



## Tempe Preparatory Academy

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Tempe Preparatory Academy (TPA) is one of the leading liberal arts charter schools in the country and among the oldest charter schools in the Valley. TPA offers a strong curriculum grounded in the Western tradition with a mission to educate students for the lifelong pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty. Beyond educating just the mind, we strive to help our students develop the morals and virtues that will enable them to succeed in whatever they choose to do in life. The morals and virtues we espouse are timeless, but they are particularly important in our current world climate.

TPA recently severed its employment relationship with one of its teachers, Mr. Kolby Granville. We want to be clear that the reason for Mr. Granville's termination has nothing to do with any known misconduct involving current students. We think it is important, however, to take allegations of any improper or unethical behavior seriously and to act swiftly, which we did in this case. We do not comment on personnel matters, so we will not comment on the details of this matter other than to say that we believe we fully and thoroughly investigated the matter and reached the correct result.

We take our charge to watch over, care for, and educate our students very seriously, which is the reason for our swift and decisive action. Our reputation as one of the top schools in both the state and country is not only because of how and what we teach but also because of our commitment to hold ourselves responsible to live up to the very same high standards we teach.

### School Honors

Tempe Prep's students score near the highest in Maricopa County on standardized exams. Along with being a 2008 Blue Ribbon School, TPA continues to receive local and national recognition:

- Ranked 1st in the State and 15th in the U.S. for College Readiness, Newsweek Top High Schools (2016)
- Ranked 1st in the State for percentage of college graduates from a public school (2016)
- The only open enrollment public school to be ranked in Arizona's top 10 for 2 consecutive years (2012-2013)
- NCEA Higher Performing School in All Subjects (one of only 4 high schools in the State - 2013)
- Ranked 1st in Maricopa County, 4th in the State of Arizona, Arizona Dept. of Education Report Card (2012)

- One of only 5 schools to receive the Arizona Department of Education’s Reading Excellence Award (2011)
- State Championship FIRST Robotics Team Alliance (2013, 2015), 5th Place World Finals (2015)
- State Championship Speech and Debate Team for 8 consecutive years (2006-2013 AIA 1/2/3A)
- State Championship Women’s Basketball Team (2012 AIA Div. IV)
- State Championship Track Team (2011 AIA Div. IV)

<b>National Merit Scholars</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>	<b>Class of 2017</b>	<b>Class of 2016</b>	<b>Class of 2015</b>	<b>Class of 2014</b>
Semifinalists	5	1	3	3	4
Commended	5	3	5	4	3
Hispanic and Achievement	1	2	2	2	1
Total #/Percentage of Class	10/ <b>20%</b> (of 49)	6/ <b>13%</b> (of 45)	9/ <b>18%</b> (of 50)	9/ <b>16%</b> (of 56)	8/ <b>14%</b> (of 57)