Exceptional Student Services Communiqué - May 2019

Preparing every student for success in college, career and life

ESS Highlight

Is it really May?!?! Think about all of the hard work you have done for students and families.

We know that amazing things happen in your classrooms, and on your campuses, each and everyday thanks to YOU, your planning and your efforts. We wish you a happy close to the 2018-2019 school year and a restful relaxing summer.

Upcoming Events and Training

Thank you to our amazing teachers! We celebrate you the week of May 6 – 10, 2019!

We also want to say thank you to our amazing nurses during May 6 – 12, 2019 in honor of Nurses' Week!

Our staff are amazing because you care about our students, give compassion, and are conscious of your own learning, growth and development. Teachers, we hope you join us for one or more of our Professional Development ESS Training Series days this summer:

* May 3rd is IEP 101 w/ Compliance;
* May 3rd is Supervising Paraeducators
* June 4th is on Universal Design for Learning
* June 7th: Specially Designed Instruction.

Space is limited: Register on Career Track today!

ACT

We wanted to take a moment in our final Communiqué for the 2018-2019 School Year to celebrate a student from Trevor Browne High School. Presuming Potential is what we strive to do at PUHSD. This student, who was enrolled in M-Coded classes since Freshman year, had the highest student growth percentile of any student on the recent ACT test, scoring in the 97thile for student growth from Fall PreACT as a 10th grader to Spring ACT as an 11th grader; his ACT composite score went from a score of 20 to 27! He will be encouraged to take more rigorous classes next school year in light of his high ACT scores. Please look at the potential in your students! Next year, let’s strive to use M-Codes only for students who need a fundamentally altered curriculum. Our students depend on us for the right classes, right challenges, and right path to a great future!

Turning to alternate assessment, MSAA is over! A huge shout out to all of our teachers in Practic and CBT for a successful testing season! Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Curriculum and Assessment

Transition Tips

Congrats to Barb Rhodes for creating a user friendly web resource on transition services for our students, families and staff!

Compliance Corner

finally did it!!! The ADE gave us the thumbs up on our audit for transition services. Thanks for the time, effort and focus on IEP compliance for secondary transition, we scored 100% on our file reviews. Way to go!!!

What does this mean? It means we need 1 more file from each campus of an IEP meeting held between April 26 – May 22, 2019 to ensure we have truly made a systems change. Once we provide 15 IEPs during the first week of June with the same 100% results we will be out of corrective action. What a way to end the year!

Summer Services

Do you have students who would benefit from social and recreational opportunities? There are special needs camps in Arizona which provide support, empowerment and just plain fun for children with special needs — and sometimes for their families, too.

https://www.raisingarizonakids.com/summer-camps/special-needs-camps-arizona/

Another great resource and avenue to connect families with is Pre Employment Transition Services. Students beginning at age 14 can benefit from job-exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on postsecondary education, workplace-readiness training, and instruction in self-advocacy.


If you have any questions regarding Pre-KTS, please email RSATransition@azdes.gov.

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