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SUSD Schools Receive High Marks from State Board

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (October 5, 2018) The Arizona State Board of Education released 2017-2018 school letter grades today. The state's A-F Accountability System provides a formula-based approach to assessing Arizona's schools and the academic growth students achieve, based on Arizona Revised Statute §15-421.

The Scottsdale Unified School District is proud to announce that 89% of its schools received an A or B letter grade for the 2017-2018 school year.

"We appreciate the hard work and dedication that our students and teachers put forth every day in the classroom," said Dr. John Kriekard, Acting Superintendent. "The strong achievement measured by the state letter grade system is just one more point of pride for our District. Parents, families and the community have rallied around our students, and this measure shows what a great job our students are doing."

Highlights from the Scottsdale Unified report:

- Arcadia High School improved its letter grade from a C to a B.
- Chaparral High School improved its letter grade from a B to an A.
- Desert Mountain High School improved its letter grade from a B to an A.
- Saguaro High School improved its letter grade from a B to an A.
- Tavan Elementary School improved its letter grade from a C to an A.

The state's A-F letter grade 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; high school, career and higher education readiness; and high school graduation rates.

For more information, visit the [Arizona State Board of Education website](http://www.azdhs.gov) or call 602-542-5057.

The *Core Purpose* of the Scottsdale Unified School District is *To Ensure All Individual Learners Reach Their Full Potential*. The Scottsdale Unified School District offers 30 schools, serving approximately 23,000 students. School boundaries include parts of Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, Phoenix and Tempe. Find more information about SUSD at www.susd.org.

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