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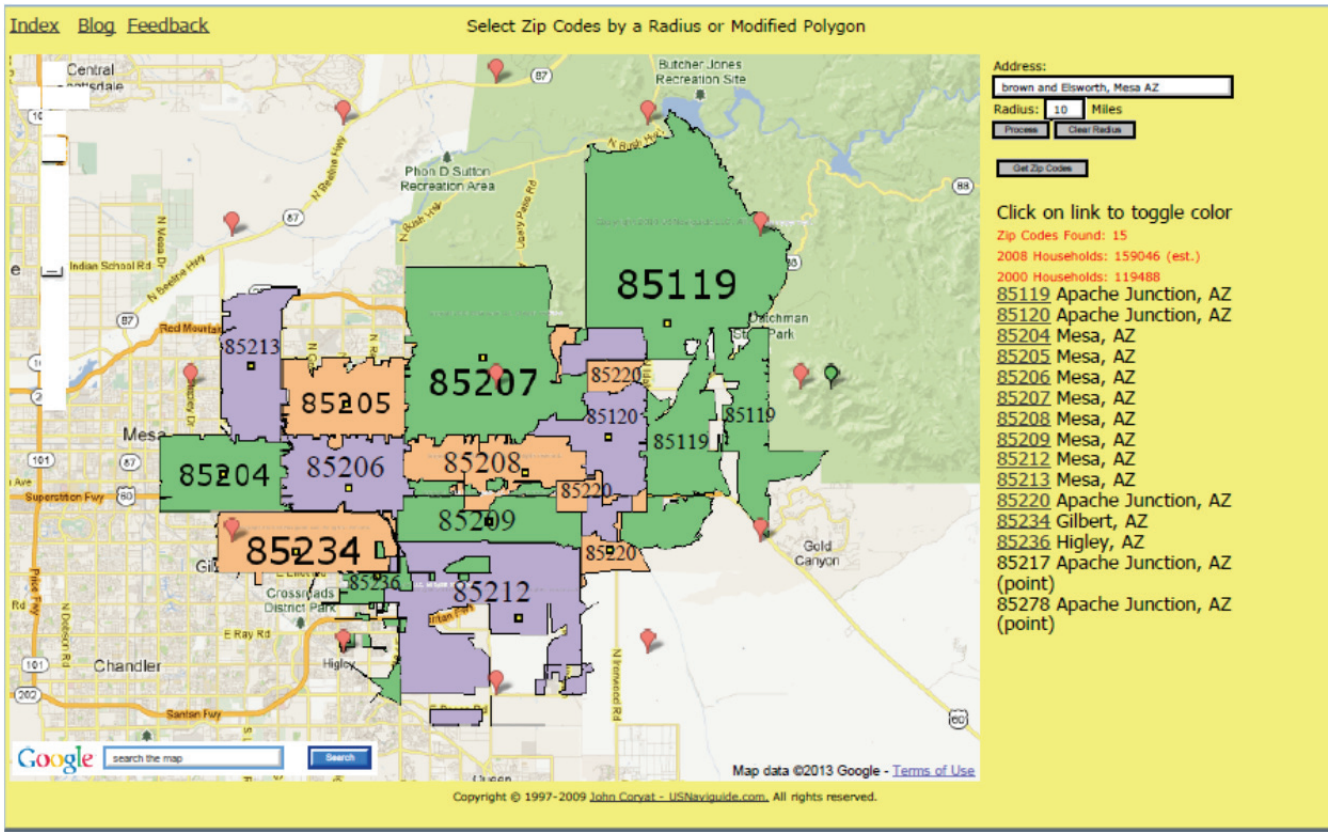
Table 1: Target Area Map – 10 mile radius



Source of Map: http://maps.huge.info/zipcolors.htm

The target area geographically falls within the boundaries of four cities in the East Valley – Mesa, Gilbert, Higley and Apache Junction, and includes 10 zip codes within those four cities: in Mesa – 85204, 85205, 85206, 85208, 85212, 85213; in Gilbert – 85234; in Higley – 85236; in Apache Junction – 85219, 85220. According to Census 2000[1] and FBI 2012 data[2] presented in tables 1-9, the target area community, which Sierra Prep Academy intends to serve has the following characteristics:

