

November 17, 2023

To Our Community:

Thank you for your interest in Pistor Middle School. We are excited about the programs and opportunities found at our school and welcome opportunities to share these with you! Please know that you are a valued part of our school community. We invite you to visit our site, attend our family events, school programs, extra-curricular activities, and to join our volunteer opportunities.

Pistor Middle School has many practices and processes that support the achievement of our students. For example, our school has Professional Learning Communities, which are a regularly scheduled time when teachers meet, review data, and plan for ways to better address the needs of each student. We recognize the great value of an education that provides both enrichment and reteach opportunities. Our teachers meet weekly for professional development that supports instruction. The adopted curriculum is based upon the state standards. Our curriculum provides multicultural experiences, prepares students for diverse workplaces, and accommodates the many learning styles of our students.

To ensure a systemic plan for success, we have written a detailed continuous improvement plan that is shared at our annual Title I meeting and at other school events. The implementation of our school plan is evident through the multiple educational programs, family engagement events, celebrations, and student supports that you will find at Pistor Middle School. If you are interested in reviewing or hearing about our continuous improvement plan, you are invited to attend our next site council meeting February 13th, 2024. During this meeting our plan will be reviewed along with our recently released school accountability label.

Our state assigns accountability labels (A to F) to our schools based upon success rates on the AASA state assessment for students. The State has a statute, ARS 15-241, that requires schools to notify their community of the assigned school accountability label. Our school staff works closely with the district and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to ensure that our school continues to provide extended learning and enrichment opportunities, family engagement events, and staff professional development to support academic achievement for all of our students. For the 2022-2023 school year, our school received a state accountability label of a D. The [Arizona Department of Education website](#) provides additional information on the A-F accountability system and school report cards.

You are always welcome at our school. We hope to see you at our events, as a volunteer, and or serving on our site council. Please contact me with any further questions. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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