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 - Academy of Excellence

School Name	Academy of Excellence	David Crockett School	Gateway School	Balsz School	Griffith Elementary	Brunson-Lee Elementary School	Creighton Elementary School	Sonoran Science Academy - Phoenix	StarShine Academy
Address	425 N 36th St Phoenix	501 N 36th St Phoenix	1100 N 35th St Phoenix	4309 E. Belleview St Phoenix	4505 E. Palm Ln Phoenix	1350 N 48th St Phoenix	2802 E. McDowell Rd Phoenix	4837 E. McDowell Rd Phoenix	3535 E. McDowell Rd. Phoenix
School Type	Charter	District	District	District	District	District	District	Charter	Charter (Alternative)
Distance from Charter Holder	N/A	.1 mi	.5 mi	1 mi	1.5 mi	1.6 mi	1.7 mi	1.7 mi	1.9 mi
Number of Students	129	537	782	730	605	441	768	348	95
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	95%	80%	95%	83%	70%	82%	94%	N/A	64%
Grades Served	K-8	K-6	K-8	K-6	K-6	K-6	K-8	K-12	K-12
AZ Learns Label	Performing Plus	Performing Plus	Performing Plus	Performing Plus	Highly Performing	Performing Plus	Performing Plus	Performing Plus	Performing
AZ Learns A-F	N/A	C	C	B	B	C	B	B	N/A
Math Proficiency	27.5	42.4	44	56.1	67.4	57.6	61.5	49.6	20
Reading Proficiency	57.5	56.1	60.7	65	73.9	64.7	75.8	71.8	20.6
Math Median Growth Percentile	45.0 Typical	64.0 Typical	43.0 Typical	68.0 High	69.0 High	65.0 Typical	59.0 Typical	50.0 Typical	28.0 Low
Reading Median Growth Percentile	48.5 Typical	56.5 Typical	51.0 Typical	60.0 Typical	58.0 Typical	52.0 Typical	59.0 Typical	65.0 Typical	21.5 Low

School Comparison - Academy of Excellence Central Arizona

School Name	Academy of Excellence - Central Arizona	Heartland Ranch Elementary School	HoHoKam Middle School	Imagine Elementary at Coolidge	Imagine Middle at Coolidge	West Elementary School
Address	340 W. Vah Ki Inn Rd Coolidge	1667 W. Caroline St Coolidge	800 N. 9th St Coolidge	1290 W. Vah Ki Inn Rd Coolidge	1290 W. Vah Ki Inn Rd Coolidge	460 S. 7th St. Coolidge
School Type	Charter	District	District	Charter	Charter	District
Distance from Charter Holder	N/A	.7 mi	.7mi	1 mi	1 mi	1.1 mi
Number of Students	28	469	611	679	367	639
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	N/A	73%	72%	47%	80%	80%
Grades Served	K-8	K-5	6-8	K-5	6-9	K-5
AZ Learns Label	Performing	Performing	Performing	Performing	Performing Plus	Performing Plus
AZ Learns A-F	N/A	D	C	C	D	D
Math Proficiency	50	39.2	37.6	57.1	63	36.5
Reading Proficiency	83.3	59.1	68.3	71.2	77.9	59
Math Median Growth Percentile	35.0 Typical	34.5 Typical	39.0 Typical	47.0 Typical	65.5 Typical	37.0 Typical
Reading Median Growth Percentile	40.0 Typical	41.5 Typical	45.0 Typical	41.0 Typical	48.0 Typical	32.0 Low