



Turn your child into a brainiac.

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For Every Student, A Journey of Excellence

For more than a century, PVSchools has created a safe and encouraging learning environment for all students—from their first step into the classroom to their final walk at graduation.

From our earliest beginnings with a one-room schoolhouse to more than 40 schools spread throughout North Phoenix and Scottsdale, we've responded to the changing times and needs of our students. Dedicated to the mission of cultivating, leading and inspiring world-class, innovative thinkers and expert communicators, PVSchools continually adopts new and innovative curriculum programs to provide all students with access to authentic, engaging, real-world experiences. We provide a collaborative and inclusive culture to inspire, guide, challenge, and nurture students to ensure they gain the skills necessary to hone their talents, reach their goals and be well-prepared for the road ahead.

In addition to offering engaging academics, PVSchools also recognizes the needs of the whole student and offers many opportunities for students to explore an array of electives and extracurricular activities to enhance learning.

PVSchools ranks high among the top public school districts in Arizona. The numerous recognitions and awards we receive annually are a tribute to the achievements of our students and our highly qualified certified teaching staff.

We hope you'll join the PVSchools family on our journey of excellence to provide an outstanding educational experience for all students.



PVSchools offers quality educational programming, innovative instructional practices and follows a standards-directed curriculum based upon the Arizona State Standards. PVSchools supports student learning through rigorous and challenging academic programming designed to meet the following goals:

- » Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum - Curriculum maps allow various pathways and procedures, which enables students to have access to authentic, real-world learning experiences across the curriculum and grade span.
- » Create a culturally proficient climate that ensures equity and access for all students.
- » Ensure an engaging and supportive learning environment for all students.
- » Ensure students are provided with the skills needed to be college and career ready in a global society.
- » A focus on student learning.
- » An emphasis on quality curriculum.
- » Consistency of purpose and continuous improvement. PVSchools incorporates state of-the-art digital technology into the robust curriculum that shapes learning and prepares students for college and career readiness. Our district has invested in the implementation of student/teacher online tools, including high-definition videos, computational thinking and coding, high-speed bandwidth and Wi-Fi to name a few.

A young woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a white lab coat and clear safety goggles with the brand name 'EMPIRO' visible on the side. She is looking down and to the right with a focused expression. The background is a blurred laboratory setting with various pieces of equipment and shelves.

Achieving Results

The results speak for themselves. Among our accomplishments:

- » The graduating class of 2018 received 1,640 scholarships worth more than \$60.3 million and have been accepted into hundreds of prestigious colleges and universities throughout the United States.
- » Graduation rate of 90 percent (2016), which is higher than the state average of 80 percent - (FY2017 Arizona Auditor General's Report).
- » Our high schools are recognized as *U.S. News & World Report* 2018 Best High Schools in the nation.
- » Two high schools recognized by *The Washington Post* 2017 America's Most Challenging High School List.
- » Two high schools recognized as 2016 *Newsweek's* America's Top High Schools List.
- » Several of our schools received A+ School of Excellence designations from the Arizona Educational Foundation.
- » In every category for high school students who took the ACT® (college admissions test), PVSchools students scored well above the Arizona state average - (The College Board, 2017).
- » Each year, our students receive national recognitions such as Flinn Scholar, National Merit® Finalists, National Merit® Semifinalists, National Merit® Commended Students and National Hispanic Scholars.
- » PVSchools continues to outperform the state average and the peer district average for the percent of funds spent in the classroom - (FY2017 Arizona Auditor General's Report).



Testimonials

"I know I've thanked Principal Ihnat and others before, but, I wanted to sincerely say 'Thank you' again! We are so lucky that we have open enrollment available, and I am very thankful, along with Keara (2015) and Nathan (2017), that they had the opportunity to attend PVSchools as 'out of district' students. So, THANK YOU and Horizon, along with Sunrise and Sonoran Sky!"

-Joycelee Burke, former parent

"PVSchools is not your typical school district. They go above and beyond to make every student feel safe, cared for, and valued. PVSchools helped shape who I am today and I'm forever grateful. [I am a] recent graduate from Northern Arizona University. I will be teaching 2nd grade in PVSchools for the 2017-18 school year. I have always wanted to be a 2nd grade teacher because of the amazing experience I had in 2nd grade at Desert Trails Elementary School. During my time at Pinnacle High School, I was a part of Teacher Academy, which really showed me that teaching was my passion. Through the Teacher Academy, I got to intern at Wildfire Elementary my junior and senior years, and now I will be teaching there! Everything has come full circle, and I am so thankful for PVSchools."

