

Risk of Retention:

Paideia Academies Inc. Sets high standards and believe that all students can grow and achieve in the academic content areas of reading, math and language use. Those who are not thriving in academic content areas are identified early in the academic year and provided support. Students who fail to meet the standards for promotion by the end of the school year are retained to that grade level the following year.

Any scholar failing to attain and maintain the academic standards of Paideia as described in its charter – achieve “Meets Standards” in all core academic courses – is provided with several layers of academic intervention – small group learning, peer tutoring, special education services. Intervention continues until scholar has reached acceptable levels of mastery.

- Parents of students who are identified at risk of retention are required to meet with the teacher and create a success plan to help the student overcome the deficits and promote to the next grade level.

Students who do not make satisfactory growth and/or who continue to accumulate attendance infractions will be retained in the same grade level the next year.

Retention

2015 Arizona Revised Statutes Title 15 - Education § 15-521

- *A teacher has the authority under Arizona Law to make the decision to promote or retain a pupil in grade in a common school or to pass or fail a pupil in a course in high school. Such decisions may be overturned only as provided in section 15-342, paragraph 11.*
- A parent may appeal the teacher’s decision to the Paideia Corporate Board. To overturn the teacher’s decision to retain a student, the student must demonstrate to the corporate board that he/she has mastered the state’s academic standards for the grade or course. (ARS 15-342(11)).

Third Grade Move On When Reading:

Third graders may be retained if not making adequate academic progress, attendance infractions, or behavioral concerns. Arizona law A.R.S. 15-701, also known as the “Move On When Reading” policy, requires that a student not be promoted from third grade to fourth grade if he or she scores at the “minimally proficient” level on the state’s third grade reading test. “Minimally proficient” indicates that the child is reading at a much lower level than is expected of a third-grader and needs additional help. You will be notified in the middle of the year if your scholar is at risk of being retained. If your scholar is being retained due to AZM2 scores you will be notified over the summer.

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 3086

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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 student 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 student may carry and self-administer an inhaler or EpiPen with proper labeling and with written orders by health provider and parental permission. Students 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 Technician cpullam@paideiamail.com 602-3443-3040 ext 3086

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 child'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 students at Paideia is a stomach ache and head ache. The most common cause of stomach and headaches is dehydration.

- **Water Bottle** - Students 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 students to drink water throughout the day. Students 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 do 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

Paideia 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.

Homework should include the following:

1. **ExactPath** – Web-based practice proven to produce significant academic growth outcomes in math and ELA.
 - a. **90 minutes per week**
2. **Math Facts Practice or Math Concept Review** - Parents are encouraged to work with scholars on fact fluency nightly at home. Due to the specialized Singapore methods of solving mathematics, parents are discouraged from assisting scholars on Singapore Concept Review. Singapore Concept Review should never be sent home until the concept is understood by the scholar.
3. **Daily Reading Logs** – parents should spend at least 30 minutes each day reading with and to their children. Teachers may send short reading assignments home for scholars to read and parents to sign off on.
4. **Spelling/Vocabulary/Grammar Practice** – Much of this homework is in the form of classroom writing that needs to be edited for spelling, punctuation, grammar and content.
5. **Literacy-based Projects and Research**- supporting class projects, literary reviews, etc.
6. **Specialist teachers** may also assign homework, family projects, etc. each quarter.