



Early Childhood Parent Guide



2025-2026

PVSCHOOLS TUITION BASED PROGRAMS

The following information applies to Tuition Based Programs only, except where specified:

- Students attend five days per week, Monday through Friday.
- Programs are full day, mornings and afternoons (specific site start/end times vary).
- Programs are taught by appropriately certified and/or licensed teachers.
- Programs follow the district's academic calendar.
- Programs are licensed by Arizona Department of Health Services.
- Students must meet program age guidelines (page 3) and be toilet-trained.
- Parent(s) provide transportation for all programming.
- Program locations (see map) and tuition schedules (page 3) are subject to change.
- Community Education reserves the right to cancel any program due to low enrollment.

For more information about Tuition Based Programs please contact the Community Education Department at pvschools.net/prek or call (602) 449-2200.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS Ages birth to 3

Infant and Toddler Development Center

Located at Pinnacle High School and Foothills Campus, children attend this caring and nurturing program from birth through age three. The Centers follow the district's academic calendar and are open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There is a half day option available for three year olds only. Children must be toilet-trained to move into the three year old classroom.

LITTLE SCHOLARS Age 4

Little Scholars Pre-Kindergarten

Located at various elementary schools, Little Scholars (for four year olds) is taught by a certified teacher. This successful program prepares our littlest learners through hands-on and engaging activities that ready students for their kindergarten experience. Please refer to the top of this page for additional Tuition Based Program information.

MINI SCHOLARS Ages 3

Mini Scholars Preschool

Located at Pinnacle Peak Prep, Mini Scholars (for three year olds) is taught by a certified teacher. This successful program prepares our littlest learners through hands-on and engaging activities that ready students for their Little Scholars experience. Please refer to the top of this page for additional Tuition Based Program information.

SPANISH IMMERSION Age 4

Little Scholars Pre-Kindergarten with Spanish Immersion

Located at Sandpiper Elementary School, Spanish Immersion instruction is provided. This class is for four year olds and is taught by a certified teacher who is fluent in Spanish. Students in this class transition to the Sandpiper FLITE (Foreign Language Immersion Teaching Enrichment) program. Please refer to the top of this page for additional Tuition Based Program information.

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MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL Ages 3 and 4

Primary Montessori Classroom

"Free the child's potential and you will transform him into the world." - Maria Montessori

Located at Mercury Mine Elementary and Whispering Wind Academy*, Montessori applies enhanced teaching strategies to a progressive school environment that allows students to learn and grow in a unique setting. Learning is guided by the theories and practices of Dr. Maria Montessori.

Three and four year old students will flourish in this multi-age classroom environment designed to promote critical thinking, discovery, creative invention, and thoughtful analysis. Please refer to the top of page 1 for additional Tuition Based Program information.

*At Whispering Wind Academy, Mandarin Enrichment is provided in addition to the Montessori curriculum.

GIFTED PRESCHOOL Age 4

Located at two elementary schools, Gifted Preschool is designed for four year old gifted and talented students. Instruction emphasizes the development of critical and creative thinking through an accelerated curriculum, integrated technology, enrichment, and individualization. Please refer to the top of page 1 for additional Tuition Based Program information.

Gifted testing is required prior to applying for the Gifted Preschool Program. Testing is held year round with a school psychologist for a \$180 fee. Please contact the Gifted office for a testing appointment at (602) 449-2112.

For further information about Gifted programs, please contact the Gifted Education Department at pvschools.net/gifted or call (602) 449-2112.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS Ages 3 to 5

