



Catalina Magnet High School
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Dear Parent:

If your child has a desire to excel in high school and wants to be prepared to attend any of the finest colleges in America, you will want to check out the Terra Firma Honors Program at Catalina Magnet High School. It has been in existence since 2001 and has helped hundreds of students interested in the challenge of a rigorous, honors-level, college preparatory program.

Terra Firma is a small learning community within Catalina offering English, math, science, social studies, and world languages at the honors and AP levels. As a part of our program, students receive special guidance and attention to the content, order, and pace of their core classes, in addition to having the opportunity to pursue any of the other courses offered at Catalina. Our school has the only Air Force Junior ROTC program in Tucson, four-year programs in Construction Technology and the Culinary Arts, as well as all the other courses you'd expect from a comprehensive high school.

Our curriculum is designed to provide the background in humanities and rigorous attention to math and science that so many colleges desire of their incoming freshmen. In addition, Terra Firma students complete three years of the same world language, and are required to engage in 60+ hours of community service, which many top colleges and universities now require for admission.

Terra Firma students are an integral part of every Catalina sports team, as well as the Student Council and other activities at our school. Terra Firma teachers plan and schedule social activities, community service events and on site peer tutoring, all of which encourage interaction between upper and lower classmen. As a part of Terra Firma, you and your student will always have someone to go to with questions and concerns.

TUSD students have the right to enroll at any high school within our district. To learn more about open enrollment and magnet schools, please visit this page on the TUSD website: <http://www.tusd1.org/contents/distinfo/enroll.html>. Terra Firma is part of the Traditional Studies magnet, which also includes Bonillas Elementary and Dodge Middle Schools.

For more information, contact the Terra Firma lead teacher, Mrs. Jama Dluhosh, at jama.dluhosh@tusd1.org. I also invite you to learn more about Catalina by visiting our school website at <http://edweb.tusd1.org/Catalina/>. You'll find a link to the Terra Firma Learning Community handbook on the front page of the site. We have also enclosed a promotional brochure as additional information. You can also contact me with questions, or to schedule a personal school tour.

Sincerely,

Rex Scott
Principal