- 323,517 people live in these zip codes
- Educational Achievement: The data shows that the majority of the population in the target area has high education achievement and is well educated above the high school diploma and with college degrees. On average, 87% of the population has graduated high school and has continued their education in a 2 year college/career and 23% have a 4-year college and above degrees. It is typical for educated population to desire high quality education for their children.
- Marital Status: The majority of people living in the targeted zip codes are married – an average of 64% among the targeted zip codes with an average of 9% with a divorce status. Typically, marriage is an indicator of family and income stability.
- Stability/Newcomer Appeal: Data for the stability/newcomer appeal of the target area. An average of 39% of the population the target zip codes have lived in the same home for over 5

[1] *http://www.zipskinny.com Data Source: US Census 2000*
[2] *greatschools.org, Source: Sperling's BestPlaces, Data Source FBI 2012*

years. This speaks of the relatively stable economic conditions in the target area, which make it desirable for people to move in and stay.

- Income Levels: The average median household income[3] in the target zip codes is nearly $49,000. This is higher than the average for Arizona ($48,018) and near the national average of $50,000. The majority of the population in the target area, an average of 54%, could be described as middle to high income.
- Employment: The data shows that the majority of the population is employed in management and professional services, and in sales –an average of 77%. This reflects the middle to high income levels of the population and explains the low levels of unemployment and poverty in the target area.
- Ethnicity: The majority of the population living in the targeted area is White (83% average), followed by the Hispanic (12% average), Black (2% average), Native American (2% average) and Asian and others (1% average).
- Age/sex: The median age suggests that majority of people are in their 30s and 40s, which is typically the age group of people with school-age children.
- Violent Crime Index[4]: The average crime rate (3.5) in the cities with the target zip codes (Mesa, Gilbert, Higley and Apache Junction) cities are lower than the Arizona and national crime rate indexes. Of the four cities, Higley has the lowest crime rate (1); Gilbert's crime rate (2). Apache Junction has the highest crime rate (6) and Mesa's is (5). The lower average crime rate speaks of an safer environment in the target area.

Data tables below:

Table 1: Educational Achievement
Table 2: Marital Status
Table 3: Stability/Newcomer Appeal
Table 4: Household Income
Table 5: Occupation
Table 6: Unemployment/Poverty
Table 7: Race
Table 8: Age/Sex
Table 9: Violent Crime Index

[3] **Median household income:** This represents the median household income for families living in this city. The median household income is the middle value when all the household incomes are arranged from least to greatest. In general, the median is a better indicator than the average because it is not changed as much by extremely high or low values.US Census 2000: Median household income for Arizona is $48,018, for US is$50,935

[4] **Violent Crime Index**: This represents the level of violent crime associated with this city. The crime index ranges from 1 to 10, with 1 representing a lower violent crime rate and 10 corresponding to a higher crime rate. The four types of offenses included in the crime index calculation are murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault, all of which involve force or threat of force. Sperling's BestPlaces crime indices are based on data provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Table 1:Educational Achievement:

ZIP	85207	85205	85206	85208	85220	85212	85234	85204	85213	85236
<9th grade:	3.5%	3.8%	4.0%	4.4%	5.8%	2.6%	1.8%	8.5%	3.1%	2.2%
9-12th:	11.4%	10.6%	9.0%	11.1%	17.0%	5.1%	5.1%	13.6%	6.9%	4.9%
H.S. grad:	28.9%	28.8%	27.4%	31.9%	36.1%	25.1%	19.1%	26.4%	23.7%	17.2%
Some coll.:	27.9%	30.2%	31.0%	29.4%	27.5%	29.9%	30.4%	28.0%	30.2%	29.6%
2 yr deg.:	8.2%	6.8%	6.3%	7.5%	5.1%	11.0%	10.2%	7.4%	7.7%	10.1%
4 yr deg.:	13.9%	13.2%	15.2%	11.3%	5.9%	19.5%	23.0%	11.5%	18.6%	25.7%
Grad/prof:	6.3%	6.6%	7.0%	4.4%	2.5%	6.8%	10.5%	4.6%	9.9%	10.1%
H.S.+:	85.1%	85.6%	87.0%	84.5%	77.2%	92.2%	93.2%	78.0%	90.0%	92.9%
4 yr+:	20.2%	19.9%	22.2%	15.7%	8.4%	26.3%	33.5%	16.1%	28.5%	35.9%

