



MORRISTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #75
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Dear Morristown, Elementary School Families,

Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-241 requires the Arizona Department of Education, subject to final adoption by the State Board of Education, to develop an annual achievement profile for every public school in the state based on an A through F scale. The system measures year to year student academic growth, proficiency on English language arts, math and science, the proficiency and academic growth of English language learners, indicators that an elementary student is ready for success in high school and that high school students are ready to succeed in a career or higher education and high school graduation rates

Recently, the Arizona State Board of Education released A-F letter grades to all public-school districts. This year's letter grade release identified Morristown Elementary School with a "D" label. The outcomes provide Morristown Elementary School with information to align and implement changes needed to increase student achievement. With this release, the school will be involved with the Arizona Department of Education in the School Improvement Process. This will include reviewing needs, root causes, and developing an action plan supported by evidence-based practices.

The school continues to be focused on using its formative assessment system to monitor student progress leading up to the state assessments in the spring. As Morristown Elementary School monitors students' progress, students will be provided targeted intervention to support areas of deficiency. Reading interventions have been taking place since the beginning of school. This includes the hiring of a Reading Interventionist. Students who continue to demonstrate difficulty will receive additional assistance and interventions as we will be implementing a tutoring program for these select students. We look to communicate progress throughout the year. To further support this process, the district is looking to update its ELA program with new textbooks. Beyond these focused initiatives, there are additional action steps that will support Morristown Elementary School achievement.

The A-F Accountability System is not designed to stigmatize schools but rather to help the state identify which need support. A collaborative partnership between the school and home is essential to our students' successes. Attaining of a "D" is not acceptable and we will work extensively hard to correct this. If you have questions or comments, please contact Dr. Sackos and or your child's classroom teacher.

The following link takes you to the Arizona State Board of Education listing of public schools and their A-F label:
<https://azsbe.az.gov/f-school-letter-grades>

With regards,

Dr. Gregory T. Sackos
Superintendent