



Sophomore Project: The sophomore project continues developing the freshman project by focusing on the second question:

- “What true talent do I have that if nurtured through learning can meet the need identified in the freshman project?” The culminating project will include the scholar’s exploration of learning styles and what is needed to learn and where to go to gain the knowledge to make an impact on the need identified in the Freshman project.

Junior Project: The junior project builds on the previous years of development by exploring the question:

- “Does the opportunity to meet the need tap into my passion to act?” The scholar more deeply explores social impacts and ramifications of inaction to the need identified. The culminating project is an outline of action to be accomplished in the senior project.

Senior Project: The senior project culminates with targeted internships and action research within the area of need, learning and passion identified in the previous years. Scholars will tap into the final question:

- How does my conscience inspire me to take action and become involved?

Meditations Journal:

All Paideia scholars are exposed daily from Kindergarten to graduation to ideas that provoke critical thinking and deep pondering. These ideas might be sparked through thought-provoking quotes, short stories, pictures or music. Scholars spend one full week on a single idea. Every morning all Paideia scholars reflect or meditate on the presented idea. These reflections or meditations are recorded in their personal Meditations Journal. This daily habit develops the skill of thinking deeply and slowly pondering ideas and principles. During the scholar’s senior year, she will explore through previous meditations and create a final meditations journal representing her intellectual journey to graduation. The meditations journal will be published by the school with one copy given to the scholar at graduation and one copy placed in the Paideia library.

Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement Courses

Only scholars who have met the following criteria are eligible to enroll in dual enrollment and/or advanced placement courses:

- Successfully completed all freshman coursework to include Freshman project
- Maintained an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- Maintained at least 91% attendance to include absences and tardies
- Have cleared/restored any Code of Conduct infractions with the Dean of Students

Health Office & Medical Services

Our school supports and reinforces the health and well-being of each scholar. The school nurse and Paideia staff manage scholars’ illnesses and accidents that occur at school. The nurse administers medication, treatments, keeps health records, and arranges vision and hearing screenings.



Medical Office: 602-343-3040 ext 3094
cpullam@paideiamail.com

REQUIRED “Stay-at-Home” Policy

Parents/Guardian are **required** to keep children home if the following symptoms occur in order to prevent the spread of disease:

- fever 100.4 F or higher
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- severe red or inflamed eyes
- severe headache or pain
- severe coughing
- severe red throat
- has a rash

When your child is sick, please do not expose them to others!

Scholars may return to school when they are **fever-free for 24 hours** without fever-reducing medication. The school nurse may send your child home regardless of temperature if they develop symptoms of illness at school that prevent them from participating comfortably in school activities.

It is very important to have an adult available to pick up a child who is ill or injured. If both parents are unavailable, Paideia Academies will call the adults listed by the parents from the Emergency Form. **Please inform the front office immediately of any phone number or address changes.**

Like you, we want to do what is best for your children. If we cannot reach you in an emergency, paramedics will be called who will decide if an ambulance should be called. The cost of this service is the responsibility of the parents.

Medical Release to Return to School

If a scholar is hospitalized, has surgery, suffers a major injury, is casted or is absent from school for medical concerns, a medical release note including a date to return to school, any health concerns or accommodations needed while in school must be provided by their healthcare provider prior to their return to school. If your child requires medications during the school day, a medication form must be completed by the healthcare provider and parent/guardian. Please contact the school nurse in order to meet your scholar’s needs while at school.

Medications

The school nurse/staff may administer over-the-counter and prescription medication/treatment during school according to the following Paideia medication policies:

1. For all medications and treatments, the parent/guardian must complete a medication form available at the front office or in the Health Room. It must be completed and signed by both Health Provider and parent/guardian.
2. Prescription medications must be in its original prescription container and labeled by the pharmacist.