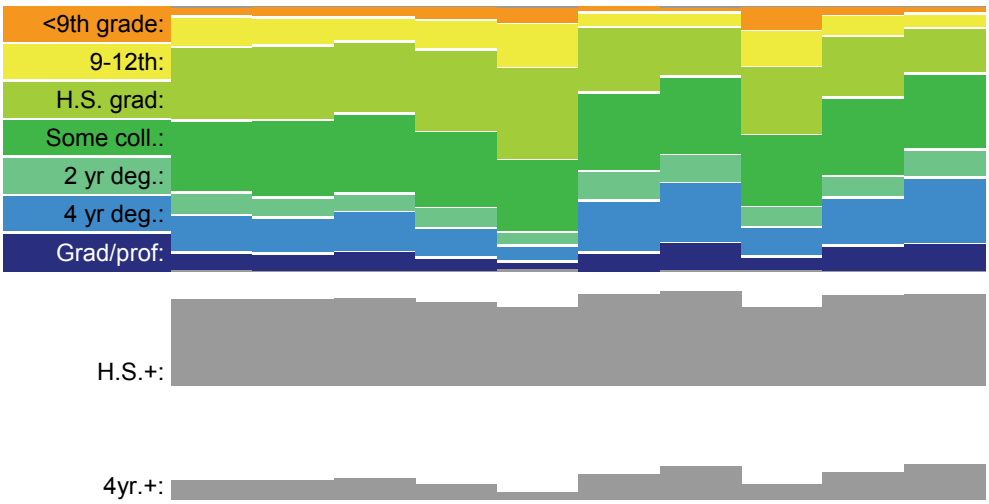


Table 2: Marital Status:

ZIP	85207	85205	85206	85208	85220	85212	85234	85204	85213	85236
Never married:	19.9%	16.0%	14.6%	13.3%	14.6%	18.0%	23.2%	29.5%	21.8%	21.3%
Married:	63.6%	61.8%	61.0%	67.1%	62.2%	73.6%	63.4%	52.6%	62.1%	70.8%
Separated:	1.4%	1.6%	0.9%	1.1%	1.7%	0.4%	0.9%	1.8%	1.3%	0.3%
Widowed:	5.2%	10.7%	14.6%	9.5%	8.2%	2.8%	2.5%	4.8%	6.9%	1.7%
Divorced:	9.9%	10.0%	8.8%	9.0%	13.3%	5.2%	10.0%	11.3%	7.9%	5.9%

Table 3: Stability/Newcomer Appeal:

ZIP	85207	85205	85206	85208	85220	85212	85234	85204	85213	85236
Same home 5+ yrs:	36.0%	49.5%	46.5%	39.7%	40.2%	6.0%	39.5%	42.3%	50.4%	35.8%

Source of community demographics: http://www.zipskinny.com Data Source: US Census 2000

Table 4: Household Income:

