

## ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-07

8123 North 35th Avenue 2, Phoenix, AZ 85051

Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc. dba Life Skills Center of Arizona

### AZ LEARNS<sup>1</sup>

#### High School Achievement Profile (a)

2005-06	Performing
2004-05	Performing
2003-04	Performing

(a) For additional information, please refer to Achievement Profiles Page near end of document.

### No Child Left Behind

#### Adequate Yearly Progress (b)

2005-06	Met
2004-05	Met
2003-04	Met

#### School Improvement Status (b)

2005-06	N/A
2004-05	N/A
2003-04	N/A

(b) For additional information, please refer to the AYP page in this report card.

Arizona's report cards have been revised to include requirements in the federal No Child Left Behind Act, such as Adequate Yearly Progress and the disaggregation of student level data into required subgroups.

### School Overview

Principal/Administrator : Dr. William Flake PHD  
 Schedule : 07:30 AM to 05:00 PM  
 Grades : 9-12  
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### Mission

The Life Skills Center of Arizona will be to provide a comprehensive and positive educational experience for high school youth that have not succeeded in a traditional learning environment. The center will impart to each student the knowledge, desire, and confidence needed to succeed with academic and workplace goals. The Center will strive to teach, guide, and support each student through his or her educational growth and development.

### School / Academic Goals

- ü Using a self-paced academic program students will take responsibility for their own learning through the development of self-monitoring and self-assessment skills.
- ü The center's student body passage rate on the AIMS testing program will improve by a minimum of 5% each year.
- ü Students will complete 150 hours of work or volunteer hours prior to graduation. To provide them with a strong understanding of the real life working environment.

### Enrollment

October 1, 2005 School Year Student Enrollment : 366  
 Accepting New Students in 2005-06 Under Open Enrollment Law :<sup>2</sup> Yes  
 Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2005-06 : 500

Instructional Programs

- Ü On-Site Special Education Services
- Ü Technology Based Learning
- Ü School-to-Work Program
- Ü Vocational Educational
- Ü Structured ELL Education Program
- Ü Speech and Language Services
- Ü Family Advocacy
- Ü Special Education

Calendar Information

Number of Instruction Days : 193  
Average Daily Instruction Time : 4 hours 0 minutes  
First Day of School : 8/1/2005  
Last Day of School : 6/29/2006

Shared Responsibilities

School

Life Skills Center of Arizona partners with parents to provide learning opportunities which include, but are not limited to employment, vocational training, volunteering and counseling.

Parents

Life Skills Center of Arizona requests the support of parents regarding school policies and procedures. Parents are expected to offer adequate guidance to students in the achievement of his/her high school diploma.

Transportation Policy

Students are provided with bus cards for use on the Valley Metro bus system. The school does not provide direct transportation to or from the school.

School Honors

Awards or Special Recognition Received By the School, Staff or Students

Award/Honor

Year

10th Grade

Mathematics	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	33	33	71130	43	43	95	659	659	701	70	70	23	21	21	13	9	9	51	NA	NA	14
All Students (Prior Year)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Female	19	19	35465	48	48	96	658	658	702	68	68	21	26	26	13	5	5	53	NA	NA	13
Male	14	14	35648	39	39	94	661	661	701	71	71	24	14	14	12	14	14	50	NA	NA	14
African American	NC	NC	3868	NC	NC	95	NC	NC	686	NC	NC	33	NC	NC	17	NC	NC	45	NC	NC	6
Hispanic	18	18	25103	46	46	95	663	663	685	67	67	34	17	17	16	17	17	45	NA	NA	5
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1805	--	--	98	--	--	731	--	--	9	--	--	7	--	--	50	--	--	34
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NC	NC	4241	NC	NC	90	NC	NC	679	NC	NC	39	NC	NC	19	NC	NC	39	NC	NC	3
White	NC	NC	36075	NC	NC	95	NC	NC	715	NC	NC	12	NC	NC	9	NC	NC	58	NC	NC	21
Students with Disabilities	--	--	5862	--	--	71	--	--	658	--	--	63	--	--	15	--	--	20	--	--	2
Students without Disabilities	33	33	65268	45	45	98	659	659	705	70	70	19	21	21	12	9	9	54	NA	NA	15
Limited English Proficient Students	NC	NC	4859	NC	NC	93	NC	NC	662	NC	NC	64	NC	NC	15	NC	NC	20	NC	NC	1
Migrant Students	--	--	786	--	--	95	--	--	681	--	--	38	--	--	18	--	--	41	--	--	4
Economically Disadvantaged	NC	NC	22957	NC	NC	93	NC	NC	685	NC	NC	34	NC	NC	17	NC	NC	44	NC	NC	5
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	30	30	48173	46	46	96	659	659	709	70	70	17	20	20	11	10	10	55	NA	NA	18

