

CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**#1 DISTRICT IN THE  
PHOENIX AREA!**

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT IN 2023

**45**  
**Schools**

Serving  
Students  
**Prek-12th**

## PEOPLE

Students **44,000+**  
Employees **5,000+**

Students per teacher

**22.4**

## RACE/ETHNICITY

Pacific	<b>0.3%</b>
Native	<b>1.6%</b>
Black	<b>5.3%</b>
Multiple	<b>5.9%</b>
Asian	<b>10.9%</b>
Hispanic	<b>29.3%</b>
White	<b>46.8%</b>



**Home  
Languages**

**61**

## PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Athletics	<b>12%</b>
FRL	<b>24%</b>
IB	<b>1%</b>
DLI	<b>2%</b>
ELL	<b>4%</b>
Gifted	<b>4%</b>
SPED	<b>11%</b>
CTE	<b>49.1%</b>

## ACT TESTING vs AZ average

English	<b>40%</b>	<b>59%</b>
Reading	<b>29%</b>	<b>46%</b>
Math	<b>21%</b>	<b>43%</b>
Science	<b>19%</b>	<b>40%</b>





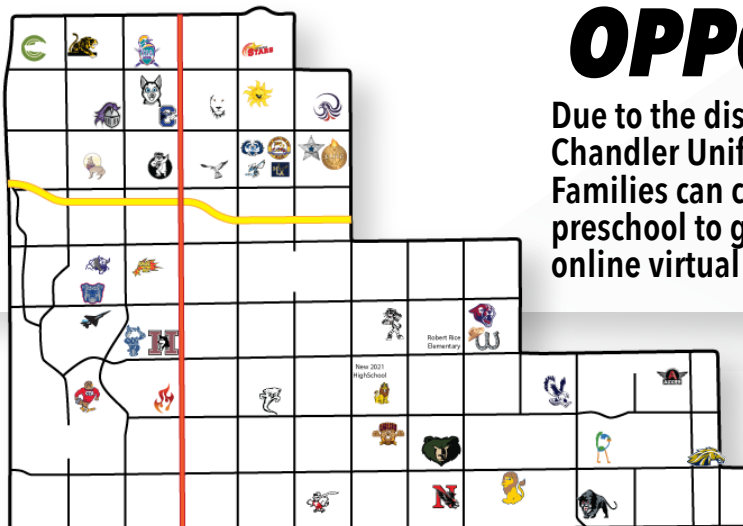
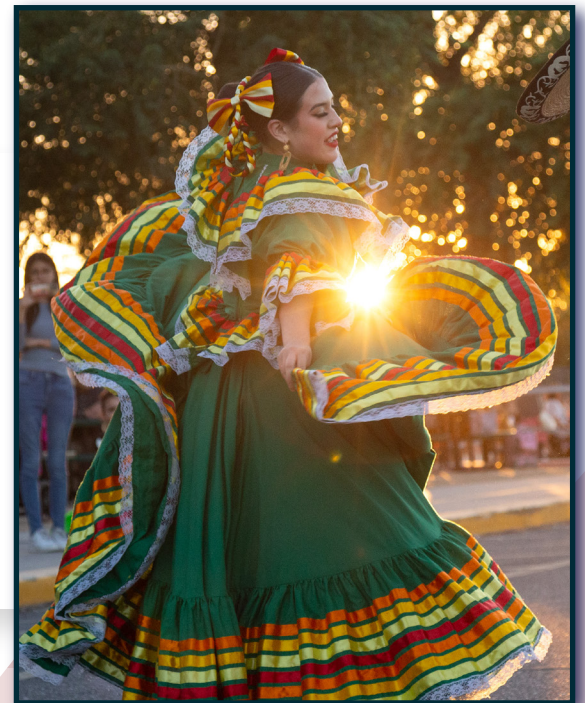
## **CHOICE**

The Chandler Unified School District is a premier district of choice. Parents are able to choose from a variety of personalized learning experiences to find the program that best meets the needs of their children. Options include Preschool, Traditional Academies, Gifted Programs, Honors Classes, Advanced Placement Courses, International Baccalaureate Program, Dual Language Immersion, STEM/STEAM, Bioscience, Cyber Security, College Prep Campuses, Chandler Online Academy, Elite Performance Academy, and the Chandler Early College Program.