ZIP	85207	85205	85206	85208	85220	85212	85234	85204	85213	85236
<$10,000:	6.1%	8.5%	4.8%	5.5%	9.1%	3.6%	2.3%	5.2%	4.9%	2.2%
$10,000-$14,999:	4.3%	7.5%	5.6%	6.9%	8.3%	1.6%	1.8%	5.5%	4.1%	0.3%
$15,000-$24,999:	11.3%	13.8%	13.8%	15.6%	18.4%	9.4%	6.1%	13.6%	11.0%	2.4%
$25,000-$34,999:	11.6%	13.3%	14.8%	15.6%	16.3%	8.2%	9.4%	16.2%	10.9%	7.9%
$35,000-$49,999:	17.5%	17.0%	18.3%	20.4%	20.2%	20.1%	15.3%	20.7%	16.5%	13.9%
$50,000-$74,999:	23.6%	19.5%	22.9%	19.5%	20.3%	30.2%	27.7%	24.0%	21.0%	26.5%
$75,000-$99,999:	12.5%	9.3%	10.8%	10.2%	4.6%	19.4%	18.5%	8.8%	12.9%	21.4%
$100,000-$149,999:	8.1%	8.2%	6.4%	5.1%	2.6%	5.5%	12.7%	4.1%	12.1%	20.4%
$150,000-$199,999:	3.0%	1.5%	1.3%	0.9%	0.1%	0.8%	2.7%	1.1%	4.1%	3.2%
$200,000+:	1.8%	1.3%	1.2%	0.3%	0.3%	1.2%	3.5%	0.7%	2.6%	1.8%
Median:	$48,907	$40,259	$43,695	$38,777	$33,416	$56,465	$63,735	$41,137	$51,881	$71,653

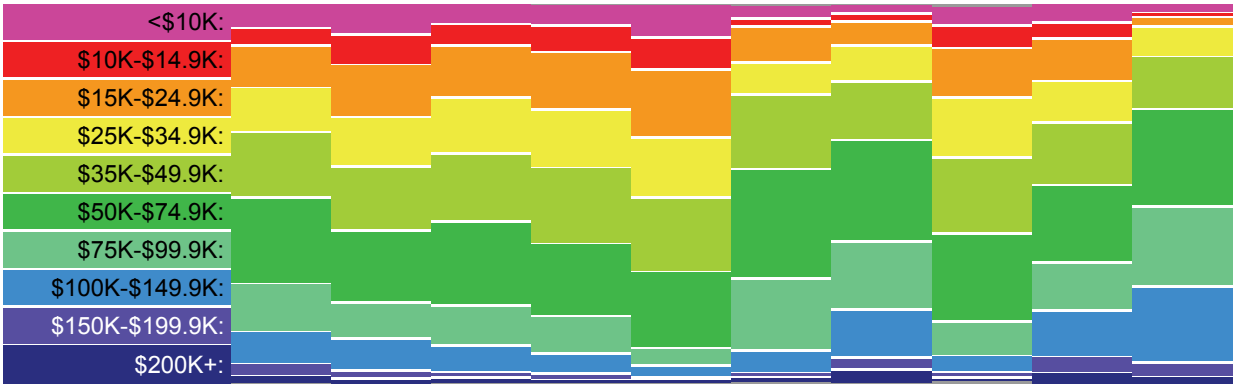


Table 5: Occupation:

ZIP	85207	85205	85206	85208	85220	85212	85234	85204	85213	85236
Mgt./Prof.:	32.4%	34.2%	32.3%	27.6%	18.4%	37.9%	40.7%	24.9%	36.1%	39.9%
Service:	13.8%	12.6%	12.4%	14.9%	18.9%	12.4%	12.0%	16.5%	11.4%	10.4%
Sales/Office:	28.8%	31.2%	33.3%	32.7%	28.0%	33.1%	30.5%	29.2%	32.6%	30.8%
Fish./Farm./Forest.:	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%		0.2%	2.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%
Constr./Extr./Maint.:	12.6%	9.5%	9.5%	13.2%	18.5%	8.1%	7.8%	16.2%	10.1%	10.9%
Prod./Trans.:	12.4%	12.3%	12.5%	11.6%	16.0%	6.0%	8.8%	13.1%	9.6%	7.7%

Table 6: Unemployment/Poverty:

ZIP	85207	85205	85206	85208	85220	85212	85234	85204	85213	85236
Unemployed:	2.4%	1.4%	1.3%	1.7%	2.8%	1.5%	2.0%	3.7%	1.8%	1.5%
Below Pov. Line:	8.7%	5.9%	5.0%	6.5%	11.1%	6.4%	3.2%	11.4%	5.5%	3.4%

Source of community demographics: http://www.zipskinny.com Data Source: US Census 2000

Table 7: Race:

