



ARIZONA EL TEACHER OF THE YEAR



LISA ACKERMAN

7-8 ELD Teacher
Marana Unified
School District

"When I first met Ms. Ackermann, I shared my concerns, and my son Diego's experience and she listened to everything I had to say. She then shared that the majority of her students pass the AZELLA test and that Diego would too. I was so impressed by her words and confidence that I signed Diego up for her EL class. From the beginning Ms. Ackermann demonstrated that she truly cared for each of her students. Diego really struggled with online learning during the pandemic, but Ms. Ackermann was patient and kind, and helped him to adjust to this new learning methodology. I was very pleased to learn that she maintained ongoing communication with other teachers and was available to provide additional support to him in cases of challenging assignments. Ms. Ackermann also took the time to communicate with me via email or phone any time Diego had missing work. Diego and I believe that Ms. Ackermann should be awarded The Arizona EL Teacher of the Year based on the reasons listed above, but especially for her talents, and for her dedication to her students and their academic success."

Gisela Ramacciotti, Parent
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