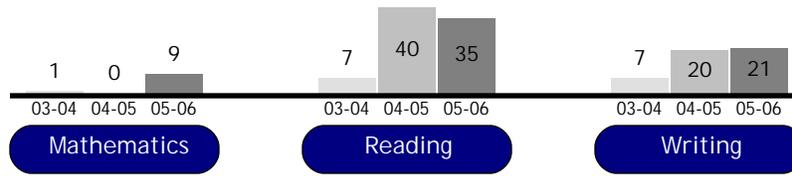
Reading	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	26	26	73018	36	36	97	662	662	703	15	15	6	50	50	23	35	35	64	NA	NA	8
All Students (Prior Year)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Female	15	15	36181	41	41	97	664	664	708	13	13	4	60	60	21	27	27	65	NA	NA	9
Male	11	11	36816	31	31	96	659	659	699	18	18	7	36	36	24	45	45	62	NA	NA	7
African American	--	--	3976	--	--	96	--	--	689	--	--	8	--	--	29	--	--	59	--	--	3
Hispanic	16	16	25801	43	43	96	666	666	683	13	13	10	38	38	34	50	50	53	NA	NA	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1812	--	--	98	--	--	722	--	--	3	--	--	15	--	--	66	--	--	16
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NC	NC	4389	NC	NC	93	NC	NC	675	NC	NC	9	NC	NC	42	NC	NC	47	NC	NC	1
White	NC	NC	37024	NC	NC	97	NC	NC	721	NC	NC	2	NC	NC	12	NC	NC	73	NC	NC	13
Students with Disabilities	--	--	7170	--	--	85	--	--	654	--	--	23	--	--	47	--	--	29	--	--	1
Students without Disabilities	26	26	65848	37	37	98	662	662	708	15	15	4	50	50	20	35	35	67	NA	NA	9
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	5099	--	--	95	--	--	641	--	--	29	--	--	59	--	--	12	--	--	0
Migrant Students	--	--	817	--	--	96	--	--	667	--	--	15	--	--	44	--	--	39	--	--	1
Economically Disadvantaged	NC	NC	23912	NC	NC	94	NC	NC	681	NC	NC	10	NC	NC	36	NC	NC	52	NC	NC	2
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	22	22	49106	37	37	98	666	666	714	14	14	4	45	45	16	41	41	69	NA	NA	11

Writing	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	19	19	72810	26	26	96	653	653	685	16	16	6	63	63	30	21	21	58	NA	NA	6
All Students (Prior Year)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Female	11	11	36111	30	30	97	655	655	695	18	18	4	55	55	23	27	27	65	NA	NA	8
Male	NC	NC	36678	NC	NC	95	NC	NC	674	NC	NC	9	NC	NC	36	NC	NC	52	NC	NC	3
African American	--	--	3962	--	--	96	--	--	675	--	--	8	--	--	33	--	--	55	--	--	3
Hispanic	10	10	25735	27	27	96	NA	NA	669	NA	NA	10	NA	NA	41	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1809	--	--	97	--	--	704	--	--	4	--	--	19	--	--	65	--	--	13
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NC	NC	4370	NC	NC	92	NC	NC	670	NC	NC	9	NC	NC	39	NC	NC	50	NC	NC	2
White	NC	NC	36915	NC	NC	97	NC	NC	697	NC	NC	3	NC	NC	21	NC	NC	67	NC	NC	8
Students with Disabilities	NC	NC	7071	NC	NC	84	NC	NC	634	NC	NC	24	NC	NC	53	NC	NC	21	NC	NC	1
Students without Disabilities	18	18	65739	26	26	98	656	656	689	11	11	4	67	67	27	22	22	62	NA	NA	6
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	5046	--	--	94	--	--	621	--	--	31	--	--	56	--	--	12	--	--	0
Migrant Students	--	--	812	--	--	96	--	--	654	--	--	15	--	--	51	--	--	34	--	--	0
Economically Disadvantaged	NC	NC	23814	NC	NC	94	NC	NC	667	NC	NC	10	NC	NC	41	NC	NC	47	NC	NC	2
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	17	17	48996	28	28	97	656	656	693	12	12	4	65	65	24	24	24	64	NA	NA	7

