



ARIZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Arizona Middle School Mission Statement



Arizona Middle School maintains a strong emphasis on academic achievement through a standards-based education where skills are developed to promote success and lifelong learning. In collaboration with students, parents, and community, we will provide a positive and secure school environment.

August 11, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Arizona Middle School. Our staff maintains a warm, friendly, and caring climate to support student learning. Your child will be scheduled with a team of teachers in language arts, history, math, and science. This schedule enables teachers to develop interdisciplinary lessons and collectively respond to the individual needs of each student. Your child will also be enrolled in physical education and an exploratory class to meet his/her specific needs.

The Arizona physical education clothing will be available for purchase the first two weeks of school for a cost of \$25.00. The cost of breakfast is \$1.25 and the price of the cafeteria lunch is \$1.75. A variety of items are also available at the snack bar at various prices.

Students who have been prescribed medicine by a doctor must have a completed authorization form on file. A new form must be completed by the physician, parent, and student each school year and when there is a change in medication, dosage, time, or method of administration.

We encourage students to get involved in school activities. Co-curricular programs at Arizona include the pep squad and ASB sponsored activities/clubs. Students have access to our counselors along with support programs that include after school tutoring and PRIME Time to assist them in meeting their academic, social, and emotional needs.

Academic awards and incentives for attendance help promote a positive school climate to enhance student learning. Students with perfect attendance will be eligible for drawings for prizes at the end of each semester. Students who demonstrate academic excellence will be recognized at the Honor Roll ceremony and the end of the year awards ceremony.

Student success is a continued focus at Arizona. Because we want to ensure that we maximize our students' learning time we will not interrupt classrooms during instructional time, thereby supporting student success. We ask for your support in avoiding classroom interruptions by preplanning with your children. You can also help by scheduling your child's appointments outside of the school day. Because individual student parties/celebrations are personal events we ask that you hold these special events at home; they will not be permitted at school. Also, any after school plans and/or arrangements should be planned prior to the start of school so that children know what they are to do at dismissal time. With your support we will continue to provide our students with a quality educational program.

We ask that your child attend school each and every day on time. Attendance is an important element of student success. If your child is not able to attend school, we ask that you call the front office. Please remember that if your child is tardy, leaves early, or is absent she/he misses out on important learning time. If your child has a medical or dental appointment, please request a note from the doctor for your child's absence. In addition, your child should receive any missed work during the time of the absence. Once your child returns, the work should be completed and turned in to the teacher for credit.

It is our belief that with the partnership of home, school, and community, we can work together to support the success of your child. Parents have the opportunity to provide input in school programs through the PTSA, School Site Council, and English Language Advisory Council. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please fill out and return the attached parent information form by August 20, 2010. Representatives for the School Site Council must be elected by the parents of Arizona Middle School. Elections will be held at Back to School Night on August 26, 2010.

As we work together this year, we will strive to develop your child's ability to be an empowered, decision-maker, who makes a positive difference now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Angela Gallardo-Hopkins
Principal