

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2002-03

Does Not Receive Profile ¹:

- Alternative School
- Pre-K - 2
- New School

Desert Ridge High School

Gilbert Unified District
10045 E. Madero, Mesa, AZ 85212

Principal: Mr. Daniel R. Coombs
Schedule: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Web Address: www.gilbert.k12.az.us/info/schools/drhs.html
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Grades: 9-11
2002 Enrollment: 902
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∨ School Overview ∨

Mission

Desert Ridge High School is a comprehensive high school which prepares all students for their individual goals. We provide a positive learning environment in which all students are respected and instruction is age and ability appropriate. We feature a very caring and experienced faculty. Students with special needs are welcome and valued. We emphasize the latest in technology based instruction and provide programs which which directly prepare students for the college or career of their choice.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Closed campus
- w Traditional 6 period schedule, non-block
- w Inclusion model special needs
- w Fully departmentalized academics

Instructional Programs

- w Industrial technology program
- w Agricultural sciences facility
- w Full production fine arts labs
- w Full performing arts facilities
- w On site special education
- w Honors and AP courses
- w Spanish, French, German, Japanese
- w Full AIA athletic programs

School/Academic Goals

- w Students will be able to write and communicate effectively across disciplines and using current technology.
- w Students will be able to read content specific materials and demonstrate the ability to communicate using technical and scientific vocabularies.
- w Students will be able to access the courses and information required to lead directly to colleges or careers in vocational arenas of their choice.
- w Students will demonstrate an awareness of and appreciation for diversity of cultures, of experiences and of abilities.

Enrollment

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

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)
- 1 Non-certified Employee(s)
- 2 Teacher(s)
- 6 Parent(s)
- 0 Community Member(s)
- 1 Student(s)

Council Duties

- w Curricular Issues
- w Parent & School Relations
- w Extracurricular Activities
- w Community Involvement
- w School Improvement Process
- w School Safety Oversight

∨ **Staffing Information** ∨

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

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	3.00	Teacher	65.00
Other Professional Staff	5.00	Teacher Aide	7.00

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

Experience	Degree			
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	12	7	1	0
4 to 6 years	7	7	0	0
7 to 9 years	1	7	0	0
10 or more years	5	18	0	0

∨ **Shared Responsibilities** ∨

School

Desert Ridge HS is committed to high standards in academics and extracurriculars and we intend to help students attain their goals through all of our programs. DRHS is committed to a safe, caring and enjoyable school environment for all students with a special emphasis on respect for self, all others and the physical environment. We are committed to providing current and ongoing information by way of school newsletters, district mailings and open and direct dialogue with parents at all times.

Parents

DRHS parents are responsible for supporting the mission, goals and philosophy of the school. They are responsible for ensuring that their students attend school regularly and on time; they should report absences in a timely fashion. Parents are responsible for monitoring the whereabouts and behaviour of their children and for ensuring that they are safe, well-rested and ready for school each day. Parents should report any issue to the school which may impact their child's ability to learn.

∨ **Transportation Policy** ∨

Desert Ridge HS uses district provided school buses for transportation. 16 buses, including a special needs bus, transport all students who live within the Gilbert Unified attendance area and within a one-mile range to and from school each day on preassigned routes. The Desert Ridge boundaries are approximately 21 square miles.

∨ 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 2002/2003 is our first year in operation. We will have items to report for next year.

Student Information: 2001-02 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	NEW	95.0 %	94.0 %	94.0 %
Transfers Out ⁴	NEW	19.6 %	19.5 %	20.5 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	NEW	2.7 %	2.2 %	2.0 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	NEW	9.7 %	9.6 %	9.5 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	NEW	98.4 %	97.8 %	94.8 %
Retention Rate ⁷	NEW	1.5 %	2.1 %	5.2 %
Dropout Rate ⁸	NEW			9.5 %
Status Unknown ⁹	NEW			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
Art teacher keynote address Intl Ceramics Conf, Greece	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 , 2001-02

New school; therefore, no data to report.

∨ 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

New school; therefore, no data to report.

∨ 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).

New school; therefore, no data to report.

∨ 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 Ridge HS is a closed campus, structured to be completely enclosed during instructional hours. We have an on site school resource officer with the Mesa Police and have a fully trained security staff at the ratio of 250:1. We train students to be peer mediators for conflict resolution and we have on site health, psychological and counseling services. Our campus has a full array of security cameras, motion alarms and one-way exterior gates. Teachers and administrators patrol all areas daily.

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).

NEW

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	NEW	NEW
Classroom Supplies	NEW	NEW
Administration	NEW	NEW
Support Services-Students	NEW	NEW
Other Support Services and Operations	NEW	NEW
Total Expenditures- All Categories 2000-2001	NEW	NEW

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	Daniel R. Coombs	(480) 984-8947	120
Transportation Policy	Jay Morris	(480) 497-3300	314
Community Resources	Daniel R. Coombs	(480) 984-8947	120
School Nutrition Programs	Debbie McCarron	(480) 497-3300	370
Parent Organization	Daniel R. Coombs	(480) 984-8947	120
Student Health/Nurse	Clarín Havig	(480) 984-8947	102

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