May 4, 2017

Dear Amphitheater Unified School District student:

Congratulations on your upcoming promotion to high school! The University of Arizona (UA), in partnership with the Amphitheater Unified School District, would like to give you the opportunity to participate in the Algebra Academy for students entering into Amphitheater High School. The program will run Mondays through Thursdays beginning Tuesday, May 30 through Thursday, June 29, 2017. The program will also meet on Friday, June 2.

The Algebra Academy is a five-week summer program for incoming high school students that allows participants to be active as they learn about algebraic concepts through fun, project-based activities. In addition to the math preparation, students focus on their futures as they gain skills in how to manage the transition into high school, learn about college preparation, and explore career opportunities that match their interests. The purpose of the Algebra Academy is to provide students with a foundation and understanding of algebra they can build upon to achieve success in their future mathematics courses and on their path to a university education.

The Algebra Academy is not a substitute for Algebra I. Instead, participants will earn 1.0 unit of elective high school credit (valued at $300). In addition, students will gain an understanding of their high school, Amphitheater, and its resources. Students will then have the opportunity to visit The University of Arizona campus, as students will be transported to the UA on June 19th, 27th, and the 29th. **Students who successfully complete the program will receive a graphing calculator valued at over $130.** The cost for students to participate in the program is $100.

The Algebra Academy will serve 30 student participants on a first-come, first-served basis from Amphitheater High School. **We ask that you respond prior to our Priority Deadline of Friday, May 26th at noon.** Enclosed you will find program information and an application form. The following process should be followed in order to reserve your space in the program:

- Review the enclosed program information and application (including participant expectations) to ensure the program fits in with your existing summer plans.
- Call 626-2300 to inquire about available space in the Amphitheater Unified School District Algebra Academy.
- Mail the completed program application and $100 fee (check, money order, or cash payment) to:
  
  Algebra Academy  
  Early Academic Outreach – USB 501  
  The University of Arizona  
  PO BOX 210158  
  Tucson, AZ 85721-0158

  Checks and money orders should be made payable to Early Outreach/UA Foundation.

On behalf of the school district and The University of Arizona, we urge you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to prepare yourself for mathematics, high school and a college education. Please visit our website (eao.arizona.edu/algebra) to learn more about the program and the student experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact UA Early Academic Outreach at 626-2300.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Rudy B. McCormick III
The University of Arizona
4 de mayo de 2017

Estimado Estudiante del distrito de Amphitheater

¡Felicidades en su promoción próxima a la Preparatoria! La Universidad de Arizona, en sociedad con el distrito de Amphitheater quisiere darle la oportunidad de participar en la Academia de Algebra para estudiantes de Amphitheater High School. El programa funcionará de lunes a jueves a partir del martes 30 de mayo hasta el jueves 29 de junio de 2017. El programa también va tener clase el viernes 2 de junio.

La Academia de Algebra es un programa de cinco semanas del verano para los estudiantes entrantes a Preparatoria que permite a los participantes un aprendizaje activo sobre conceptos algebraicos a través de actividades y proyectos divertidos. Además de la preparación en matemáticas, los estudiantes ganan habilidades en cómo manejar la transición a la Preparatoria, aprenden sobre la preparación hacia la universidad, y exploran las oportunidades de una carrera futura. El propósito de la Academia de Algebra es proveer a los estudiantes las experiencias reales para entender y usar el álgebra como herramienta para resolver problemas en diferentes contextos y así motivar su aprendizaje para alcanzar éxito en sus cursos futuros de matemáticas y en su preparación académica hacia una educación universitaria.

La Academia de Algebra no es un substituto para la Algebra I. En su lugar, los participantes ganarán una (1.0) unidad de crédito electivo para Preparatoria (que se valúa en $300). Además, los estudiantes ganarán experiencia y comprensión de su nueva escuela, Amphitheater. Los estudiantes también tendrán la oportunidad de visitar la Universidad de Arizona el 19 y 27 y 29 de junio. Los estudiantes que terminan con éxito el programa recibirán una calculadora gráfica que se valúa en $130. El costo para que los estudiantes participen en el programa es $100.

