



July 19, 2023

Dear Phoenix Digital Academy Families,

Thank you for choosing Phoenix Digital Academy for your high school journey! My name is Cortney Georgia, and I am proud to serve as principal of the only fully online high school in Phoenix Union (PXU). In preparation for the 2023-2024 academic year, please take a few minutes to review the information below.

School Calendar

All PXU schools open for the 2023-2024 school year on **Monday, August 7**. On that day, all Phoenix Academy students should:

1. check their school schedule in StudentVue,
2. log in to Edgenuity and / or Canvas to begin their coursework, and
3. check Microsoft Teams for any messages or announcements from school staff and respond accordingly.

It is important that all students log in and begin their coursework on Monday, August 7 or risk being dropped for non-attendance. As a reminder, all Phoenix Digital Academy students take three (3) classes every nine (9) weeks and observe holidays and school recesses recognized by the district. Please see the table below for more information. To view the Phoenix Union 2023-2024 calendar, click on this link: <https://bit.ly/3O3Aqbm>.

Term	Dates
Quarter 1	August 7 – October 6, 2023
Quarter 2	October 16 – December 21, 2023
Quarter 3	January 8 – March 8, 2024
Quarter 4	March 18 – May 23, 2024

New Student & Parent Orientation:

While many of you are continuing students, we do have a significant number of you who are new to the Phoenix Digital Academy family. If you are new to our school, you must attend New Student & Parent Orientation prior to beginning classes. Students under the age of 18 must have a parent attend orientation as well. Orientations will be held on the dates and times listed below. If you have not already done so, please select the session that works best for you and your student by following this link: <https://bit.ly/3Q7p1Kw>. All sessions will be approximately 60 minutes in length.

Parent Orientation

Friday, August 4 at 9:00 a.m. (Spanish), 10:30 a.m. (English), or 1:30 p.m. (English)

Saturday, August 5 at 9:00 a.m. (English) or 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

Cortney Georgia, Principal | Thea Andrade, Superintendent

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Student Orientation

Monday, August 7 at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 1:30 p.m.

Orientation will be held on the campus of Phoenix Digital Academy, located on the southwest corner of Thomas Road and 37TH Avenue. Our address is 3701 W. Thomas Road. If you and / or your student cannot attend orientation, please reach out to us immediately at 602-764-0870 or digitalacademy@phoenixunion.org.

Returning for All Students in 2023-2024: Advisory Credit Opportunity

All students in Phoenix Union, including Phoenix Digital Academy students, will participate in an Advisory class during the 2023-2024 school year. Students can earn 0.25 credit each semester for Advisory by participating in extracurricular activities and sports, mandatory district and state testing events, and school-specific events such as Open House and grade-level assemblies.

Strive for Five Engagement Campaign

This school year, Phoenix Digital Academy is adopting the **Strive for Five** engagement campaign to promote consistent engagement in online coursework. Consistent engagement means students are logging in to and making adequate progress in their online coursework daily. This is key to success as an online student!

Lack of engagement affects the achievement of your child. The Arizona Department of Education and Phoenix Digital Academy expect all full-time online high school students to actively engage in their online coursework for at least 25 hours per week or five (5) hours per day. Students who disengage from school are more likely to not read at grade level, have lower test scores, fall behind on credits towards graduation, and drop out of high school. Ensure that your child can graduate from high school by engaging in their online coursework for **at least five (5) hours per day, at least five (5) days per week**. Engaging in online coursework is a daily priority!

The Phoenix Digital Academy staff and I are excited to welcome our returning and new students and to support them in seizing success during and after high school! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 602-764-0860 or digitalacademy@phoenixunion.org. Follow us on social media @pxudigital.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cortney Georgia'.

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