



HCLC Insight

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Welcome Back to All Our HCLC Families

Thank you all for helping us begin the year so safely and happily. As we planned with the teachers the weeks before school started, there was definitely a void. That void was filled the moment the students and parents ar-

rived. We appreciate your participation in all of our efforts to keep you informed: Curriculum Night and Meet Your Teacher Day, ILP Conferences and School Forums.

Thank you for being here and for supporting our mission. It takes all of us working together to demonstrate to our HCLC students that Horizon is a unique educational community.

School Improvements during the Summer

We have an incredible maintenance staff who worked tirelessly this summer to refresh the school for your children. We thank them for their dedication and pride in HCLC. Along with general school mainte-

nance, we also made improvements to the field, replenished our stone landscaping, re-carpeted the middle school wing, and finally had our marquee installed.

Another improvement is that

we now have surveillance cameras at strategic locations around the school. This addition will function as both a deterrent and a security measure to continue to keep our students and school safe.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

S.I.T. Meeting
Sept. 24th @ 1:30 p.m.

Fall Break
Oct. 1st — Oct. 12th

ILPs: Grades 7-12
Oct. 11th & 12th

ILPs: Grades K-6
Oct. 12th & 15th

1st Day of 2nd Qtr.
Gr. 7-12: Oct. 15th
Gr. K-6: Oct. 16th

Traffic Request

Please realize that we have teachers on duty each day to keep everyone safe at HCLC. There was a time when we had duty stations on both Frye Road and 48th Street too, but were told by law enforcement that we could not continue that practice. This means that it is the parents' responsibility to follow traffic regulations and laws. Remember, the rules apply to all of us.

The following reminders

should help:

-Stopping or parking on Frye Road or 48th Street is illegal. Please check the signs.

-Fines have been given to those driving or parking in the dirt area south of the parking off Frye Road.

-When dropping off or picking up students inside the school, please drive to the curb and pull as far forward as you can.

-The south lane is not a drop-off/pick-up lane. It should flow through the entire front of the school.

-At pick-up, if you drive through the back of the school, please watch your speed.

-If using St. Benedict's lot, enter clockwise from the north to the south.

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Improvement Team (S.I.T.) Topic

As you know, the S.I.T. team is comprised of parents, staff, and students at each school level who work together to establish improvements and make recommendations for the school as a whole.

At our August 30th School Forum we conducted our annual lottery for our parent representatives. The following representatives

and alternates were selected at each school level:

Primary School

Regina Anderson (Rep.)
Nagendra Palakodaty (Alt.)

Intermediate School

Cathy Vandivort (Rep.)
Helen Cartwright (Alt.)

Middle School

Susie Haros (Rep.)
Joe Haros (Alt.)

High School

Lisa McKinney (Rep.)
Jane Bixler (Alt.)

This year our School Improvement Team will focus on a review of the current dress code for implementation in 2008-09. They will review the dress code rationale, conduct student and parent surveys, and make recommendations to the School Board.

**HCLC IS NOW
MONITORED BY
SURVEILLANCE
CAMERAS**

Asbestos Management Plan

We are required by law to provide you with the following information regarding asbestos management: HCLC used the Architect's Affidavit obtained during construction of the facility

to develop an Asbestos Management Plan identifying that no asbestos-containing material exists in the two buildings of the facility.

The Affidavit and Asbestos Management Plan are located in the Building Service Manager's office and are available for your review during office hours.

We are looking for:

- Substitute Teachers
- Club Horizon Counselors
- Substitute Teacher's Assistants

Call (480) 659-3000 for more information.

AIMS Accolades

Congratulations to all our students for their achievement on the 2007 AIMS test. Each year we raise our performance expectations, and each year our students, and the teachers who guide them, rise to the challenge.

Our students continue to achieve at a rate better than or comparable to our surrounding districts as well as surpass charter school and state scores. In high school, our students take the AIMS test as sophomores and are then able to retake it both

their junior and senior years, either to pass or improve their scores.

This year, our high school students' AIMS scores have placed them within the valley's top ten charter schools in both math and writing.

After receiving the AIMS scores, our teachers analyze each individual student's score. As a team they choose an area of focus at the school level.

During our teachers professional growth time, they

develop strategies to increase the achievement level of all students in specific areas. For our teachers, this is a year-long process of professional growth and training. For our students, this results in continuous growth and improvement.

We thank our HCLC students and teachers for their very focused efforts. Thanks to our parents too who continue to impress upon your children the importance of this assessment.