ZIP	85207	85205	85206	85208	85220	85212	85234	85204	85213	85236
Hispanic/Latino:	11.7%	7.9%	8.0%	12.0%	9.1%	13.3%	11.0%	30.0%	9.7%	11.2%
White*:	84.3%	87.7%	87.5%	84.2%	87.6%	79.5%	82.6%	63.8%	85.5%	83.6%
Black*:	1.2%	1.4%	1.5%	1.2%	0.7%	2.2%	1.9%	2.2%	1.3%	1.3%
Native American*:	1.0%	1.0%			1.0%	1.0%		1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Asian*:	0.7%	1.0%	1.2%	0.9%	0.5%	1.7%	2.2%	1.1%	1.4%	1.5%
HI/Pac. Isl.*:	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%		0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%
Other*:	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%			0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	
Multi*:	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%	1.0%	1.2%	1.8%	1.5%	1.4%	1.1%	1.4%

* Does not include individuals in this racial group who identify as Hispanic/Latino.

Table 8: Age/Sex:

ZIP	85207	85205	85206	85208	85220	85212	85234	85204	85213	85236
Males:	49.4%	47.1%	46.2%	47.9%	49.4%	49.4%	49.5%	50.6%	49.2%	50.6%
Females:	50.6%	52.9%	53.8%	52.1%	50.6%	50.6%	50.5%	49.4%	50.8%	49.4%
Median Age:	35.3	43.0	45.9	42.8	42.8	29.0	30.5	28.1	35.3	29.9

Source of community demographics: http://www.zipskinny.com Data Source: US Census 2000

Table 9: Violent Crime Index

	Mesa	Gilbert	Higley	Apache Junction	Arizona	U.S.
Violent crime index (1 is lowest)	5	2	1	6	5	4

Source greatschools.org, DataSource: Sperling's BestPlaces, FBI data for 2012

Sierra Preparatory Academy targets all students in the 10-mile radius from a planned location at the intersection of Ellsworth and Brown Rd. in Mesa. The target area coincides geographically with 4 school districts: Mesa Unified, Gilbert Unified, Higley Unified and Apache Junction Unified Districts. Over 111,000 PK-12 students reside on the territory of those 4 school districts, educated in 267 pre-schools, 169 elementary schools, 96 middle schools, 99 high schools, 207 private schools and 66 charter schools. The student population demographics in the four school districts reflect the community demographic profile in the targeted area. The table below present demographic information for the student population there as reflected in Arizona Department of Education data[5]:

Ethnicity	**Mesa Unified**	**Gilbert Unified**	**Higley Unified**	**ApaJun Unified**	**Average**	State Average
White	52%	73%	70%	72%	**67%**	45%
Hispanic	37%	17%	18%	23%	**24%**	41%
Black	4%	5%	6%	2%	**4%**	6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	4%	<1%		1%	**1%**	6%
Asian	2%	5%	5%	1%	**3%**	3%
Unspecified	1%			1%	**1%**	n/a
Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch program	48%	19%	17%	41%	**31%**	51%
English language learners	13%	3%	2%	5%	**6%**	14%

Because the target area coincides geographically with the four school districts mentioned above, we expect that the target population will have demographic characteristics similar to the averages for the districts as summarized in the table below:

Sierra Preparatory Academy
Target Population Demographic Profile

White	67%
Hispanic	24%
Black	4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%
Asian	3%
Unspecified	1%
Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch program	31%
English language learners	6%

Similarly, information on the academic performance of the student who will enroll at Sierra Prep Academy in grades 6-9, the entry grade levels for the school in its first year of operation can be discern from the districts' prior year grades 5,6,7 and 8 passing 2013 AIMS scores for these grades[6]. Based on these data, academic performance in entering grades 7, 8 and 9 is expected to be at least 11% higher than the overall state population as measured by the 2013 AIMS test.

