

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Does Not Receive Profile ¹:

Alternative School

Pre-K - 2

New School

Sequoia Charter Elementary School

Sequoia Charter School
1460 S. Horne, Mesa, AZ 85204

Principal: Ms. Laurie L. Presnell

Schedule: 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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Grades: K-6

2002 Enrollment: 388

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∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

Our elementary school offers a multi-pronged approach that includes back-to-basics instruction, multi-age and traditional classroom settings, and hands-on learning. The classroom's environment is one in which students feel motivated to learn; trust is established; students are free to take risks; options are provided; students are empowered by taking responsibility for their learning; and students will understand that parents are an integral part of their learning process.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Competency-based
- w Parent Driven
- w Child-centered
- w Individualized Education

Instructional Programs

- w Character First! Education Program
- w Accelerated Math (Competency-based)
- w Accelerated Reader (Competency-based)
- w Saxon Phonics (K-3)
- w Six Trait Writing Program
- w Reading for all Learners

School/Academic Goals

- w Using Accelerated Math, we plan to individualize instruction to raise standards to improve student average performance to on/or above grade level in mathematics.
- w Using Reading for all Learners and Accelerated Reader, we plan to individualize instruction to raise standards to improve student average performance to on/or above grade level in reading.
- w Using the Title I Reading Lab and Reading for all Learners, we plan to aid and assist low readers, encourage the love of reading, and raise test scores to on/or above grade level.
- w Using the Six Trait Plus writing standards, we plan to raise students' writing abilities to on/or above grade level.

Enrollment

October 1, 2001 School Year Student Enrollment:	373
Accepting New Students in 2002-03 Under Open Enrollment Law ² :	Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2001-02:	379

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

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	2.00	Teacher	16.00
Other Professional Staff	1.00	Teacher Aide	4.00

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

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

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

While we cannot provide everything for everyone, our mission is to assist families in the education of their children by using an effective blend of time-tested teaching techniques and new technology tools to prepare students with the competencies, character, and confidence to assist students in fulfilling their individual missions. We use child-centered, individualized learning environments in classrooms. We use standards-based instructional techniques.

Parents

Because of the fundamental belief that we are here to assist families in the education of their children, parents assist in ensuring excellent student attendance; providing proper clothing and nourishment; supporting students with their homework; being involved with the school goals and expectations; supporting school policies including the school's strict dress and behavior codes. Parents are to communicate regularly with the school. Parents help in classrooms with projects and field trips.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Transportation is available on a very limited basis.

∨ Calendar Information ∨

Number of Instruction Days:	177	First Day of School:	8/19/02
Average Daily Instruction Time:	6 hrs. 30 min.	Last Day of School:	5/29/03

Operates on Traditional Schedule

Report Card Release Dates

9/26/02	12/19/02	2/14/03	5/29/03
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Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

The school reporting schedule is based on a six-term grading period. The first term report cards are released on 11/5/02. The fifth grading term report cards will be released on 4/4/03.

∨ Resources Available at School Site ∨

Nutrition Programs

Federal food programs available to eligible³ students:

Breakfast - No 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 Title I Reading Lab	W Media Center
W Computers in Every Classroom	W 10-acre Campus Across Street From Park

Extracurricular Activities

W Character First! Education	W Red Ribbon Week Campaign
W Natl. Children's Book Week Celebration	W Exploratory Courses (grades 5 and 6)
W Physical Education Course	W Music Class
W Kids Helping Kids Service Team	W Band (5-6)/Orchestra (4-6)/Chorus

School/Community Resources

W Park Across Street	W Secondary Schools are Located on Campus
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∨ 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 Sequoia Elementary is the winner of a state grant for implementing a character education program.</p> | <p>w The average student at Sequoia Elementary can apply the rules of phonics in reading and writing.</p> |
| <p>w Sequoia Elementary School was recognized for its' Kids Helping Kids Program, a service oriented program, which earned over \$3,000.00 for the Phoenix Children's Hospital.</p> | <p>w Winner of technology grant which allows parents to access their student's information from home on the Internet.</p> |

Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	94.0 %	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
Transfers Out ⁴	21.9 %	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	0.4 %	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	7.2 %	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	95.4 %	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
Retention Rate ⁷	4.6 %	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
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 ¹, 2001-02

		Number Tested	MS	FFB	A	M	E
Grade 3	Reading	School 47	506	26%	15%	38%	21%
	State	58840	524	9%	17%	45%	29%
Writing	School	45	503	29%	13%	53%	4%
	State	57282	541	10%	12%	63%	16%
Mathematics	School	50	487	28%	28%	28%	16%
	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	42	491	40%	17%	40%	2%
	State	61305	505	21%	20%	43%	15%
Writing	School	42	463	43%	33%	24%	0%
	State	59599	512	17%	26%	42%	16%
Mathematics	School	46	452	39%	41%	11%	9%
	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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	60	--	--	--
2	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	50	--	--	52	--	--	53	79	53	57
	Language	--	--	--	--	--	40	--	--	43	--	--	44	90	32	48
	Mathematics	--	--	--	--	--	51	--	--	55	--	--	57	88	64	61
3	Reading	--	--	47	--	--	47	--	--	48	--	--	50	86	36	50
	Language	--	--	49	--	--	51	--	--	54	--	--	56	86	39	57
	Mathematics	--	--	46	--	--	49	--	--	52	--	--	54	84	52	56
4	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	--	--	54	--	--	55	91	36	55
	Language	--	--	47	--	--	49	--	--	48	--	--	50	93	34	50
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	--	--	55	--	--	57	95	49	58
5	Reading	--	--	51	--	--	51	--	--	51	--	--	51	83	35	53
	Language	--	--	42	--	--	44	--	--	45	--	--	45	87	26	47
	Mathematics	--	--	51	--	--	54	--	--	55	--	--	57	89	36	59
6	Reading	--	--	53	--	--	54	--	--	53	--	--	54	87	32	56
	Language	--	--	41	--	--	44	--	--	44	--	--	45	87	21	47
	Mathematics	--	--	57	--	--	59	--	--	60	--	--	63	87	44	65

∨ 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	50	73
Grades 3-4	70	84
Grades 4-5	61	59
Grades 5-6	79	90
Grades 6-7	***	***

*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 dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing atmosphere of respect that fosters the love of learning. Parents and faculty have developed a Contract of Expectations which as a condition of enrollment, the student and parent must be willing to abide and uphold. Our Behavior, Zero-Tolerance, and Dress Codes are strictly enforced. We have implemented in all classes the Character First! Program which is based on teaching nine democratic values. Each month a theme is taught and reinforced.

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	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

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	NDS		
Transportation Policy	Laurie Presnell	(480) 649-7737	2199
Community Resources	Diana Redford	(480) 649-7737	2199
School Nutrition Programs	Laurie Presnell	(480) 649-7737	2199
Parent Organization	Patricia Beirwagen	(480) 615-0607	
Student Health/Nurse	Marjorie Smith	(480) 649-7737	5090

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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