## **ACHIEVEMENT**

Academic achievement is a high priority in the district as evidenced by test scores above the state and national averages. Our students consistently score among the top in the state on college-entrance exams and are top earners of prestigious awards in state and national competitions.

CUSD has also earned a reputation for excellence in athletic achievement winning a variety of state championship trophies and medals in every sport.



## **OPPORTUNITY**

Due to the district's innovative programs and open enrollment laws, Chandler Unified continues to attract families as the district of choice. Families can choose from more than 50 schools and programs, preschool to grade 12. Additionally, Chandler Unified has a robust online virtual learning option for elementary through high school.

# DISTRICT WIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

## TOP SCHOOLS

During the 2022-23 school year, Auxier Elementary School was re-certified as a Leader In Me Lighthouse School. This is the highest level of achievement recognized through the Leader in Me program. Auxier is one of only nine schools in Arizona and the first in Chandler Unified to achieve the Lighthouse designation. Hartford Sylvia Encinas was named an Arizona Educational Foundation A+ School of Excellence for 2022.

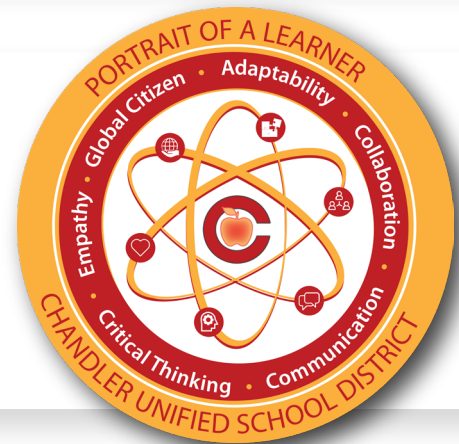
Weinberg Gifted Academy was named a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School.

CUSD schools have earned A+ Schools of Excellence or U.S. Blue Ribbon awards 96 times since 1983, more than any other district in the state. Almost all current CUSD schools have been recognized with these designations.



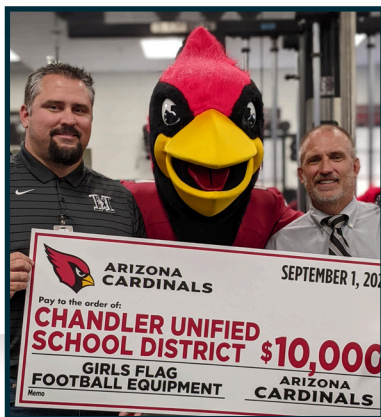
## FOCUS ON STUDENTS

Chandler Unified School District introduced Portrait of a Learner in the 2022-2023 school year. Portrait of a Learner supports and guides whole-child and post-graduation success for all students through the teaching of six attributes: adaptability, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, empathy, and global citizen.



## PRESTIGIOUS PARTNERS

Chandler Unified School District now has a Girls Flag Football League. Nike and the National Football League's Arizona Cardinals made a generous donation in support of CUSD's girls flag football teams.



## LEADING BY EXAMPLE

CUSD was the #1 district in Arizona to raise money for the American Heart Association. The district raised \$128,435 this year (compared to \$98,086 last year). The next closest district raised around \$80,000. Thank you to the 17 schools that participated in this fundraising event. In addition, CUSD staff participated in the district annual United Way fundraiser and raised \$93,575 to benefit our local community.





## ACADEMICS

CUSD students and schools earned more than 200 state or national academic awards in 2022. This includes 56 National Merit semifinalists, 28 Capstone Scholars and 8 Flinn Scholarship semifinalists.



## ATHLETICS

In 2022 CUSD Athletics shined. All CUSD high schools brought home team state championships or runner-up awards. In total CUSD teams and individuals were recognized more than 80 times in the last year. Basha High brought home its first Varsity Football State Championship in the Open Division in December 2022. In addition, three CUSD coaches were named Athletic Directors of the Year.

## FINE ARTS

CUSD students and staff excel in fine arts, earning nearly 100 state or national awards in 2022. This includes titles in marching band, jazz band, dance, and more. Also in 2022, 80 CUSD graduates earned the fine arts diploma seal. Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency is awarded to students who have demonstrated high levels of proficiency and commitment to the Arizona Arts Education Standards through personal expression and creative experiences.



