

## *Academy Teachers and Staff*

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8. Mr. Edwin Tano, Character Education
9. Ms. LeClair Yazzie, Career Exploration
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GREYHILLS ACADEMY  
HIGH SCHOOL

FRESHMAN ACADEMY

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### Mission Statement

*Greyhills Academy High School is committed to providing a nurturing and safe environment where culturally based, and academically challenging programs are utilized to provide holistic, experiential and problem-based learning that promotes lifelong learners, whose knowledge will benefit Dine', First Nations people and global societies.*

### **Greyhills Academy High School**

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# GREYHILLS FRESHMAN ACADEMY

Statistic from Greyhills Academy High School reflect that of the national trends which demonstrate the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year as the most critical point to intervene and prevent students from losing motivation in learning and dropping out of high school.

## WHAT IS FRESHMAN ACADEMY?

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It is a researched based concept of a “school within a school” composed of:

- 4-period instructional days
- Inter-disciplined curriculums
- Mentoring program
- Career Exploration
- Character Education
- Community speakers & societal connections to instruction

The Academy is designed to provide unique opportunities for its’ 9<sup>th</sup> grade students during one of the most critical times in their high school career.

It provides each 9<sup>th</sup> grade student a nurturing and academic environment to aid in the successful transition from middle school to high school.

It is a program aiming to improving academic achievement, reduce truancy and absences, reduce discipline problems, and develop better connections between students and staff.

It is an intensive leaning community where no student will remain anonymous..

## MISSION STATEMENT

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*To create an environment where all students feel known and are supported in achieving positive, successful academic outcomes.*

The Freshman Academy teachers are dedicated to enduring the success of all students through academic and behavioral intervention strategies, teacher/parent/administrative collaboration, and a curriculum of rigor and relevance using best practices that adhere to the Arizona, National and Dine’ Education Standards.

## PROGRAM GOALS

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- Increase academic rigor and graduation rate
- Increase student achievement
- Decrease the number of students repeating the 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Decrease the number of 9<sup>th</sup> grade dropouts
- Decrease the number of discipline referrals of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Encourage and maintain parental involvement in student education
- Support and strengthen academic confidence

- Promote academic success by providing extended school day opportunities – i.e. tutoring
- Improve reading, writing, mathematics and analytical thinking skills

## COURSES OFFERED

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Math	Science
English	Career Exploration
Character Education	Health & Phys. Ed.

## BOTTOM LINE

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To combat the problems head on, we must take the proactive approach to helping our students develop positive learning habits through supportive education.

When 9<sup>th</sup> grades students are not successful academically, the domino effect is inevitable during the 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade years

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