Comparison Schools

Selection of schools: Schools were selected based on grade levels served, proximity, and availability of data.

- Grade levels served – schools serving grades in common with the selected school site were included.
  Example: If the selected school serves grades K-8, a K-3 and a 5-12 school would be listed. In the case of a K-12 school as the selected site, both elementary (K-8) schools and high schools (9-12) are included.

- Proximity – charter and district schools located within a two mile radius were included. If fewer than four school sites were located within a two mile radius, the distance was increased until at least four schools were located or a radius of 15 miles was reached. If the selected site is not an alternative school, alternative schools may be included in the list but do not count toward the four school minimum to be listed. If fewer than four schools were located within a 15 mile radius, the list consists only of schools within that 15 mile radius.

- Availability of data – Additional information regarding specific data elements is included below. Schools that did not have current academic data for proficiency and growth, but met the criteria of inclusion based on grade levels served and proximity, were not included in the list.

Number of Students: Enrollment information is based on the October 1, 2010 student count reported to the Arizona Department of Education.

Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible: Student eligibility percentages are provided by the school's enrollment information. Data is from the 2010-2011 school year.

Grades Served: Grade levels served are based on 2010-11 school year data as reported to the Arizona Department of Education.

AZ LEARNS Label: Legacy and letter grade labels are based on the Arizona Department of Education's Accountability System for the 2010-11 school year.

Math and Reading Proficiency on AIMS: Proficiency is determined by the percentage of students earning a score of "Meets" or "Exceeds" on the math or reading portion of Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) tests in 2011 as reported by the Arizona Department of Education.

Math and Reading Median Growth Percentile: The median growth percentile is the median percentile of all students in the school with AIMS and Stanford 10 test data, and shows if a school has high, typical or low student growth. Growth percentiles are calculated for all third- through tenth-grade students who took the AIMS test and second and ninth-grade students who took the Stanford 10 test. This model looks at the student's progress over a number of years compared to their academic peers. Growth Percentile scores are calculated by the Association and are based on 2010-11 AIMS and Stanford 10 test scores.

School Comparison - Arts Academy at Estrella Mountain

School Name	Arts Academy at Estrella Mountain	Dos Rios Elementary	Hurley Ranch Elementary	Country Place Elementary	Sun Canyon School	Tuscano Elementary School	Arizona Desert Elementary School
Address	2504 S. 91st Ave. Tolleson	2150 S. 87th Ave. Tolleson	8950 W. Illini St. Tolleson	10207 W. Country Place Blvd. Tolleson	8150 W. Durango Phoenix	3850 South 79th Ave. Phoenix	8803 W. Van Buren St. Tolleson
School Type	Charter	District	District	District	District	District	District
Distance from Charter Holder	N/A	.61 mi	.84 mi	1.32 mi	1.35 mi	1.57 mi	1.93 mi
Number of Students	919	883	742	809	617	650	416
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	70%	57%	62%	82%	82%	79%	79%
Grades Served	K-8	K-8	K-6	K-8	K-5	K-5	K-8
AZ Learns Label	Performing Plus	Performing Plus	Performing Plus	Performing Plus	Performing Plus	Performing Plus	Performing Plus
AZ Learns A-F	C	C	B	B	C	B	B
Math Proficiency	56.3	44.2	68	48.1	63.2	65.7	65.8
Math Median Growth Percentile	49.0 Typical	50.0 Typical	67.0 High	58.5 Typical	49.0 Typical	64.0 Typical	57.5 Typical
Reading Proficiency	76.5	64.8	74.9	69	67.3	74.7	73
Reading Median Growth Percentile	49.0 Typical	45.0 Typical	61.5 Typical	57.0 Typical	45.0 Typical	53.0 Typical	51.0 Typical

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