

# SAM HUGHES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*from the desk of the Principal*

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Hello Sam Hughes CREW!

It is with immense pride that I announce that Sam Hughes Elementary has earned the letter grade of A from the Arizona State Board of Education!

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 growth, 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.

The last year that the state of Arizona issued letter grades was 2019. At that time, Sam Hughes earned a letter grade of B, missing an A by less than one percentage point. Our CREW immediately began analyzing our achievement data, reflecting on our instructional practices, and made enhancements to the learning activities being presented to students. This work continued even into remote teaching during the pandemic. Our amazing teachers and instructional staff worked tirelessly to create online learning environments that provided innovative learning experiences in addition to creating a sense of community, even though we were separated. Last year, our CREW transitioned back to campus and continued to put student success, both emotional and academic, as their priority and focus. Our teachers and students have persevered through the most challenging situations over the past three years and have demonstrated that together our CREW can achieve great things, including an A LETTER GRADE!!!

Our CREW would like to extend a huge thank you to our families that have partnered with us in this work. We know that having support at home truly increases our students' ability to be successful here at school. Thank you for all that you do for your students and for our school community!

Way to go CREW!!! Congratulations on receiving this designation from the State- it is well deserved!!!

Thank you,



Kathryn Bolasky  
Principal