

Phoenix MS

BUILDING ACTION PLAN
2023-24



POINTS OF CELEBRATION

- Highest state test scores in the district.
- Highest panorama scores in the district.
- Outstanding AMLE Successful Middle School Assessment scores.

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

Goal: We will prepare students to be successful in an ever changing economy by equipping students with foundational knowledge and skills that support lifelong learning.



Strategies:

Reading

Expand capacity to identify and support students who are below grade level due to foundational reading skills through an expansion of evidence-based instructional strategies and implementation of tier 2 interventions, remediation strategies, and curriculum.

Writing

Implement instruction that provides all students with opportunities to make their thinking visible through writing in all content areas.

Mathematics

Implement instructional environments (math workshop, "thinking classrooms") that allow for differentiation, student engagement, rich mathematical discourse, and scaffolds/supports.



WELL ROUNDED CONTENT

Goal: We will expose students to a broad range of subjects and disciplines beyond foundational knowledge and skills to allow students to explore and identify their passions and aspirations, as well as discover connections and relationships among ideas and concepts.

Strategies:

Anchor experiences which fit within the vertical curriculum for each grade level. Examples: Community level service project, service learning, project-based learning, field trips or related arts.

LEADERSHIP & REASONING

Goal: Future success will not just depend on academic content knowledge. It will require students to exhibit leadership skills. We will provide leadership opportunities, including among other things, learning from mistakes and improving for the future, listening to others and working to achieve a common goal and giving and receiving feedback. Reasoning skills are important too. Reasoning means that students know how to draw on multiple disciplines to synthesize information, develop creative solutions and generate new ideas. We aim to teach students specific skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, design and computational thinking, information evaluation and data analytics.



Strategies:

Create opportunities for problem solving of real life applications across content areas.





Goal: Research shows that being part of a community improves life satisfaction and health. We will equip students with an understanding of the importance of social interaction and personal feelings. This includes competencies like self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, collaboration, empathy, relationship skills, and responsible decision making to become resilient and persistent in life.

Strategies:

Teachers will analyze Panorama results and identify strategies to address areas of growth

Teachers will implement common executive functioning curriculum and supports for all students.