3. Over-the-counter medication must be in the original factory container with all the warnings and directions intact.
4. Parents must deliver and pick up medication to and from school.
5. A scholar may carry and self-administer an inhaler or EpiPen with proper labeling and with written orders by health provider and parental permission. Scholars should report to an adult or to the school nurse after use. All other scholars must store prescribed medications with a completed medication order form will be stored in a locked cabinet in the Nurses office.
6. The school reserves the right to refuse to give any medication.
7. Supplies (SVN tubing/mask/dressing etc.) are to be provided by parents/guardian

Immunizations

Immunization or exemption paperwork is a requirement for attendance but it is not a requirement for scholars to enroll. Homeless students can attend school without them for a short amount of time. A school must accept students who choose to file an exemption instead of immunizations. Please inform the nurse or registrar if your child has had any immunizations given during the year so that the school records can be kept up to date.

Arizona law provides exemptions from immunizations, however, if an outbreak of any of the diseases covered by required immunizations occurs, the Maricopa County Health Department may require that children who are not immunized be excluded from school for the duration of the outbreak.

Hearing and Vision Screening

Hearing and vision screenings are given to selected groups of Scholars per Arizona mandate under the guidelines of the Arizona Department of Health Hearing Conservation Program and the Arizona Department of Education. If you do NOT want your child screened, please notify the school Medical Office at cpullam@paideiamail.com.

Special Health Considerations for Scholars

A chronic health condition requires continuous treatment and may continue for a lifetime. Examples include, but are not limited to, asthma, diabetes, allergies, genetic disorders, immunological disorders, cancer, orthopedic conditions, neuromotor disorders, and mental health disorders. If your child has a **chronic health condition that may cause him/her to miss school**, please contact the school nurse for a care plan and medication (if required).

Physical Education Excuses

A Scholar may be excused from Physical Education upon a written request from the scholar's health provider. Excuses written by a healthcare provider should be given to the front office.

Hydration, Water Bottles and Protection from the Sun

One of the most frequent ailment complaints from scholars at Paideia is a stomachache and headache. The most common cause of stomach and headaches is dehydration.

- **Water Bottle** - Scholars are required to have a reusable water bottle clearly labeled with their name at school – no glass bottles or containers. All indoor drinking fountains are equipped with refill spouts for water bottles. Only clear water is allowed in the classroom - flavored drinks are not permitted in the classroom. Teachers keep the water bottles on the counter and encourage



scholars to drink water throughout the day. Scholars and faculty members may purchase Paideia branded water bottles to use at school.

- **Hat** – Exposure to the sun’s UV rays and Solar Radiation can cause long term damage to our skin. All are highly encouraged to wear a wide brimmed hat during recess. Hats are not to be worn inside and are to be kept on the scholar’s backpack during class.
- **Sunglasses** – Exposure to the sun’s UV rays can do long-term damage to our eyes. Scholars are encouraged to wear sunglasses that protect at least 99% of the sun’s ultraviolet rays. Rating of UV400 will provide the highest protection. Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn in class. Please provide a case for the glasses to be stored in the scholar’s backpack while not in use.
- **Hoodies, Sweaters, Jackets** – when the temperature reaches above 80 degrees, all scholars are required to remove hoodies, sweaters, and jackets when playing outside.

Homework - Required

Paideia Liberal Arts Academy scholars are expected to engage in a rigorous academic and intellectual journey. Paideia parents should inspire their scholars to rise-up and become true scholars. Homework at Paideia is “proactively” planned by the teacher using specific and individualized scholar data, is tied to a larger “end in mind” goal and takes a higher importance as a “first things first” priority.

Our homework standard procedures focus on two primary ideas:

1. Scholars have a right to be given homework guidance that will enhance their learning, and
2. Teachers have a responsibility for assigning it.

There are four reasons that teachers should use homework:

1. To increase scholar growth and achievement,
2. To build independence and responsibility,
3. To fulfill the expectations of our parents, and
4. To expand and ease the time constraints of the curriculum.

Paideia Liberal Arts Academy Scholars are expected to engage in rigorous home study to include:

- Coursework requiring academic study outside of the classroom
- Capstone project preparation
- Coached projects – reading, writing, math, science
- Seminar preparation
- Khan Academy Math Learning Path

10 Paideia Tips for Organizing for Success:

Developing good organizational skills is a key ingredient for success in school and in life. Although some people by nature are more organized than others, anyone can put routines and systems in place to help a scholar "get it together."

1. Use a Planner. Help your scholar get into the habit of keeping a "to-do" list within a planner. Use the planner checklists to post assignments, household chores, and reminders about what materials to bring