

### **ASU Prep South Phoenix K-8 Expansion: Abstract**

ASU Preparatory Academy (ASU Prep) was founded on the idea that all deserve a personalized, rigorous college prep education, regardless of background. Chartered by Arizona State University (ASU), ASU Prep provides a high-quality education that leads students directly to success at the university level. ASU Prep is distinguished by its leadership, supportive culture, and effective, replicable models capable of improving performance with diverse student populations.

ASU Prep has grown from what was once 2 sites in 2 geographies, serving just over 500 students to now serving over 3,000 students across 6 geographies, with multiple sites including a digital high school platform. ASU Prep's most recent addition was ASU Prep South Phoenix which opened for the first time Fall 2018. This was previously, Phoenix Collegiate Academy, an underperforming Charter School serving grades K-12. The ASU Prep South Phoenix K-8 expansion will increase opportunity for more historically underserved students to access a high quality, college preparatory education, improving their academic outcomes exponentially.

**Project Title:** ASU Prep South Phoenix K-8 Expansion and Turnaround

**Goals:** The goals of the ASU Prep South Phoenix K-8 Expansion are to A) provide more students with access to a rigorous, college preparatory education; B) provide a quality educational option in an underserved community; and C) improve academic outcomes.

#### **Objectives:**

**95%** of parents will be engaged in at least three activities throughout the year.

**5%+** growth for students above the average rate of comparable schools each year.

**90%** of students will persist until the end of the year.

**95%** will be retained to re-enroll the following year.

**85%** of high performing and highly effective teachers and leaders will be retained each year.

**Expected Outcomes:** The expected outcomes of the ASU Prep South Phoenix K-8 Expansion are to A) increase the number of students served over the next 3 years from 435 to 553 at a minimum; and B) ensure student academic growth on Arizona state assessments from minimally proficient to proficient and proficient to highly proficient.

**Target Population:** The target population are residents of the South Phoenix community, a low-income, educationally underserved region of Maricopa County which is largely non-white majority. ASU Prep South Phoenix K-8 is a free public charter school open to any Arizona resident student in grades K-8. It has been in operation for half a year. The demographic for students in this community is over 90% minority (mostly Latino and African American) and over 90% high-poverty (qualifying for Free and Reduced Price Meals).