

# Franklin Junior High School

## *Arizona's Original Basic School*

Franklin Junior High School will provide students with a highly structured academic day that focuses on literacy skills and whole group instruction. Students will receive a challenging and rewarding educational experience that encourages the development of individual talents and motivates success.

The campus will be located at 7038 E. Adobe St., Mesa, adjacent to Franklin Northeast Elementary School.

### ***The Curriculum***

The Franklin back-to-basic curriculum is a Mesa Public Schools original developed in 1978. The concept gave families an option to the traditional neighborhood school. Parents embraced the Franklin elementary program, and today there are four campuses serving children in kindergarten through sixth-grade.

In the past two years, Franklin Northeast and Franklin West have been selected as Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education. This prestigious national award recognizes schools that are academically superior.

### ***About Franklin Junior High***

Upon completion of the Franklin Elementary program, students may now continue the curriculum at Franklin Junior High School. The campus will open for 2009-10 to serve seventh-grade students. Eighth-grade will be added the following year, and in 2011-12, the ninth-grade will open.

Franklin Junior High will continue the expectations of the elementary program to support a cohesive

learning environment that will be free from distraction.

Education is a partnership among the students, parents and school. Research shows that parent participation increases a student's academic success. Parents will be expected to be involved in their child's studies and to contribute volunteer time to Franklin Junior High activities.

Students and parents must sign a Commitment Letter indicating an understanding of the Franklin Junior High expectations. If a student fails to uphold the commitment and the parents do not support the child's education, the student may be asked to return to the home school.

Transportation will be available at satellite locations.

### ***About the principal***

Gayle Householder has been named principal of Franklin Junior High and will also serve Franklin Northeast Elementary. She is the current principal at Franklin East where she has been since 2002.

Mrs. Householder has 36 years of experience in education. She joined Mesa Public Schools in 1982 and has worked in curriculum, special education, basic skills, and administration.

### ***Information***

For information, contact Mrs. Householder at Franklin East Elementary School.

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