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# Dysart schools continue to move forward

DYSART SCHOOLS — Dysart schools continue to be recognized for increases in academic achievement. In the 2009-2010 school year, the district has four AZ Learns Excelling schools, increased to seven Highly Performing schools, increased to 12 Performing Plus schools and has one Performing school. Canyon Ridge, Mountain View, Rancho Gabriela and Sonoran Heights Elementary Schools once again earned the Excelling profile through the AZ Learns School Accountability Program. Dysart School Superintendent, Dr. Gail Pletnick said, “We are pleased that we continue to move forward toward our goal of all schools receiving an excelling profile.”

Seven Dysart schools earned the Highly Performing state profile, including three high schools. Ashton Ranch, Marley Park, Sunset Hills and Western Peaks Elementary Schools all earned the Highly Performing profile. Shadow Ridge, Valley Vista and Willow Canyon High Schools were also recognized as Highly Performing by the Department of Education.

The Arizona Department of Education assigns school profiles each year to schools based upon a combination of AIMS results and the Measure of Academic Achievement (MAP) from the state of Arizona. High Schools have an additional indicator of dropout and graduation rates. The labels range from: Excelling, highly performing, performing plus, performing, underperforming and failing. Additionally, schools are evaluated on students meeting Annual Measurable Objectives through the No Child Left Behind measure of Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). This year, 20 of Dysart’s 24 schools made AYP, up from just four schools making AYP in 2006. In order to make AYP, elementary schools must meet more than 200 indicators of success. If a school misses one indicator, they will not make AYP.

Dysart Unified District schools continue to demonstrate a sustained and focused increase in academic achievement as evidenced through the AIMS results released this summer and through the AZ Learns Profiles. In addition to the four excelling and seven highly performing schools, Dysart saw 12 schools achieve the performing plus label and one school earn the performing label. One of Dysart’s Strategic Plan objectives is for all schools to earn an excelling profile by 2013. According to Dr. Pletnick, “Our teachers and students continue to work with a laser-like focus to increase student achievement. We look forward to all of our schools continuing down the path to earning the Excelling profile.”

Dysart schools continue to increase academically as evidenced by AIMS results and the AZ Learns profiles. The focus by teachers, staff and administration is on raising academic standards and providing support for students and their quest for academic success.

The Dysart Unified School District profiles for each of its schools are:

K-8 Schools

Ashton Ranch	Highly Performing
Canyon Ridge	Excelling
Cimarron Springs	Performing Plus
Countryside	Performing Plus
Desert Moon	Performing
Dysart	Performing Plus
El Mirage	Performing Plus
Kingswood	Performing Plus
Luke	Performing Plus
Marley Park	Highly Performing
Mountain View	Excelling
Parkview	Performing Plus
Rancho Gabriela	Excelling
Riverview	Performing Plus
Sonoran Heights	Excelling
Sunset Hills	Highly Performing
Surprise	Performing Plus
Thompson Ranch	Performing Plus
West Point	Performing Plus
Western Peaks	Highly Performing

High Schools

Dysart	Performing Plus
Shadow Ridge	Highly Performing
Valley Vista	Highly Performing
Willow Canyon	Highly Performing