PCA Primary FAQs

Who can enroll at ASU Prep South Phoenix PCA?
ASU Prep South Phoenix PCA is a tuition-free public charter school. We are currently enrolling grades K-2 at our primary campus for the 2018-19 school year. Open enrollment is ongoing, and we will register prospective students on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is met.

What is the enrollment process?
Visit https://asuprep.asu.edu/enroll for information about our enrollment process. All enrollment paperwork is available online.

Is there a fee or tuition for attending?
ASU Preparatory Academy South Phoenix PCA Primary School is a tuition-free charter school.

What is the school schedule?
The school year begins July 30th. The school days start at 7:50 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m. Monday-Friday with opportunities for tutoring and extracurricular activities each day after school.

Where is the school located?
The ASU Prep South Phoenix PCA Primary campus is located at 40 E. Hidalgo Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85040.

Is transportation to the high school provided to students?
ASU Prep South Phoenix PCA Primary School does not currently offer transportation for the 2018-19 school year.

Are teachers at ASU Prep highly qualified?
Yes. We hire teachers who are highly qualified in their content areas. They have demonstrated proficiency in their content area through course taking and as a member of the ASU Prep team, teachers take 24 hours of specialized training in pedagogy that is based on research of best practices for enhanced student learning. Additionally, our teachers all have mentors who work closely with them to continuously provide coaching and support to meet the needs of our learners.

What is the curriculum used at ASU Prep?
ASU Prep uses the Cambridge International Curriculum. This rigorous program, which is aligned to the Arizona College and Career Ready standards, prepares all students to be ready for college. Students also have the opportunity to take ASU Online courses supported by ASU Prep faculty as juniors and seniors.

How does ASU Prep utilize the Cambridge Curriculum?
The Cambridge curriculum is part of a comprehensive academic program that supports the academic preparation of all students to succeed in college, to contribute to their communities, and to compete globally. The Cambridge curriculum includes rich instruction, high levels of active student engagement, and regular evaluation of student knowledge and skills. This allows students to understand topics deeply, to think critically, to solve complex problems, to communicate with a range of audiences, and to apply their learning in creative ways. When the curriculum was introduced to ASU Prep's other schools, the schools outperformed the state by an average of 22 points in reading and 24 points in mathematics. We expect to have similar results in Casa Grande.

In addition to Cambridge, students have access to AP and to ASU college courses so our students are bridging from high school to university in the supportive environment of a classroom with a teacher and a success coach committed to helping them succeed in college.

What supports are provided to students?
Students will have access to tutors and teachers who will work with them in to track their academic progress and develop personalized applications of learnings for their success. Students with IEPs or other special needs receive support from specially certified faculty so they can access the curriculum and enjoy success in a rigorous learning environment.

What are the expectations for family involvement?
Families play an essential role in the success of our ASU Prep students. We ask that each of our families take an active role in the education of their child as well as our school community. We partner with families four times per year for Individualized Learning Plan conferences and orientations. See our ASU Prep family involvement information here.

Does ASU Prep Academy require students to wear uniforms?
Yes. Students wear a maroon collared shirt with uniform khaki bottoms. Friday's students have the opportunity to wear a gold collared shirt with khaki bottoms.

Is there a Cambridge campus available for students who are interested in ASU Prep Academy?