La Academia de Algebra tendrá un cupo limitado a 30 participantes en la escuela de Amphitheater High School. La fecha límite para llenar y enviar la solicitud de registro es antes de las 12:00 p.m. del viernes 26 de mayo. Anexo usted encontrará la información del programa y la ficha de inscripción. El proceso que se debe seguir para reservar su espacio en el programa es el siguiente:

☐ Repase la informacion para entender el programa.
☐ Llame 626-2300 para preguntar si hay espacio disponible en la Academia de Algebra del distrito de Amphitheater.
☐ Envíe la aplicación y el pago de $100 (cheque, orden de dinero, o pago de efectivo) a:

Algebra Academy
Early Academic Outreach – USB 501
The University of Arizona
PO BOX 210158
Tucson, AZ  85721-0158

Los cheques y las órdenes de dinero se deben hacer pagaderos a Early Outreach/UA Foundation.

A nombre del Distrito Escolar y de la Universidad de Arizona, le invitamos a que su hijo(a) aproveche esta oportunidad única de prepararse en matemáticas, su Preparatoria y su Educación Universitaria. Visite por favor nuestro sitio de internet (eao.arizona.edu/algebra) para aprender más sobre el programa y la experiencia del estudiante. Si usted tiene cualquier pregunta, llámenos al 626-2300.

Sinceramente,

Rudy B. McCormick III
La Universidad de Arizona
A High School, College, and Career Preparation Program – Summer 2017

The University of Arizona invites you to participate in a five-week Algebra Academy for incoming ninth graders who are transitioning into Amphitheater High School.

THE PROGRAM – Learn more and watch exciting videos at eao.arizona.edu/algebra

- Challenge yourself to learn algebra while gaining 1.0 elective credit for high school.
- Gain an understanding of algebraic concepts through hands-on, engaging activities.
- Prepare yourself for a successful transition to your next level of education by learning more about your high school’s campus, staff, and resources.
- Plan for college and explore future career opportunities to understand the importance of mathematics and academic achievement.
- Transform into a Wildcat by spending three days on The University of Arizona campus.

*Space is limited to 30 students.*

DATES

Students should expect to participate from **Tuesday, May 30 through Thursday, June 29**

- Monday through Thursdays, Beginning Tuesday, May 30 through Thursday, June 29. **Class will also be held on Friday, June 2** – Participants will attend class at Amphitheater High School.
- Monday, June 19, Tuesday, June 27 and Thursday, June 29 - All participants will be transported from the high school to The University of Arizona.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- Program hours will be 7:30 a.m. – 2:05 p.m. (subject to change).
- Daily transportation to and from the program must be provided by parents/guardians.
- Breakfast and lunch will also be provided by the district.

COST

Program cost is $100 (fee is not tax deductible). **Students who successfully complete the program will receive 1.0 unit of elective credit for high school ($220 value) and a graphing calculator valued at over $130.** Students also have three instructors in the classroom to maximize learning, receive $24 (total) in meal cards as they visit The University of Arizona campus, and walk away with a program t-shirt. The $100 cost is a great investment in a five-week academic summer experience for your student.
PROGRAM APPLICATION

Student Information

Name: ________________________________________________________________
  First Name  Middle Initial  Last Name  Birth Date (Month/Date/Year)

Address: ______________________________________________________________
  Street  City  State  Zip Code

Phone Number: (____) ___________  Email Address: ___________________________

Ethnicity (Please check all that apply):
  ☐ African American  ☐ Anglo/White  ☐ Asian American  ☐ Hispanic  ☐ Native American
  ☐ Other (Please specify): ___________________________________________________

Gender: ☐ Male  ☐ Female  Middle School: _______________________________________
          Participants must be current 8th graders that will be in 9th grade during the 2017-2018 academic year.

High School You Will Attend Next Year: ☐ Amphitheater High School  ☐ Other __________________________

PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

  • Attendance is critical. **Two absences are the absolute maximum allowed to complete the course.**
  • Students must be ready to engage the material and their peers as they work together to learn algebraic concepts through hands-on problem solving.
  • Respect for the classroom environment, the teacher, and for peers is a must.
  • A vision for one’s own personal success is needed as the course will challenge students to think about success in high school, a college education, and a future career.
  • Students should understand the balance between the academics and social aspects of any classroom. Having fun is encouraged, especially when that energy is focused on successfully completing classroom assignments.

Parent/Guardian Names and Contact Information:

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I understand the expectations that the Algebra Academy has set for participants and agree to do my part to make this a positive experience.

__________________________________________________________
Student Signature  Parent/Guardian Signature(s)

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