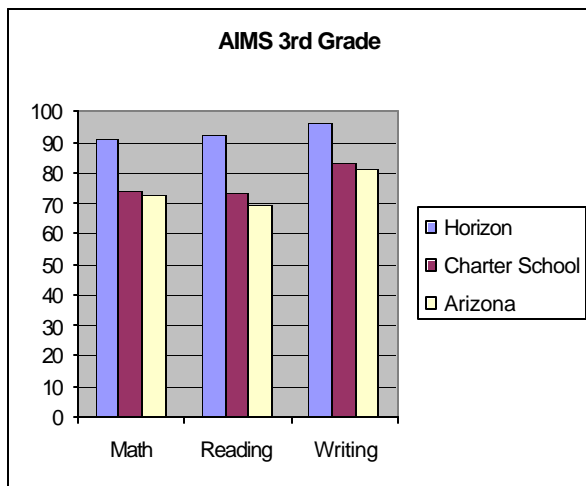
2007 AIMS Scores

Listed below are the results of HCLC's Spring 2007 AIMS test. These grade level charts and graphs represent our students' knowledge and understanding of the academic standards in mathematics, reading, and writing. The

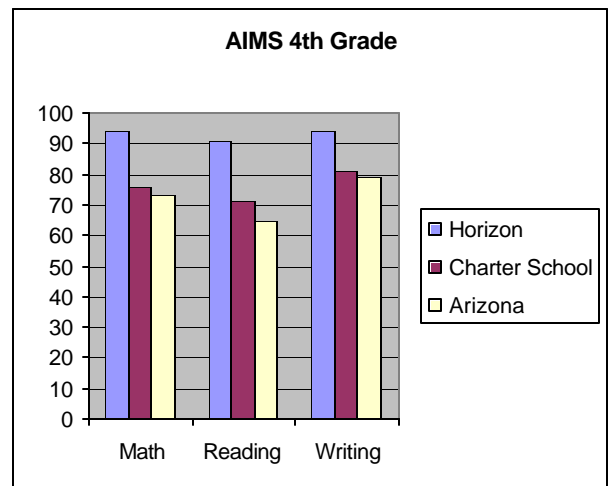
numbers indicate the percentage of student scores meeting or exceeding the standards in each subject area as compared to other charter schools and the state of Arizona. Horizon is represented by

the column to the left on the bar graph, followed by charter schools, and then Arizona. If you have questions regarding testing scores or their interpretation, please contact your child's principal.

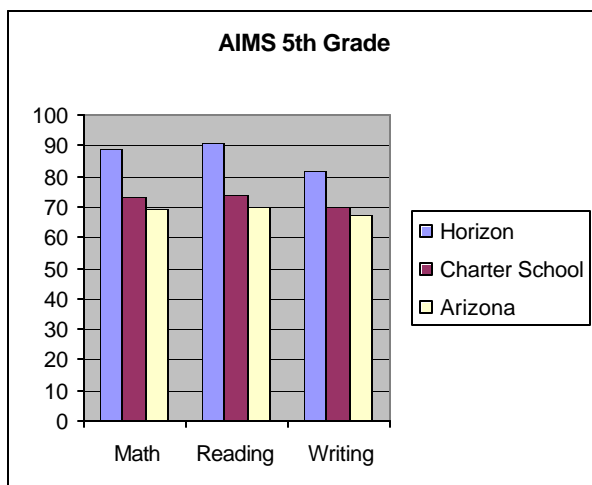
3rd Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
Horizon	91	92	96
Charter Schools	74	73	83
Arizona	72	69	81



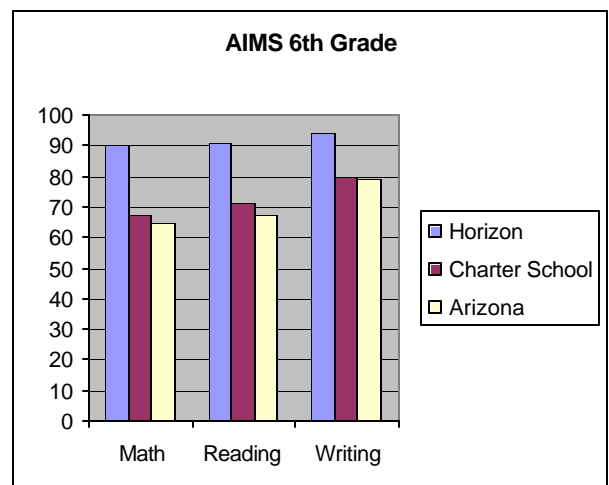
4th Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
Horizon	94	91	94
Charter Schools	76	71	81
Arizona	73	65	79