## STEM

CUSD was top of the class when it came to STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) awards in 2022. Awards were earned by students and staff in state and national robotics competitions, AZSEF, Cyber Security, Bioscience, Broadcom Masters and the National Science and Engineering Fair. Chandler Unified educates about 3% of the students in Arizona, yet CUSD students took home one third (29%) of the state's award-winning projects at the Arizona Science and Engineering Fair (AzSEF). CUSD students represent 36.8% of the students qualifying for the prestigious International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

## TOP STAFF

CUSD staff continues to impress locally and nationally. In total, more than 20 teachers, coaches, administrators, or support staff earned state or national recognition in 2022.

Exemplary Principal  
Chandler Chamber Awards  
National Distinguished Administrator  
Sandy Lundberg Educator of the Year

Copper Apple Award  
Cyber Security Passport Award  
AZ BioScience Educator  
White House '22 Teacher Institute

Sports Hall of Fame  
Yale Educator Award  
Mayor's Committee for People with  
Disabilities Educator of the Year

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2022-2023

With a large student body from diverse cultures and backgrounds, we are challenged to empower all students to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens. Our solution is to offer a wealth of educational choices, preparing each child with the right skills to pursue their dreams. CUSD's commitment to financial stewardship will help ensure a bright future for our children, community and stakeholders.

## \$367,809,836

Total Maintenance and Operations Budget





# CUSD LEADERSHIP

## ***SUPERINTENDENT***

Franklin R. Narducci is CUSD's seventh Superintendent. Mr. Narducci has served as a principal and director in CUSD for 25 years, the last nine years serving as the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education. Under his leadership, CUSD's Community Education Department was formed, and schools have received State and National recognitions such as: The National Blue-Ribbon Award; America's Best; and Arizona A+ Schools of Excellence.

Frank is well known for his work in the field of education. He has taught educational leadership and theory courses as an adjunct staff member for Northern Arizona University and is an advocate for Early Childhood Education, having served on the East Maricopa County First Things First Council.

Frank has received numerous recognitions including National Distinguished Principal, Chandler Chamber Administrator of the Year, and was featured in the June 2018 Chandler Lifestyle Magazine as one of the Amazing Men of Chandler. He also received the Si Se Puede Foundation's Cesar E. Chavez Educator of the year Award, First Things First Service Award, and was recognized for his leadership role with the Chandler Downtown Community Partnership and the Chandler Center for the Arts.

Frank is honored to serve CUSD's students, families, and staff.



## ***GOVERNING BOARD***

Our district relies on the vision and stability provided by our governing board. The Chandler Unified School Governing Board, like many elected bodies, contains many diverse opinions and ideas. Individual board members retain their First Amendment rights to free speech; however, personal comments do not represent the official position of the District. Governing board members are elected by the public, serving four-year terms. The board sets all district policies and has final authority over all district business. The public is welcome at governing board business meetings, usually held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month (7 p.m.). Study sessions are held as needed.



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# Serving Grades PreK-12

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 ACP- High School	 ACP- Middle School	 Andersen Elementary	 Andersen Junior High	 Auxier Elementary	 Basha AMS	 Basha Elementary	 Basha High	 Bogle Junior High	 Bologna Elementary
 Carlson Elementary	 Casteel Junior High	 Casteel High	 Chandler Early College	 Chandler High	 Chandler Learning Center	 Chandler Online	 Conley Elementary	 CTA- Freedom	 CTA- Goodman
 CTA- Humphrey	 CTA- Independence	 CTA- Liberty	 Elementary Connect	 Elite Performance Academy	 Frye Elementary	 Fulton Elementary	 Galveston Elementary	 Haley Elementary	 Hamilton High
 Hancock Elementary	 Hartford Encinas Elementary	 Hill Learning Academy	 Hull Elementary	 Jacobson Elementary	 Knox Gifted Academy	 Navarette Elementary	 Patterson Elementary	 Payne Junior High	 Perry High
 Rice Elementary	 Riggs Elementary	 Ryan Elementary	 San Marcos Elementary	 Sanborn Elementary	 Santan Elementary	 Santan Junior High	 Shumway Leadership Academy	 Tarwater Elementary	 Weinberg Gifted Academy
 Willis Junior High									

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