2013 AIMS Passing Scores		**Mesa Unified**	**Gilbert Unified**	**Higley Unified**	**Apache Junction Unified**	**Districts Averages**	**Arizona (AZ)**	**Districts Averages compared to AZ**
Grade 5	Math	63	77	80	59	**70**	**63**	11% higher
	Reading	80	90	92	74	**84**	**79**	6% higher
	Writing	53	77	77	53	**65**	**56**	16% higher
Grade 6	Math	66	80	77	59	**71**	**63**	13% higher
	Reading	82	91	91	76	**85**	**80**	6% higher
	Writing	51	74	76	51	**63**	**54**	17% higher
Grade 7	Math	70	78	81	65	**74**	**65**	14% higher
	Reading	87	92	94	82	**89**	**85**	5% higher
	Writing	50	69	71	47	**59**	**52**	13% higher
Grade 8	Math	62	72	74	62	**68**	**58**	17% higher
	Reading	73	83	85	72	**78**	**72**	8% higher
	Writing	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**21**	n/a

[5] Source: GreatSchools.org, Data Source: AZ Dept. of Education, 2007-2008
[6] Source: AZ Department of Education 2013 AIMS Data

Class size and teacher- student ratios

Sierra Preparatory Academy projects a class size of no more than 22 students and teacher/student ratio of 1/15, which will provide ample opportunity for in-class interaction with the teacher. There will be a specific classroom for each subject and students will move from classroom to classroom during the school day.

Smaller classes have been proven by plenty of research and evidence of their effectiveness in positively impacting and improving the academic achievement of students. A meta-analysis on the relationship of class size and achievement (Glass & Smith, 1978)[7] points to the correlation between small class sizes and academic achievement. A primary conclusion drawn from this research is that reduced class size can be expected to produce increased academic achievement. The effectiveness of small classes is also reported in another study "The Long Effects of Small Classes in the Early Grades: Lasting Benefits in Mathematics Achievement at Grade 9" (Hedges, 2001)[8], which again illustrates that small classes are effective because they provide opportunities for more individualized instruction. The study shows that with small classes, teachers can identify and remedy incipient problems among students at risk for low achievement.

[7] Glass, G.V., and Smith, M.L. (1978) Meta-analysis of research on the relationship of class size and achievement. San Francisco: Far West Laboratory of Educational Research and Development.

[8] Nye, B., Hedges, L. V., & Konstantopoulos, S. (2001). The long-term effects of small classes in early grades: Lasting benefits in mathematics achievement at grade 9. Journal of Experimental Education, 69, 245-257. Article retrieved on 10/17/2011 from http://southalabama.edu.

Student Academic Achievement: Comparison School Data *Source: AZ Charter Schools Association Education Evaluator Database: Data: Arizona Department of Education 2011-12 SY*

