



ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Armijo Elementary School

Accelerate Progress for Students



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“Student Outcomes Don’t Change until Adult Behavior Changes”
-Council of Great City Schools.”

Welcome Back, Armijo Families and Staff! I am so excited to begin my third year as principal at Armijo ES, and to work with you all to help our students experience our welcoming support, love, and a full learning experience. I am fully committed to give our Roadrunners the very best learning experience. They deserve our support and rigor to make them want to be in school every single day. Our hard work and high expectations for all of our students and the Armijo community become evident with an improved attendance and school performance. All Armijo Staff will follow APS’s strategic priorities to make this happen. We will all mobilize around a clear plan, grounded in a culture of high expectations and accountability, for how to achieve academic success for all students. *The four strategic plans are the following: Strategic Priority #1 Clear Expectations, Strategic Priority #2 is Rigorous Instruction, Strategic Priority #3 is Engaged Students, and Strategic Priority #4 is responsive and coordinated systems.* All of us here at Armijo are ready to work hard and achieve this mission. Armijo School’s rigorous curriculum is the foundation that will prepare all of our students to become successful during their elementary years. We will continue to support our instruction by implementing strategies such as AVID, GLAD, Bilingual Strand, English Strand, and Special Education. Armijo will also be a Structured Literacy Support School for the 2023-2024 school year! This will provide literacy support for staff and students with more professional development for all teachers. We will continue having our Genius Hour Fridays to support student requests. We will continue having after school tutoring along with soccer and basketball. Girl Scouts will be back again this year for students 1st grade to 3rd grade. Please encourage your students in selecting their Genius Hour sessions to motivate and inspire their learning experience. Kids Cook will be back for their second year. I look forward to seeing our proficiency and growth rates as our focus on Phonemic Awareness and small math groups allowed for more individualized learning. I am so excited that so many teachers took PD summer opportunities which will allow for a more rigorous learning experience. We will continue to become more and more prepared to service our students to continue to show growth in our proficiency rates. All APS schools will also be aligned with APS’ focus on student outcomes and goals. This Student Outcomes Focused Governance framework centers on the vision and values expressed by the APS community to support what we want our students to know and to be able to do. **Elementary schools will focus on our Wildly Important Goal (WIG). Goal #1: Early Literacy**

The percentage of third-grade students identified in the Yazzie-Martinez decision plus African American students who demonstrate grade level proficiency or above on the state English Language Arts (ELA) summative assessment.

As your principal and instructional support, I believe we can achieve these student outcomes and goals. I will commit to helping staff and students on a daily basis. We will all continue to have high expectations and hold each other accountable as we support all students’ abilities. We will make our families and students our priority as we support academics as well the everyone’s social emotional learning (SEL). It also shows that SEL reduces problem behaviors and emotional distress that interfere with the learning and development of some students. Research indicates that SEL programming significantly raises test scores while it lowers levels of emotional distress, and disruptive behavior.

We are here to offer the best customer service with the consideration for keeping our students and staff safe and well taken care of. *Thank you for entrusting your students in our care and well-being! Our faculty and staff are highly committed to providing the most rewarding education possible and making the process of learning an enjoyable experience.*

Looking forward to a great year!

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