North Canyon High School Vocational Preschool

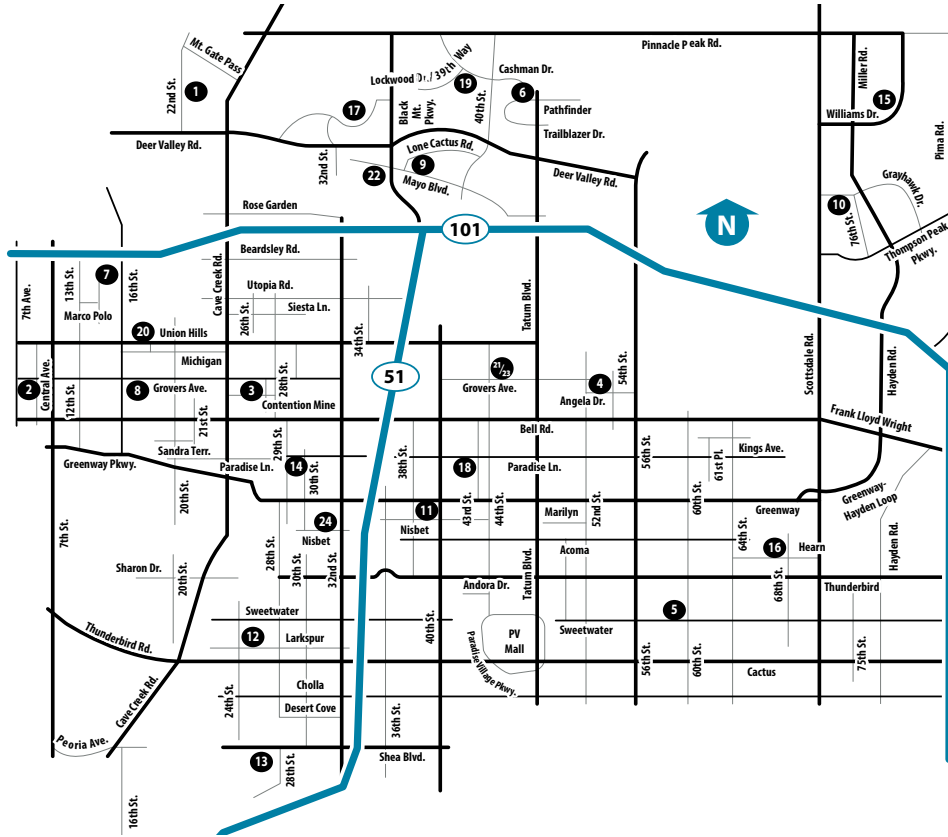
"Vocational" Preschools are designed to serve the community and train high school students in childcare and development. Both preschools are open to toilet-trained students ages three to five years old. While enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis, the school director makes every effort to structure a group of students from a variety of ages.

High school students working in the preschools have responsibilities similar to private preschool programs and include: planning/teaching lessons, observations, set-up/clean-up, and parent contact. Students also become familiar with regulations of Arizona Department of Health Services.

Children enrolled in these preschools participate in a wide variety of activities designed to meet their special interests and needs in a safe and healthy environment. Activities are planned to encourage each child's growth in four areas of development: intellectual, emotional, physical, and social.

The preschool portion of the vocational program runs during the fall and spring semesters of the district's academic year. Preschool children attend three mornings per week.

For additional information, including program fees, please contact the site director (see the back cover for contact information).







PROGRAM LEGEND


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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- 1 BOULDER CREEK** • (602) 449-4500
22801 N. 22nd St., Phoenix, AZ 85024 
- 2 CACTUS VIEW** • (602) 449-2500
17602 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85022 
- 3 CAMPO BELLO** • (602) 449-5200
2625 E. Grovers Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85032 
- 4 COPPER CANYON** • (602) 449-7200
17650 N. 54th St., Phoenix, AZ 85024 
- 5 DESERT SHADOWS** • (602) 449-6900
5902 E. Sweetwater Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85027 
- 6 DESERT TRAILS** • (602) 449-4100
4315 E. Cashman Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050  
- 7 EAGLE RIDGE** • (602) 449-2207
19801 N. 13th St., Phoenix, AZ 85024 
- 8 ECHO MTN. PRIMARY** • (602) 449-5500
1750 E. Grovers Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85022 
- 9 FIRESIDE** • (602) 449-4700
3725 E. Lone Cactus Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85050  
- 10 GRAYHAWK** • (602) 449-6600
7525 E. Grayhawk Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85255 

- 11 INDIAN BEND @ ARROWHEAD** • (602) 449-3200
3820 E. Nisbet Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85032 
- 12 LARKSPUR** • (602) 449-3300
2430 E. Larkspur Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85032 
- 13 MERCURY MINE** • (602) 449-3700
9640 N. 28th St., Phoenix, AZ 85028 
- 14 PALOMINO PRIMARY** • (602) 449-2800
15833 N. 29th St., Phoenix, AZ 85032 
- 15 PINNACLE PEAK PREP** • (602) 449-6700
7690 E. Williams Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
- 16 SANDPIPER** • (602) 449-6300
6724 E. Hearn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254 
- 17 SKY CROSSING** • (602) 449-2200
3300 E. Sky Crossing Way, Phoenix, AZ 85050 
- 18 WHISPERING WIND ACADEMY** • (602) 449-7300
15844 N. 43rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85032 
- 19 WILDFIRE** • (602) 449-4300
3997 E. Lockwood Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050 

HIGH SCHOOLS









- 20 NORTH CANYON** • (602) 449-5000
1700 E. Union Hills Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85024 