School Name	Address		#	Type	Free/ Reduced Lunch	Per Pupil Funding	AZ Learns A-F Rating	Math Passing Proficiency	Math Median Growth Percentile	Reading Passing Proficiency	Reading Median Growth Percentile
1. AAEC - Red Mountain	2165 N. Power Road Mesa, AZ 85215	9-12	218	C	N/A	$7,197.40	A	71	45.0 Typical	90.9	59.0 Typical
2. Apache Trail High School	945 West Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85220	9-12	164	C	67.43%	$11,233.21	A-ALT	24.1	33.0 Low		37.0 Typical
3. Avalon Elementary	1045 South San Marcos Apache Junction, AZ 85120	K-8	278	C	81.40%	$7,647.95	D	37	34.0 Typical	59.4	33.0 Low
4. Destiny Community School	4710 E. Baseline Rd. Mesa, AZ 85206	K-8	127	C	66.67%	$6,982.82	B	61.8	55.0 Typical	73.5	46.0 Typical
5. East Valley High School	7420 E. Main Street Mesa, AZ 85207	9-12	125	C	41.36%	$6,376.69	C	32.8	61.0 Typical	63	63.0 Typical
6. Excalibur Charter School	1545 W. Broadway Apache Junction, AZ 85120	9-12	18	C	72.22%	$7,647.95	C	70	N/A	N/A	N/A
7. Learning Found. and Perf Arts - Mesa	5761 E. Brown Rd. Mesa, AZ 85205	K-12	192	C	61.14%	$8,350.46	C	47.2	36.0 Typical	75.9	57.0 Typical
8. Legacy Elementary School	7618 E. University Dr. Mesa, AZ 85207	K-10	283	C	63.58%	$7,914.31	B	58.9	51.0 Typical	79.4	54.0 Typical
9. Liberty Arts Academy	3015 S. Power Road Mesa, AZ 85212	P-8	182	C	37.13%	$10,486.82	B	64.1	42.0 Typical	84	50.0 Typical
10.Pathfinder Academy	2542 N. 76th Place Mesa, AZ 85207	K-8	97	C	N/A	$6,856.99	A	90.6	50.0 Typical	96.9	44.0 Typical
11.Self Development Charter School	1709 N Greenfield Mesa, AZ 85205	K-8	451	C	N/A	$6,822.20	A	95.3	72.0 High	96.6	66.0 Typical
12.Sonoran Desert School	6727 S. Kings Ranch Rd., #102 Gold Canyon, AZ 85118	9-12	75	C	N/A	$8,388.49	C-ALT	N/A	N/A		N/A
13.Imagine Middle at Superstition	1843 West 16th Avenue Apache Junction, AZ 85120	7,8	69	C	51.39%	$7,703.84	C	59.7	65.0 Typical	75.8	35.0 Typical
14.Imagine Middle School at East Mesa	9701 E. Southern Ave. Mesa, AZ 85208	7,8	64	C	47.54%	$7,852.52	C	49	43.0 Typical	78.4	52.0 Typical
15.Imagine Preparatory at Superstition	1843 W. 16th Ave. Apache Junction, AZ 85120	9-12	137	C	45.00%	$22,664.55	A	54.5	72.0 High	80.6	58.0 Typical
16.Desert Ridge High	10045 E Madero Ave Mesa, AZ 85212	9-12	2516	D	16.98%	$8,361.69	B	66	39.0 Typical	83.5	43.0 Typical
17.Desert Ridge Jr. High	10211 E. Madero Ave. Mesa, AZ 85212	7,8	1282	D	21.00%	$8,361.69	B	71.8	44.0 Typical	89.1	48.0 Typical
18.Cactus Canyon Junior High	801 West Southern Avenue Apache Junction, AZ 85220	N/A	851	D	49.01%	$8,773.51	B	58.6	43.0 Typical	79.6	46.0 Typical
19.Franklin Northeast School	7042 E. Adobe Road Mesa, AZ 85207	K-8	555	D	19.13%	$9,991.96	A	85.4	39.0 Typical	96.5	55.0 Typical
20.Fremont Junior High School	1001 N Power Road Mesa, AZ 85205	7-9	1323	D	40.33%	$9,991.96	B	71	56.0 Typical	80.3	47.0 Typical
21.Canyon Valley Junior High School	7007 E. GUADALUPE RD. Gilbert, AZ 85212	5-8	76	D	N/A	$8,361.69	D-ALT	9.2	16.0 Low		14.0 Low
22.Highland High School	4301 East Guadalupe Road Gilbert, AZ 85234	9-12	2960	D	11.36%	$8,361.69	A	83.5	62.0 Typical	93.4	56.0 Typical
23.Highland Jr High School	6915 E. Guadalupe Rd. Mesa, AZ 85212	7,8	1273	D	18.42%	$8,361.69	B	75.1	46.0 Typical	87.9	41.0 Typical
24.Mesa Academy for Advanced Studies	6919 E. Brown Road Mesa, AZ 85207	4-9	433	D	7.39%	$9,991.96	A	100	50.0 Typical	100	44.0 Typical
25.Pioneer Elementary School	1535 N. Greenfield Road Gilbert, AZ 85234	P-8	N/A	D	27.69%	$8,361.69	A	84.2	75.0 High	90.1	62.0 Typical
26.S H A R P	950 North Sun Valley Blvd. Mesa, AZ 85207	K-12	82	D	62.79%	$9,991.96	D-ALT	N/A	11.0 Low		20.0 Low
27.Shepherd Junior High School	1407 North Alta Mesa Dr Mesa, AZ 85205	7-9	1177	D	32.29%	$9,991.96	A	77.4	61.0 Typical	86.5	49.0 Typical
28.Skyline High School	845 S Crismon Mesa, AZ 85208	7-12	2636	D	42.73%	$9,991.96	B	56	44.0 Typical	77.4	49.0 Typical
29.Smith Junior High School	10100 E. Adobe Rd Mesa, AZ 85207	7-9	888	D	41.72%	$9,991.96	B	71	55.0 Typical	83.4	49.0 Typical
30.Superstition High School	10222 E. Southern Ave. Mesa, AZ 85208	9-12	90	D	65.28%	$9,991.96	C-ALT	19.6	28.0 Low		22.0 Low
31.Superstition Mountain Elem. School	550 South Ironwood Apache Junction, AZ 85220	N/A	756	D	59.39%	$8,773.51	C	57.5	39.0 Typical	73.5	46.0 Typical
32.Excel Preparatory Academy	6659 E. University Dr Mesa, AZ 85205	9-12	300	C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
33.Gilbert Classical Academy	55 N. Greenfield Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85234	9-12	164	D	N/A	$8,361.69	A	100	N/A	100	N/A
34.Gilbert Classical Academy	55 N. Greenfield Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85234	7,8	147	D	N/A	$8,361.69	B	93.5	31.0 Low	99.3	42.0 Typical
	Averages:		606		44%			69.4	49	84.3	49

