

Dear La Paloma Academy Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that your child has qualified for/will continue to receive Title 1 services, which means he/she will be provided with extra support in reading and/or math from one of our highly qualified interventionists. Reading and math services for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are implemented during the school day, as well as through before and after school targeted tutoring.

Two types of instructional support are provided in Title 1: “push-in” services, in which an interventionist works with your child inside the classroom environment alongside the classroom teacher, and “pullout” services, in which an interventionist works with your child outside of the classroom in a small group setting. All Title 1 services are designed to catch students up on the academic concepts and state standards in which they are falling below grade level. Standards-based benchmark assessments are given three times a year to show whether a student is meeting the academic standards or will continue to need additional support. When a student shows proficiency on the benchmark assessment, he/she may graduate from the Title 1 program, but will continue to be monitored by the interventionist and classroom teacher to ensure continued proficiency. If a student shows a decline in proficiency, more intensive services will be provided and he/she will be re-entered into the program. A Student Update Report will be sent home each quarter to keep all parents/guardians informed regarding their student’s status in the program.

Our primary goal in Title 1 is to provide evidence-based instructional strategies that will help prepare students for the rigor of the Arizona College and Career Ready standards and achieve their specific academic goals. Multi-sensory learning, (visual, auditory, and kinesthetic/hands-on) techniques are used to help students grasp the material they are struggling with in the traditional classroom environment. In order for us to help students reach their potential, however, we must also work in partnership with you. Our team strives to provide regular opportunities for parents to become involved in the educational process. Title 1 will be hosting a series of parent involvement events, which we strongly encourage all families to attend. These events are filled with educational activities that are designed to foster enthusiasm and provide parents with concrete resources for practicing essential reading and math skills in the home. We also have a Title 1 blog for parents/guardians and school staff that provides updated information regarding our program, academic parent involvement events, and parent volunteer opportunities. Thank you, we look forward to working with your child!

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La Paloma Academy Central, Lakeside, and South campuses