-Kristin Alba, Alumna, Class of 2012

"My daughter will be completing the gifted preschool program this year. As a parent, it is just rewarding to hear my daughter tell me she loves school. It has been an amazing experience for several reasons. The gifted teachers are compassionate and motivated to teach the children every day. The teachers truly understand how to teach gifted children. Everyday my daughter comes home and tells me with enthusiasm what she has learned. I cannot believe how much my daughter has grown academically and emotionally in the program. I absolutely love this program, and feel very grateful that my daughter had the opportunity to be a part of this program."

- Dana Salt, parent

"This is my daughter's second year in the NVAA Dance program. She loves that she gets the opportunity to do what she's passionate about, every day, with friends. This program has made her so confident - she's very shy, but you wouldn't know that when she's on stage. She has learned so many different dance styles already. We are grateful for this amazing program and recommend it to all parents and their children who have a love for dance!"

-Laisa Nielson, parent

"My son's participation in the NVAA Music Technology Program has been nothing less than transformative. He has become so passionate about NVAA that he refuses to miss a day of school. It is exciting to see him so ardently discover his talents and build his skills. I have also seen him mature emotionally, as he deeply appreciates his teacher's personal investment in his development as a musician. I can't recommend the program highly enough."

-Jennifer Martin, parent

An Array of Premier Program Choices

When it comes to education, we know that there isn't a "one-size-fits-all" model. This is why PVSchools has invested in a wide variety of specialty programs to fit the learning needs of your child. Our Premier District Programs provide students the ability to participate in cutting-edge programs and innovative learning experiences.

Our programs are taught by our faculty of certified, dedicated teachers who open up the world to eager minds-hungry for information and understanding. We hire only the best and brightest teachers who bring a sincere desire to see each of their students blossom to become the best they can be. We're proud to have one of the highest concentrations of National Board Certified Teachers in Arizona along with our numerous educators who are Arizona Master Teachers through the Arizona K12 Center.

Premier Programs

At PVSchools, the journey of excellence starts early with an array of educational choices that include something for every student from preschool through high school providing robust educational experiences. Some of our most noteworthy programs include:

- Preschool - Gifted, Montessori, Special Education and traditional
- Free, full-day kindergarten - District-wide
- Before and after school programs offered through Community Education
- Special Education - District-wide
- Gifted and Highly Gifted programs:
 - Self-Contained Gifted programs
 - Elementary-level Honors courses
 - Middle-level Honors and advanced level courses
 - Middle-level Honors Academy of Pre-Engineering and World Languages
 - Digital Academy for Advanced Placement Scholars
- K-12 International Baccalaureate Programme
- K-12 PVOnline program
- K-12 Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)
 - college readiness program
- Elementary-level Foreign Language Immersion programs
 - Mandarin & Spanish
- Elementary-level Suzuki Strings (violin) program
- North Valley Arts Academies for students in 5th-12th grades
- CORE Knowledge®
- Middle-level Foreign Language Immersion - Spanish (pilot)
- Middle school intramural sports
- Award-winning Fine Arts programs
- K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education
- K-6 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) education
- Center for Research in Engineering, Science and Technology (CREST) program
- Advanced Placement and Honors courses
- Dual Enrollment courses (for college credit) - All High Schools
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Night classes for high school students
- Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC)
- Jobs for Arizona's Students
- Summit Personalized Learning
- Digital Learning Center
- Award-winning Athletics programs
- Innovative extracurricular programs

** Unless indicated otherwise, programs are available at select schools only.*

Excellence for Everyone

Don't live in the Paradise Valley Unified School District? Our open enrollment policy enables any Arizona student, regardless of city of residence, to enroll in our award-winning schools. Our annual open enrollment begins Sept. 1 and ends Jan. 21, with an early-bird deadline of Dec. 1. If you're interested in online education, please note that K-12 students from throughout the state are eligible to enroll in PVOnline.

Get Your Child Started Today

We invite you to learn more about our community of learning and to join us on our journey of excellence. To learn more about enrollment options in PVSchools, visit: www.pvschools.net/enroll.



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