Comparison Schools: The table above presents school level data for the existing and operating 34 public schools (16 charter and 18 district) in a 5-mile radius from the targeted location for Sierra Preparatory Academy. The data identifies an underserved target student population with a need to improve academic achievement.

- Large Schools: The average school size of the 34 comparison schools is 606, with the district schools having a much larger size, some reaching nearly 3,000 students on campus. The planned school growth for Sierra Preparatory Academy is 210 students.
- Academically Underserved Students: Academic Performance - student achievement and academic growth levels: Only 26% of the comparison schools have an A performance label. The majority of the (51%) have labels B, C and D, which speaks to the fact that students in these schools are failing their students academically.
    - 26% of the schools have earned an "A" label for SY 2011-12;
    - 32% of the schools have earned a "B" label for SY 2011-12;
    - 18% of the schools have earned a "C" label for SY 2011-12;
    - <1% of the schools have earned a "D" label for SY 2011-12;
    - 14% of the school have ALT designated status.
    - With the exception of the schools with Alternative Status designation, all other schools have achieved typical academic growth for their students.
- Growing Area: The target area is experiencing an economic and population growth with new and expanding developments within a 2 mile radius of Ellsworth/Brown intersection, which include Mountain Bridge – Blandford Homes, Granite Ridge and Whisper Mountain – VIP Homes.

Sierrra Preparatory Academy meets the needs of the target population and improves student achievement:

- The school is designed to be small school of "community of learners" (210 students at full growth) and with small classes (less than 22 students), compared to the average school size of over 600 students of the 34 comparison schools, with the district schools having a much larger size, some reaching nearly 3,000 student campuses This supports the liberal arts "community of learners" concept in its philosophy and presents a competitive advantage for the school. Furthermore, small schools with smaller classes have been proven by research and evidence of their effectiveness in positively impacting and improving the academic achievement of students.
- Sierra Preparatory Academy will serve 6-12 grade students in the target area, and specifically target academically underserved students from schools with B, C and D labels, which clearly are failing their students academically. Sierra Prep Academy will offer time-tested liberal arts curriculum delivered through instructional methodology which has proven over time locally and nationally to deliver high-level academic results, A true attestation that the proposed program will improve student academic achievement is that the exceptional academic performance of students educated in liberal arts schools in Arizona and nationally has been consistently recognized by some of the best educational institutions and most selective colleges.
- Sierra Preparatory Academy will address the needs for education choice in an area that is experiencing economic and population growth.
- Sierra Prep will increase the academic choices for students and parents in the target area by providing a true classical liberal arts college prep program of the highest quality, which currently does not exist.
- Consistent with its liberal arts philosophy, deeply rooted in the democratic principles of education, Sierra Prep has an open enrollment policy and as such will provide true opportunities for all students, who desire a true college prep program and environment to be able to attend the school, contrary to the policies of district schools, who often require students to test into their higher level IB and college prep programs.