Arizona Cardinals Preparatory Academy

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Uniform Policy

Arizona Cardinals Preparatory Academy requires students to wear a standard uniform consisting of a red or black collared polo shirt with black or khaki pants, shorts, or skirts. Athletic wear—including basketball shorts, sweatpants, leggings, and biking shorts—is not permitted. A school ID must also be worn as part of the uniform.

Each incoming student receives five uniform shirts and one zip-up hoodie. Families provide pants, shorts, and skirts.

Free Dress Days

Cardinals may occasionally participate in “free dress” days. On these days, students must comply with the Royal Palm/Washington Elementary School District dress code, which can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook.

Sport Participation

Cardinals students may try out for and participate on any Royal Palm Middle School extracurricular team, including Boys and Girls Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer; Cheerleading; Track and Field; Cross Country; and Softball.

Student-athletes’ grades and conduct are reviewed weekly to maintain eligibility for participation.

Extracurricular Activities

In addition to sports teams, Cardinals students may participate in Student Council and any clubs or special opportunities available to Royal Palm students. Current offerings include a Gardening Club in partnership with the 19th North Community Garden.

Students participating in clubs or Student Council have their grades and conduct reviewed weekly to maintain eligibility.

Carson Scholarship

Each year, the Carson Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding Cardinals Academy eighth-grade student. Eligible students are invited to apply based on academic performance, and the recipient receives a $1,000 scholarship to be invested for future higher education.

Field Trips

The Cardinals Academy students enjoy several special field trip opportunities throughout the school year. Recent field trips have included:

- Musical Instrument Museum - Artist in Residence performance (Native hoop-dancing)
- Liberty Wildlife Center (Care and rehabilitation of injured Arizona species)
- Rio Salado Audubon Center (Conservation and Bird watching)
- Earth / Science Exploration Center
- Financial Fitness in Action - Arizona Council on Economic Education

Chromebook

Cardinals Academy students are assigned a Chromebook at the beginning of the school year and must sign an agreement acknowledging responsibility for proper care of the device. Chromebooks may not be taken home unless special permission is granted.

Cell Phone Policy

Cardinals Academy students are expected to follow the Royal Palm Campus cell phone policy. Cell phones brought to school must be turned off and put away during the school day. Phones used during the school day will be confiscated and taken to the office, and a parent or guardian will be required to pick up the device.

Parent/Guardian Support

Parents and guardians are expected to utilize “ParentVue” so that their child’s grades and progress can be checked regularly. Parent/Teacher conferences are held once in the fall and again in the spring. Parents and guardians are also encouraged to complete the WESD volunteer application forms so that they can be chaperones on field trips or assist on campus.