

Important Program News for Parents

Desert View Academy has many programs to help children excel in school. Below are just a few of the programs that can help our students do their very best every day here at Desert View Academy.

No Child Left Behind

The federal No Child Left Behind legislation makes available federal funds to our school to help us help our students who are in greatest need of additional assistance in reading and math. If a student is found to be behind grade level in either of these subject areas, staff will do a multiple-criterion assessment of the student's skill needs and may refer them to the school's Title One program.

In this program, students received specific, needs-based, supplementary assistance on basic academic skills in the language arts and/or math. If a student is recommended for Title One assistance, the parent will be notified in writing and also be given the opportunity to participate in the parent involvement components of the program. This allows parents to fully participate in their child's academic progress and gives parents input that assists the school in creating the best programs and procedures for our students who are behind.

Special Education Services

State and federal laws have mandated that all schools provide special education services and programs for students with disabilities. Like the Title One services mentioned above, Special Education services are supplemental to the regular school program.

Special Education services are important because they:

- Help students achieve up to their potential ability level in the basic curriculum areas of communication skills (reading, writing, etc.) and computation skills (mathematics, etc.) as well as other subjects.
- Help students achieve a sense of personal success and self-worth.
- Help students establish meaningful relationships with their environment and others.
- Help students acquire concepts, skill, and attitudes, which will enable them to make successful beginnings in the home, and one or more areas of business, industry, or further education.
- Help students recognize and develop creative abilities.

In order for a student to be placed in a special education program, she/he must be referred and evaluated individually by the school psychologist or other certified professional. Students may be referred for testing as a result of teacher referrals, parent referrals, or student self-referrals. Parents have the right to accept or reject special education services.

Desert View Academy offers free screening of children who may need special education services. If you feel your child, even if they are not yet in school, need special education services, call the special Education Director at (928)317-3113.

English Language Learner Services

English Language Learner (ELL) services are provided for non-English speaking and limited English proficient students. The program's goal is to help students to develop their English language proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students are selected based upon a language screening test and teacher recommendation. Parents are informed of their child's participation in the program and are given choices about services.

Instruction for ELL students is provided in regular or "mainstreamed" classrooms with teachers and staff that have been trained in "Structured English Immersion" instructional strategies aimed at maximizing student success. The school curriculum is based on the AZ Academic Standards.

All of the services described above are FREE to parents and students in public schools and are supported by state and federal funds.