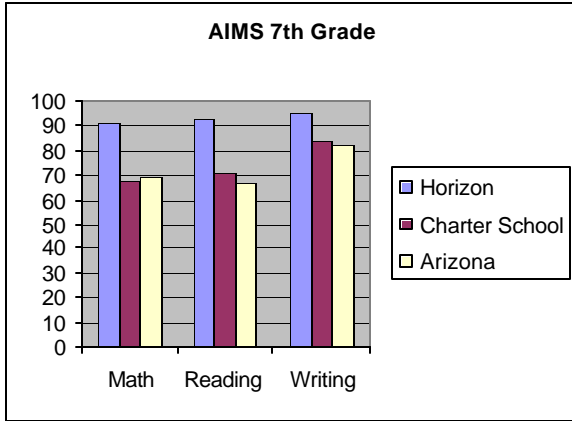
5th Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
Horizon	89	91	82
Charter Schools	73	74	70
Arizona	69	70	67



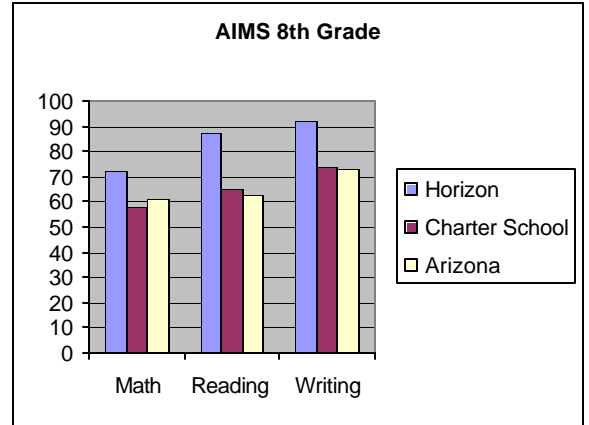
6th Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
Horizon	90	91	94
Charter Schools	67	71	80
Arizona	65	67	79



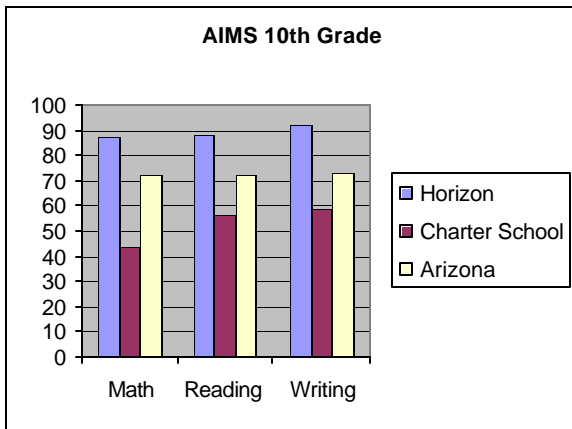
7th Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
Horizon	91	93	95
Charter Schools	68	71	84
Arizona	69	67	82



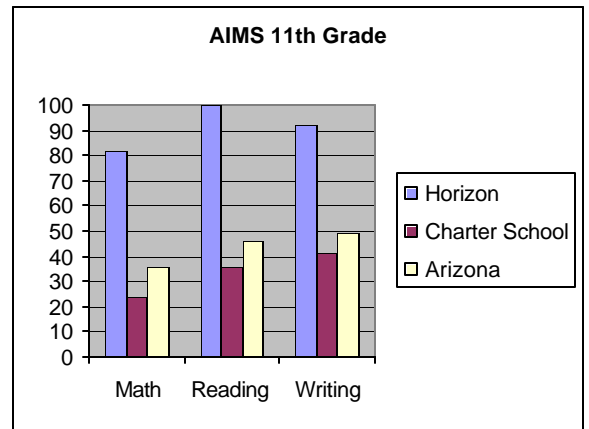
8th Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
Horizon	72	87	92
Charter Schools	58	65	74
Arizona	61	63	73



10th Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
Horizon	87	88	92
Charter Schools	44	56	59
Arizona	72	72	73



11th Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
Horizon	82	100	92
Charter Schools	24	36	41
Arizona	36	46	49



12th Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
Horizon	100	100	100
Charter Schools	21	36	33
Arizona	25	39	37

