

Phoenix-Talent Rising Academy (PTRA) Orientation & Information

2024-2025



Welcome/Bienvenidos





A Little Bit About Us



- Phoenix-Talent Rising Academy (PTRA) is a Kindergarten-8th grade public school for students and families who want something different than traditional in-person schooling.
- We offer a blend of teacher-supported online, in-person, and home instruction that can be tailored to your family's health, schedule, and travel needs.
- Our goals are to provide maximum flexibility for families, help students grow academically, and enhance student learning through optional in-person activities to support social development.



Our Teachers

- **Madeline Macias - K-5th Grade Teacher**

- Elementary teacher in Phoenix-Talent Schools since 2018
- Passionate about kids and teaching reading
- 4th year of virtual instruction
- Her own children are in PTRA!



- **Heather Ayers-Flood - 6th-8th Grade Teacher**

- Middle school teacher in Phoenix-Talent Schools since 1993
- Has taught Health, Computers, Yearbook, Video Class, and more
- Passionate about connecting with kids
- 5th year of virtual instruction





Administrative Staff

- **Aaron Santi - Principal**

- Worked in the Phoenix-Talent School District since 2005
- 8 years of teaching experience (5th-8th grades)
- 14 years as Principal before PTRA (elementary & middle school)
- 4th year as Principal of PTRA



- **Deni Goodwin - Office Manager**

- Worked in the Phoenix-Talent School District since 2007
- Loves connecting with families & keeps PTRA running smoothly.
- Primary contact point (other than teachers) for PTRA
- 5th year with PTRA





Elementary Overview



- **PTRA elementary families instruct their students at home** with the support of a teacher who provides online instruction, lesson plans, curriculum, and support
 - K/1st – 2 hours, 2nd/3rd – 3 hours, 4th/5th – 4 hours
- M-Th – each grade has a 30-minute online Class Meet in math or reading
 - **Meet attendance is mandatory–goal is 90%, minimum requirement is 50%**
- Fridays – optional in-person STEAM classes (art & science projects) or field trips
- We use Amplify reading and Ready Math workbooks
 - Science and social studies are project-based.
 - PE is 30 minutes/day of independent activity
- Mrs. Macias has daily Office Hours to support parents and students
- Printer access is necessary



Middle School Overview



- **Middle School students work mostly independently online** in Edmentum
- Students have 7 classes, same as in-person school–
 - Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Elective–1 hour each per day
 - **Edmentum goal 20 hours/week. Minimum requirement 10 hours/week.**
 - PE - 30 minutes of daily independent activity, noted in your PE Log
 - Advisory - like Homeroom, grade includes Meets, check-ins, and iReady
- Mondays & Wednesdays–online Meets with teacher for Advisory
 - **Meet attendance is mandatory–goal is 90%, minimum requirement is 50%.**
- Tuesdays & Fridays–Open Classroom: optional, in-person, instructional help time
- Talent Maker City elective has hands-on options like woodworking and ceramics.
- Ms. Ayers-Flood has daily Office Hours.



Google Classroom



- Google Classroom is our information hub
 - Stream - check every day for information from your teacher & school
 - Classwork -
 - Elementary-assignments & attendance listed by day
 - Most assignments are in workbooks
 - Middle school - links, attendance, calendar, & schedules
 - Assignments are in Edmentum
 - People - you can email your teacher here
- Assignments posted online mean you can work any time of the day



i-Ready



- All students K-8th do i-Ready Math & Reading every week
- **i-Ready goal is 45 minutes in Reading and 45 minutes in Math each week. The minimum requirement is 25 minutes in each per week.**
- i-Ready helps teachers have a clear picture of students' progress
- Meets students where they are and accelerates their learning.
- Personalized learning for each student based on their Diagnostic.
 - The Diagnostic assessment adjusts questions to student level.
 - The Diagnostic happens at the beginning, middle, and end of year
 - **The minimum requirement is 100% participation each time.**



Student Attendance



- **Our attendance goal is 95% (missing less than one day per month). Our minimum attendance requirement is 90%**
- Check in for attendance every school day.
 - Sick? Let us know when you check in and make up the work that week.
- Students (*or elementary parents*) check in with their teacher or Ms. Goodwin by:
 - Filling out the Daily Attendance Check-in form in their Google Classroom, or
 - Logging into online Meets with their teacher, or
 - Attending an in-person class or activity
- Students can check in any time during the day.
 - Safety calls go out after 1 pm and 3:30 pm.
- Doing schoolwork is how students earn a grade; checking in with the teacher is how they earn attendance.



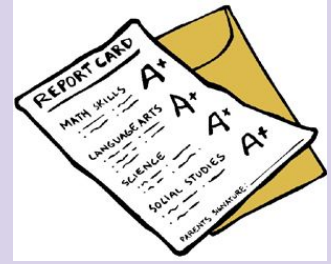
In-Person Options



- **Our in-person activities are encouraged but always optional.**
- Helping students connect, work on projects together, and learn from each other.
- Tuesdays & Fridays–Open Classroom is an instructional help time for middle school students.
- Thursdays–Talent Maker City offers hands-on electives for middle school students.
- Fridays–STEAM class is science & art projects and engineering fun for all students.
 - STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.
- Fridays–Fun & educational field trips each month for all students and their families to places like ScienceWorks and Wildlife Images.



Grades and Testing



- Middle School families use Edmentum Sensei to monitor student progress.
 - Families should sit down twice a week with their students to check on assignments & grades in Edmentum or Sensei.
 - It's much easier to catch up if they're only a few days behind!
- 3rd-8th grade students take the state-required Smarter Balanced Assessments.
- **All students do the i-Ready Diagnostic three times per year.**
 - **The minimum requirement is 100% participation.**
- Report cards & Progress reports are emailed quarterly, on the same schedule as in-person school.
 - If you need a paper copy, let us know.



Communication



- We use email, text, and Classroom Stream to communicate with families.
 - General information is on Facebook and at [ptra.phoenix.k12.or.us](https://ptraphoenix.k12.or.us)
- PTRA numbers to add in your phone–
 - **Ms. Goodwin 541-414-4328**
 - **Mrs. Macias 541-890-0921**
 - **Mrs. Ayers-Flood 541-690-8598**
- Parents need to check email & texts daily.
 - If you prefer one over the other, let us know.
- Students must check Google Classroom and their school email daily.
- No internet? Text your teacher for attendance check-in.
 - We have information about affordable internet.



Please contact us at **541-897-5108** or
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