

### Our Shared Vision

We will ensure African American Students receive a quality education and are prepared to succeed in a global society.



### What We Value

- Advocacy
- Integrity
- Empowerment
- Teamwork

African American Student Services communicates with families by maintaining an informative website, e-mails, personal contact, fliers, letters and home visits when necessary.



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**MISSION:**

Delivering Excellence in  
Education Every Day  
through Advocacy,  
Empowerment, Equity &  
Intervention.



## 4-PRONGED APPROACH The A,B,C's of What We DO

**A** = Attendance, **B** = Behavior/Discipline, **C** = Credit Acquisition & Recovery, **G** = Grades

**SUPPORT SERVICES:** We provide direct and ancillary support based on the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) model and what we call the A,B,C's of what we do. Department Specialists provide a wide spectrum of student, parent, and educator support based on the A,B,C's of what we do. Specialists, working at the elementary and middle school level provide support during classroom instruction class activities. Support is provided based on administrator and/or teacher request. Support may be 1:1, small groups, or in a classroom. Specialists also provide support by connecting families with community and social services resources. Other support may include home visits, individual and small group tutoring, mentoring, field trips and behavior plans: all based on the A,B,C's of what we do.

**LITERACY INITIATIVE:** AASSD is committed to student and family literacy. We recognize the importance of providing students with literature that accurately represents and reflects their cultural heritage. Therefore AASSD has partnered with the Pima County Public Library to inform and educate parents about available reading resources such as Achieve 3000. Achieve 3000 is a web-based reading program to help students build fluency and comprehension. Reading materials are also culturally relevant.

**CULTURALLY RELEVANT ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES:** To promote cultural appreciation, the AASSD sponsors or partners with community organizations to host a number of experiences including Harambee celebration, African American Youth Heritage Day, Black History Month Brain Bowl, African American Read-In Chain, Historical Black College and University Expo and Tour, University of Arizona Engineering Initiative and empowerment workshops. Students and adults from diverse backgrounds participate in all experiences.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:** AASSD builds relationships with community organizations to support academic, cultural, and social experiences for students. The purpose is twofold: 1) To serve as a conduit for connecting students, families and schools with community resources, and 2) To increase the number of positive role models students are able to connect with, and to learn about careers, leadership skills, and college prep.