NC = Not Calculated (less than 10 students) Dashes (--) = No Data Available NA = Not Applicable S = School D = District

Recent Trends in Student Proficiency on the State Standards (AIMS Test)

10th Grade Proficiency



The graph includes the percentage of students that met or exceeded the standards. NC = Not Calculated. 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 (10) students have been replaced with NC.

The table below shows the schools that met or did not meet based on federal AYP requirements. To meet AYP for the year, all applicable goals must be met.

AYP Determination	Met Percent Tested?	Y
	Met Test Objectives?	Y
	Met Attendance Rate?	NA
	Met Graduation Rate?	Y
	Made AYP?	Yes

Glossary:

Adequate Yearly Progress

A measure of school performance as mandated by the federal government in the No Child Left Behind. AYP holds schools accountable for the performance of subgroups, as well as all students. AYP measures school toward the goal of having 100 percent of all students proficient in state standards for reading and math by 2013-14.

Met Percent Tested:

The school or district tested at least ninety-five percent (95%) of its students enrolled at the time of the test administration. Schools and districts must test at least 95 percent of their student in order to make AYP.

Met Test Objectives:

The percentage of students in the school or district that demonstrate proficiency in state standards by passing the AIMS test meets or exceeds the goal for that year. No Child Left Behind requires that Arizona set goals, called Annual Measurable Objectives, for the percentage of students passing AIMS for all public schools and districts in the state. The goals increase over time toward 100 percent passing by 2014. To meet the test objectives, every subgroup in the school must meet the Annual Measurable Objective.

Met Attendance Rate:

The school or district had an attendance rate of at least 90 percent over the first 100 days of the academic year. Schools and districts not serving high school students must have an attendance rate of 90 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

Met Graduation Rate:

The school or district had a four-year graduation rate of 71 percent or greater. School or districts granting a high school diploma must have a graduation rate of 71 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

Achievement Test Results

Stanford 9 and TerraNova/AIMS DPA

Grade	Content Area	2003-2004 (SAT9)				2004-2005 (TerraNova)				2005-2006 (TerraNova)			
		%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ
9	Reading	--	--	--	42	--	--	--	51	NC	NC	NC	52
	Language	--	--	--	42	--	--	--	50	NC	NC	NC	50
	Mathematics	--	--	--	63	--	--	--	50	NC	NC	NC	50

Starting in Spring 2004-05, students were tested using AIMS DPA and TerraNova. AIMS DPA is a statewide assessment that is both standards-based, measuring student's knowledge against the Arizona Academic Standards, and norm-referenced, comparing student knowledge against students nationwide. TerraNova was administered to all students in grades 2 and 9. It is important to note the TerraNova/AIMS DPA and Stanford 9 test results are not comparable. For more information on the TerraNova and AIMS DPA, see our website at [www.ade.az.gov/standards/](http://www.ade.az.gov/standards/)

The Stanford 9 is a standardized, norm-referenced test. Since 1999, all students in grades 2 through 9 have been tested in Reading, Mathematics and Language. The percentage (%) of eligible students tested and the school's percentile ranks are listed above. State average percentile ranks for Arizona and District 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 NC (not calculated) to protect student privacy. Some columns contain dashes (-) to indicate "no data available."

School Site Council

Council Composition

Council Duties

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

Staffing Information for School Year 2005-06

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	2.00	Teacher	14.00
Other Professional Staff	5.00	Teacher Aide	4.00

Years of Teaching Experience for School Year 2005-06

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

Highly Qualified (NCLB) School Year 2004-05

Core academic classes taught by Highly Qualified (NCLB) teachers.	5
Teachers with Emergency Certification.	10
Percent of teachers in the school with Emergency/Provisional Certification	71%
Percent of core classes not taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	NC

Resources Available at School Site

Special Facilities

Ü Four Computer Labs	Ü English Language Learner Classroom
Ü Special Education Classroom	Ü Family Advocate

Extracurricular Activities

Social Services

Ü Job Readiness/Placement	Ü Parenting Classes
Ü College Guidance Services	Ü Money Management and Budgeting
Ü Scholarship Assistance	Ü Life Skills Classes
Ü Counseling Services	

Indicators of Success Based on Historical Data from 2005-06

School Achievements/Accomplishments 2005-06

- ü We have increased the student attendance rate to 93.5% to meet both State and Federal guidelines.
  
