

HONG TRUC CHAU

8th Grade

Pendergast Elementary School District



Arizona 2024 Student Success Stories

“Hong’s journey began when she traveled from Vietnam to America alongside her mother, which was driven by their desire for a better life, future, and a better education. Through the support of our Targeted Instructional classroom and our positive school environment, she found her voice and a sense of belonging among peers who were on similar journeys and that would support and encourage her.

Hong's determination is truly inspiring. Through hard work and perseverance, she achieved proficiency on the AZELLA assessment in just three years. What sets her apart is her commitment to continuous improvement; she still asks for support with her language skills, demonstrating her dedication to mastering English and her growth as a language learner.

Beyond her language journey, Hong has embraced every opportunity to engage with her school community. She actively participates in after-school music classes and has become an invaluable member of the student council, forging friendships and connections that enrich her experience. Her academic strengths, particularly in mathematics, did not go unnoticed. Her teachers recognized her talent and recommended her for the gifted program, a milestone she proudly achieved.

Hong’s story is one of hope, resilience, and an unwavering pursuit of a brighter future. Hong embodies the spirit of perseverance and inspires everyone around her.”

