</b>	25.00
<b>Other Professional Staff</b>	3.00	<b>Teacher Aide</b>	2.00

**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	0	0	11
<b>4 to 6 years</b>	2	0	0	0
<b>7 to 9 years</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>10 or more years</b>	0	2	1	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

**School**

Our school has a responsibility to the parents to provide a safe and secure environment for learning. To teach and guide their children in all facets of education: Academic, Social and Emotional. To find the best in each child and help them be a successful student working at/or above their potential. To inspire, enlighten and instill a love of learning through example and program design.

**Parents**

The parents of our students have a responsibility to the school to provide their child with a loving and nurturing home, so the child comes to school with good self-esteem and confidence; to help their child with weekly homework; to support the teacher and principal in their decisions to create a solid network in the best interest of the child; to support the school's charter; be a help, not a hindrance; and make sure their children come to school every day.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

We offer yellow school bus service to over 350 students. Our busing boundaries are north to Glendale Avenue; south to Estrella; west to 115th Avenue and east to 27th Avenue. We do not charge any fees for this service at this time, yet bus service is a privilege which when abused, will cease for that child.

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## ∨ Calendar Information ∨

<b>Number of Instruction Days:</b>	177	<b>First Day of School:</b>	8/22/02
<b>Average Daily Instruction Time:</b>	6 hrs. 45 min.	<b>Last Day of School:</b>	6/6/03

**Operates on Traditional Schedule**

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### Report Card Release Dates

11/1/02	1/24/03	4/11/03	6/6/03
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### Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

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## ∨ Resources Available at School Site ∨

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### Nutrition Programs

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

W Outdoor/Indoor Science Labs	W Student-run Businesses Mini-mall
W Greenhouses/Gardens/Farm Animals/Horses	W Animal Nursery/Rescue Station/Lab

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### Extracurricular Activities

W Afterschool Sports	W Chorus/Drama/Band
W Overnight Academic/Out-of-State Trips	W Marching Band/Honor Guard/Drill Team
W Businesses/Cooking/Goods Production	W Classic Car Rebuilding/Archery/Hiking
W Horseback Riding/Horse Drill Team	W Evening Parent Classes

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### School/Community Resources

W Local Farms and Dairies	W Laveen Jaycees
W Local Businesses	W Maricopa County Coop
W City of Phoenix Archeological Dept.	W SRP/APS
W Area Nurseries	W Westside Food Bank/Kids Care

## ∨ 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 our Animal Science programs our students have increased their awareness of science and have a higher level of interest towards science. The scientific method is being carried out on a regular basis and is increasing their understanding of it.</p> | <p>W Our extensive history programs utilize drama, videos, simulations, projects, and field study trips which have proved to be very successful in increasing a broad and comprehensive understanding of history.</p>            |
| <p>W All classrooms create and implement learning centers as the core of our curriculum. Teacher training ensures this process. A print-rich environment is evident in every classroom and students are forced to read constantly to complete the activities.</p>   | <p>W Our ongoing animal units and student-run businesses programs require students to use math daily and teachers follow a rigorous integration of these math lessons weekly. Students are mathing constantly on our campus.</p> |

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

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
<b>Attendance Rate</b>	93.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
<b>Transfers Out</b> <sup>4</sup>	31.6 %	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	0.2 %	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>	15.0 %			9.5 %
<b>Status Unknown</b> <sup>9</sup>	15.0 %			6.0 %

**Students reported as "dropouts" who may have returned to school for the following academic year are not accounted for in this report.**

<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
NDS	

## ∨ 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>14</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>
	School State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>0%</b>
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>5%</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>481</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	State	61305	505	21%	20%	43%	15%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	State	59599	512	17%	26%	42%	16%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>0%</b>
	State	61760	494	14%	40%	12%	34%

#### Grade 8

<b>Reading</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	State	57484	504	24%	20%	40%	16%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>0%</b>
	State	55420	493	15%	42%	41%	2%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
	State	57734	459	39%	40%	14%	7%

#### Grade 10 (Class of 2003)<sup>2</sup>

<b>Reading</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>
	State	49803	512	15%	23%	48%	14%
<b>Writing</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>
	State	50471	477	17%	23%	59%	1%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>
	State	50429	480	48%	19%	22%	10%

<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."

∨ **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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	75	25	60	--	--	--
2	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	50	--	--	52	100	29	53	--	--	57
	Language	--	--	--	--	--	40	--	--	43	100	19	44	--	--	48
	Mathematics	--	--	--	--	--	51	--	--	55	100	22	57	--	--	61
3	Reading	--	--	47	--	--	47	--	--	48	80	22	50	--	--	50
	Language	--	--	49	--	--	51	--	--	54	84	22	56	--	--	57
	Mathematics	--	--	46	--	--	49	--	--	52	80	16	54	--	--	56
4	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	--	--	54	100	24	55	--	--	55
	Language	--	--	47	--	--	49	--	--	48	100	22	50	--	--	50
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	--	--	55	100	19	57	--	--	58
5	Reading	--	--	51	--	--	51	--	--	51	59	15	51	--	--	53
	Language	--	--	42	--	--	44	--	--	45	65	11	45	--	--	47
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	--	--	55	65	14	57	--	--	59
6	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	--	--	53	80	29	54	--	--	56
	Language	--	--	41	--	--	44	--	--	44	80	16	45	--	--	47
	Mathematics	--	--	57	--	--	59	--	--	60	82	27	63	--	--	65
7	Reading	--	--	52	--	--	53	--	--	52	92	36	53	--	--	55
	Language	--	--	52	--	--	54	--	--	54	100	33	55	--	--	58
	Mathematics	--	--	53	--	--	55	--	--	56	92	30	58	--	--	60
8	Reading	--	--	54	--	--	54	--	--	53	100	35	55	--	--	56
	Language	--	--	46	--	--	49	--	--	49	100	25	50	--	--	52
	Mathematics	--	--	52	--	--	54	--	--	56	100	23	58	--	--	59
9	Reading	--	--	44	--	--	43	--	--	43	55	40	43	--	--	43
	Language	--	--	39	--	--	39	--	--	40	55	32	41	--	--	42
	Mathematics	--	--	57	--	--	57	--	--	59	55	36	61	--	--	62
10	Reading	--	--	42	--	--	42	--	--	42	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	--	--	43	--	--	44	--	--	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	--	--	47	--	--	49	--	--	50	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	Reading	--	--	46	--	--	44	--	--	45	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Language	--	--	43	--	--	42	--	--	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	52	--	--	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 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>Grades 3-4</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

We have designed programs which empower children and build self-esteem. Students take part in an extensive number of Life Science projects working with animals and plants. Students who feel included and part of a group are less likely to want to harm others. We have a strong Peer Mediation Program which places responsibility on the students. Our class size is limited to 25 students and we are self-contained. We have a strict suspension policy. We have a lock-down and evacuation procedure.

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	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 ∨

	Name	Phone	Extension
<b>School Site Council</b>	NDS		
<b>Transportation Policy</b>	J.R. Mayberry	(602) 237-3741	
<b>Community Resources</b>	Lisa Vega	(602) 237-3741	
<b>School Nutrition Programs</b>	Pam Mayberry	(602) 237-3741	
<b>Parent Organization</b>	School Support Team	(602) 237-3741	
<b>Student Health/Nurse</b>	Cynthia Dominguez	(602) 237-3741	

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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