- ü We have created a larger network of social services and community agencies to meet the needs of our students.
  
- ü We have teamed up with Home Base Youth Services and Phoenix Childrens Hospital to provide on-site medical services for our student.

Student Activity Rates for School Year 2005-06

		Arizona		
		% K-6/UE	% 7-8	% 9-12/US
Attendance Rate <sup>4</sup>	96	95	94	95
Promotion Rate <sup>5</sup>	37	89	88	73
Graduation Rate <sup>6</sup>	100	NA	NA	81

NA = Graduation rate does not apply to K-8.

K-6/UE - Kindergarten to Grade 6 including Ungraded Elementary (UE).

9-12/US - 9th grade to 12th grade including Ungraded Secondary (US).

School Safety

School-level Efforts to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment

Life Skills is a secured campus and has established a comprehensive safety and emergency crisis plan. All teachers and staff are required to be trained in the most up-to-date safety and emergency procedures. In addition Life Skills has off-duty Phoenix Police Officers working at the school.

Total number of incidents that occurred on the school grounds for school year 2005-06 that required the intervention of local, state or federal law enforcement (A.R.S.15-746.6) :

6

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.

The Arizona Department of Education does not audit the information submitted by each school.

Contacts

	Name	Phone Number
School Site Council		
Transportation Policy		
Community Resources	Patryce Jackson-Samuel, BA	(602) 242-6400
School Nutrition Programs		
Parent Organization		
Student Health/Nurse	Margaret Wood, BSN, RN	(602) 242-6400

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. "The Arizona Department of Education of the State of Arizona does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs, activities or in its hiring and employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy, please contact the Administrative Services DAS at (602) 542-3186."

Arizona's Achievement Profiles capture the performance level of every school.

DEFINITIONS:

Failing to Meet the Academic Standards - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

School performance has been designated as Underperforming for three consecutive years and a site review determined that the designation of Failing to Meet the Academic Standards was warranted.

Underperforming - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

Performing - meets state performance goals.

Performing Plus - above state performance goals, however the number of students exceeding the standard on the AIMS test is not sufficient to earn a highly performing or excelling label.

Highly Performing - above state performance goals or has demonstrated adequate improvement, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

Excelling - significantly above state performance goals, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

TITLE I TERMS

Title I School Improvement Year 1

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

Title I School Improvement Year 2

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for three consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

Title I School Improvement Year 3 or Corrective Action

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for four consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must choose and implement at least one of six corrective actions. See Section 1116(b)(7) of NCLB for a list of the corrective action options.

Title I School Improvement Year 4 or Restructuring (Planning Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for five consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

Title I School Improvement Year 5 or Restructuring (Implementation Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for six consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

Footnotes

1 For an explanation of the Achievement Profiles, please visit our website at [www.ade.az.gov/azlearns](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.

3 Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) includes the reading, writing and mathematics subject areas. The proficiency levels include: Falls Far Below (FFB) the standard, Approaches (A) the standard, Meets or Met (M) the standard and Exceeds (E) the standard. MSS = Mean Scaled Score. The federal law, No Child Left Behind, requires disaggregation in subgroups and ethnicity. NC= Not Calculated. 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 (10) students have been replaced with NC. For more information on testing and Arizona Academic Standards go to <http://www.ade.az.gov/AIMS/default.asp>

4 Attendance Rate: Percentage of students attending the first 100 days of the academic year.

5 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 2004-05 school year. Percentage includes students who left school at age 22 or who had completed school and received a non-traditional diploma.

6 Graduation Rate: The graduation rate presented here is a 5 year cohort rate for the class of 2004. For more information on the Graduation Rate Study published by the ADE, please see our website at [www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/grad](http://www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/grad).

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