

**OAKWOOD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Oakwood Families,

I am proud to announce that our school received an "A" Label! The new A-F letter grades were recently released by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). This "A" represents that our school has distinguished performance on statewide assessments and student growth, and that our overall performance is higher than the state average. Our teachers and students have worked incredibly hard to earn this recognition.

Additionally, this is the final time that school letter grades will be calculated using the current formula. Following the pandemic, the ADE adjusted the school letter grade formula to better gauge a school's recovery post-COVID.

The formula which determines school labels uses a wide range of academic measures including results from the Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment. As a district, we have multiple ways to measure student success; the A-F Accountability System is just one of those tools. Throughout the school year, there are a variety of ways teachers assess how students are doing in their classroom, including classwork, homework, quizzes, projects, and teacher and counselor observations about your child's growth. Remember, your child's teachers and our administrative team are your best resources for information about individual and overall academic progress.

Our label aside, we continue to have incredible community support, amazing teachers and staff, and awesome students!

Our school is proud to be part of the Peoria Unified School District. Peoria Unified celebrates the release of school letter grades for its 42 graded schools, with 88 percent receiving an A or B label. Five Peoria Unified schools increased their grade by one letter and 19 increased their earned percentage points.

For more detailed information on Arizona's A-F Accountability System, visit our website at www.peoriaunified.org/lettergrades. Thank you for the role you play as a parent in supporting our school and thank you for trusting us with educating your child at the A-labeled Oakwood Elementary School!

Sincerely,

Stacy Bagwell
Principal, Oakwood Elementary School