



## Office of Community Relations

15802 North Parkview Place • Surprise, Arizona 85374  
phone: 623.876.7000 • web: [www.dysart.org](http://www.dysart.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — JULY 15, 2011**

## Dysart AIMS scores continue to rise

DYSART SCHOOLS — Dysart Unified School District students continue to demonstrate increases in academic achievement as measured by the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) assessment. Dysart AIMS achievement scores surpass the state average in every grade level and every subject. Student test scores in grades 3 – 10 show that Dysart students continue to make gains into the meeting or exceeding categories. The Dysart School District's 24,000 students continue to outpace the state improvement average in math, reading writing and science.

An analysis of the AIMS achievement data from 2011 again demonstrates Dysart's commitment to a sustained effort to raise student achievement. Individual grade level results reveal increases in student success. This continuing increase in student achievement is credited to a sustained focus using data informed decision making and district-created technology applications that drive curriculum and resource development and classroom instruction.

Dysart Superintendent, Dr. Gail Pletnick, attributes the continual improvement in AIMS scores and the ever improving relevant and rigorous academic programs offered in Dysart to the work of the highly qualified teachers, dedicated administrators, competent support staff, committed Governing Board members and devoted volunteers who support the success of all students. Pletnick said, "The Dysart District is dedicated to exceeding standards and making certain students are ready for the challenges and opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The gains in the Dysart District AIMS scores are just one of many measures of success Dysart utilizes to track educational effectiveness."