

● Who can enroll at ASU Prep Tempe?

We are currently enrolling grades 9-11 at our campus for the 2018-19 school year. In order to enroll as a 9th grader, you must have documentation that you have completed, or are on track to complete 8th grade.

● What is the enrollment process?

● Is there a fee or tuition for attending?

Arizona students can attend the ASU Preparatory Academy High School for free. We are a public charter school.

● What is the school schedule?

The school day starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:35 p.m. Monday through Friday.

● Where is the school located?

● How is ASU Prep Tempe associated with Compadre Academy?

The Tempe Union High School District partnered with ASU Prep to collaboratively operate on the Compadre Academy campus. Compadre currently serves about 400 high school students, and ASU Prep will grow enrollment to 400 students over time. ASU Prep's college preparatory format includes ASU courses for college credit, as well as a digital curriculum infused with the acclaimed Cambridge framework and delivered in a personalized, blended learning format. ASU Prep's college-going culture sets high expectations for all students and provides them with the academic preparation, resources, and support needed to meet those expectations.

● Is transportation to the high school provided to students?

● 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?

● 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 is blended learning?

In a blended learning environment, each student has access to an individualized pace and plan of study with the guidance of a teacher who is a content expert. The blended curriculum is designed to give students individualized support to access the curriculum with frequent opportunities to demonstrate learning and to progress rapidly through the curriculum they already know. Students will collaborate with peers and instructors both in person and online each day. The flexible hybrid model gives students the ability to pursue what interests them and learn in an integrated educational continuum.

● What supports are provided to students?

In addition to support provided through the blended learning environment, students also have a Learning Success Coach who works with them in to track their academic progress, to develop personalized applications of learning, and to connect families with outside resources and supports. The Learning Success Coach serves as a first point of contact for students and families to get support in being able to graduate from high school and enroll in college.

Students with IEPs or other special needs will be able to be supported by specially certified faculty so they can access the curriculum and enjoy success in a rigorous learning environment.

● What are the expectations for family involvement?

● What are the graduation requirements?

All ASU Prep graduates are prepared to meet the admission requirements for university study. We will work with each new student to design an Individual Learning Plan to meet his or her instructional needs. Students are required to complete 4 years of English, mathematics and science instruction. Additionally, students take 3 years of social sciences, 2 years foreign language, 1 year of fine arts and other electives to meet the ASU Prep rigorous requirements.

● Will there be weighted grades?

ASU Prep offers the Cambridge International curriculum. All courses are part of an honors curriculum. In addition, we offer a series of advanced Cambridge courses including Cambridge A and AS, as well as college-level courses. All courses at the advanced level and any grade earned of 97% (A*) and higher earns a weighted grade.

● Will ASU Prep Tempe grant credit for Algebra/other courses taken in the student's 7th or 8th-grade years?

We can only grant high school credit for courses approved by ASU Prep. However, if a student can demonstrate competency in a course they have completed by passing ASU Prep assessments, they will earn a competency credit for the course. Competency credits are shown on the transcript but are not calculated in the students' Grade Point Average.

● Does ASU Prep provide test prep course or program for the ACT and SAT?

ASU Prep provides all students the opportunity to take the PSAT and the ACT. Test prep programs are available at ASU Prep and our Learning Success Coaches work with students to help them prepare for these college entrance examinations and to ensure they are meeting all college entrance requirements to enter the college of their choice.

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● Is there a driver's education program?

We do not provide driver's education programs during the school year.

● Will there be National Honor Society or other clubs?

Clubs and extracurricular activities are an important part of the ASU Prep culture. Student interest determines all programs. Clubs that are present in our other schools include the National Honor Society, Key Club, Robotics Club, Spirit Line, Student Government, Yearbook, and intramurals. Students are surveyed after enrollment to express interest in clubs and intramurals.

● Does ASU Prep Academy require students to wear uniforms?

No. Students are only required to wear appropriate classroom attire during the school day, and we encourage them to participate in Maroon Monday and Gold Friday.