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 - Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona

School Name	Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona	AmeriSchools Academy - Camelback	Central High School	Humanities and Sciences High School - Phoenix	International Commerce High School - Phoenix	The Learning Institute
Address	715 W. Mariposa St Phoenix	1333 W Camelback Rd Phoenix	4525 N. Central Ave Phoenix	5201 N. 7th St Phoenix	5201 N. 7th St Phoenix	5310 N 12th St Phoenix
School Type	Charter	Charter	District	Charter	Charter	Charter (Alternative)
Distance from Charter Holder	N/A	.4 mi	.7 mi	1.2	1.2	1.6 mi
Number of Students	84	201	2244	8	357	114
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	88%	72%	80%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grades Served	9-12	K-12	9-12	9-12	9-12	7-12
AZ Learns Label	Performing	Performing Plus	Performing	Performing	Performing	Performing
AZ Learns A-F	N/A	C	C	N/A	B	N/A
Math Proficiency	7.7	48	43.7	100	66.7	35
Reading Proficiency	53.3	76	62.9	100	100	70
Math Median Growth Percentile	39.0 Typical	42.5 Typical	44.0 Typical	10.0 Low	86.5 High	43.0 Typical
Reading Median Growth Percentile	47.0 Typical	40.0 Typical	45.0 Typical	82.0 High	54.5 Typical	60.0 Typical