**Before School Orientation Key Points**

**As a PUBLIC Charter school, it is against the law for NSAA to select students based on performance or behavior.**

All Performing and Visual Artists are required to participate 100% in preparation for shows,

* exhibits and commitments.
* HS Pre-enrollment Auditions (optional)
* Respect and follow NSAA guidelines and participate in an equitable and safe learning environment.
* Support Parent Boosters
* Participate in communication on Remind, TylerSIS, and Google Classroom
* Zero Tolerance for discrimination, cyberbullying, and drug/alcohol/tobacco
* Closed Campus for all students
* Keep your graffiti in the appropriate place, not on our walls.
* No cell phone use in classrooms
* Students need their own camera, instrument, calculator, etc.

**Curriculum For NSAA**

* Aligned to AZ and national standards.
* Dual credit options for college credit
* Honors and AP
* Scientific based methods and pedagogy in the classroom
* State summative assessments used to measure content knowledge.
* Academic courses enriched with art, and collaboration.
* Courses require student engagement and formative assessment.
* NSAA benchmark and NWEA assessments to measure growth.
* Pilot Internship program with NSAA family businesses

**Additional Educational Topics, Assembly and Open Discussions**

We make every effort to allow students to use their voice. With that being said, we expect them to respect others’ views and opinions without ridicule or prejudice. We teach and model charity and acceptance.

* Assemblies on Safety, Cyber Safety, Substance Abuse, Human Trafficking, Social Acclimation, Self-Image, LGBTQIA+, Suicide Prevention, Coping with Change
* Giving back to our community: Participate in Relay for Life, Drives for Shelters, Wounded Warrior, Pride Festival, Día de los Muertos, Heritage Celebrations, visiting PCH and assisted living facilities, Community Art Night, Performances and Events
* NSAA Families: Share a business card posting for small businesses.
* Intern pilot program for jr/sr with family businesses.

**Middle School**

* All students take a diagnostic test prior to the first day and are placed in core classes.
* Two electives: Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Study Hall, Dance, Piano, Integrated Arts
* Mandatory reading time for 15 minutes after lunch, NSAA has a literacy center.
* School hours 8:30-3:40; students may be on campus 8-4
* Tutoring available in all classes

**Student Success is Driven by the Student**

* Cell phones must be stored.
* Responsible use of technology, Google Classrooms, and TylerSIS and Remind
* Be on time and present, *no more than 4 absences per quarter.*
* Meet due dates.
* Seek honors options.
* Ask for help when needed.
* Open communication, aznsa.com emails
* Attend Sat School for support.
* At Home: homework, studying and rest is essential to student success.
* Assessments show growth, take them Seriously.

**Parent Involvement**

* Parents are crucial in helping students self-regulate and plan for success.
* NSAA depends on Parent feedback.
* We require bi-annual parent surveys.
* Participate in student events.
* Join the Parent Boosters
* Carpool with other families if you can
* Help your student get to school rested, fed and on time.
* Create a study space at home.
* Review TylerSIS and your students work, and Google Classrooms
* Read your Remind and emails.

**Student Behavior Expectations**

* All google Classrooms have resources and guidelines to review.
* Respect others
* Take responsibility for your course work.
* Kindness and understanding
* Support others
* Academic Integrity
* Seek help from adults for help.
* Be on time.
* Communicate

**What is next?**

* Check Website Calendar frequently.
* Schedules are on the TylerSIS portal July 27th.
* Meet and greet the teachers! No personal discussions please
* Join Remind, our app for quick, short communication:
  + **MS: Dean Cardenas Middle School @nsaa1216**
  + **HS: Executive Dean High School Nes @nsaa23-24**
* Review the supply lists, donate supply list items for those in need.
* Pay school fees and pre-order the Yearbook.
* Sign up to be a Parent Booster
  + Meghan Rudisil: [creativeschooling@gmail.com](mailto:creativeschooling@gmail.com)
  + Lynor Brand: [lynorb15@gmail.com](mailto:lynorb15@gmail.com)
  + Katheleen Caudle: kacaudle.az@gmail.com
* Add your name and contact to the school directory, great for carpool and support.
* Check out NHS: Student leadership and education events!

**Next week, July 31-Aug 4**

* Upload any transcripts or documents on your parent portal TylerSIS before Aug 1
* Use the google form for schedule request changes.
* Read and Sign Syllabus and course notices.
* **Mark your calendar for perf arts rehearsal/show dates, these are REQUIRED.**