ADDITIONAL SITES

- 21 FOOTHILLS - LITTLE CUBS** • (602) 449-2200
17835 N. 44th St., Phoenix, AZ 85032 
- 22 PINNACLE 'LIL' PIONEERS** • (602) 449-4000
3535 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050 
- 23 PV FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER - COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER** • (602) 449-7400
17835 N. 44th St., Phoenix, AZ 85032 
- 24 COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICE - COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER** • (602) 449-2200
15032 N. 32nd St., Phoenix, AZ 85032 

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RATES AND INFORMATION

| | Age Guidelines | Days | Times | Rates** | Inclusive Months |
|---|--|------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
|  CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS Infants and Toddlers | Birth to two years old | M-F | 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | \$1260 / mo. | August through May |
|  CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS Preschool Full Day | 3 years old | M-F | 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | \$1130 / mo. | August through May |
|  CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS Preschool Half Day | 3 years old | M-F | 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | \$570 / mo. | August through May |
|  LITTLE SCHOLARS | 4 years old by August 31st* | M-F | Full Day/Site Specific | \$800 / mo. | August through May |
|  LITTLE SCHOLARS Spanish Immersion | 4 years old by August 31st* | M-F | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | \$800 / mo. | August through May |
|  MINI SCHOLARS | 3 years old (3 years old by August 31st)* | M-F | 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | \$800 / mo. | August through May |
|  MONTESSORI | 3 and 4 years old (3 years old by August 31st)* | M-F | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | \$860 / mo. | August through May |
|  GIFTED | 4 years old by August 31st* | M-F | Full Day/Site Specific | \$930 / mo. | August through May |

SUN Kids Peer Pals pay \$130 / mo.

* Children whose third or fourth birthday falls after school starts in August, but before September 1st, will be eligible to begin on the Monday following their birthday.
 ** Rates are subject to change without notice. Community Education reserves the right to cancel any program due to low enrollment.

PVSCHOOLS NON-TUITION BASED PROGRAMS

SUN KIDS PRESCHOOL Ages 3 to 5

(Serving Unique Needs) Special Education Preschool

SUN Kids Preschool provides special education services for three to five year old students with special/unique needs who are not yet eligible for kindergarten. All students must be screened prior to placement in the program. Screening appointments are available year round.

Preschool students who are developing at an expected rate are accepted as peer models (Peer Pals) and pay tuition of \$130 per month. Peer Pals must have the ability to be strong language and behavior models for students with special/unique needs.

SUN Kids Preschool provides experiences to enhance learning in all developmental areas with an emphasis on meeting each student's individual needs. Social-emotional readiness is an important indicator in future school and workplace success. This language-based program provides a foundation for support of future literacy skills. These foundations teach preschoolers the "ready to learn" skills necessary to acquire future academic concepts.

Half day sessions (a.m. and p.m.) meet Monday through Thursday. For more information about SUN Kids Preschool or to schedule a screening appointment, please call (602) 449-2650.

PVSCHOOLS NON-TUITION BASED PROGRAMS

EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY Age 4

Eagle Ridge | Larkspur

The Early Childhood Academy (for four year olds) is taught by a certified teacher. This successful program provides our littlest learners strong literacy and math skills that will prepare them for their kindergarten experience.

- must be four years old by August 31st of the school calendar year
- must live within the boundaries of the academy they are attending

TITLE I PRESCHOOL Age 4

Title I Preschool is a federally funded program that provides instruction for students who demonstrate educational need. This program is provided at no cost to students who qualify. Eligibility requirements for Title I Preschool include:

- must be four years old by August 31st of the school calendar year
- must live within the boundaries of a Title I elementary school in PVSchools District
- must be identified at risk of failing to meet the state's challenging student performance standards (assessment is required)

Title I Preschool classes are taught by certified teachers. These full day classes meet Monday through Friday and follow the district's academic calendar. Title I Preschools are located at the following elementary schools:

Cactus View | Campo Bello | Echo Mt Primary | Indian Bend | Palomino Primary

PARADISE VALLEY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Ages birth to 5

Paradise Valley Family Resource Center is funded by First Things First® and is designed to connect and strengthen families with children birth to five years old through education, resources, and referral information. Open to all Phoenix residents, free parenting classes are offered on a variety of topics. Children play and develop skills while parents learn about the importance of being actively engaged in their child's learning journey.

For more information visit pvschools.net/frc or contact (602) 449-7411.

EARLY HEAD START AND HEAD START Ages birth to 5

Southwest Human Development offers free home visiting and classroom-based Early Head Start and Head Start programs designed for income-eligible families and their children, ages birth to 5 years old, who live in the PVSchools area. These programs provide high-quality education, health, nutrition, social services, and parent engagement opportunities. Programs are also available for pregnant mothers and special services are provided for children with disabilities who qualify.

Early Head Start and Head Start programs are located on the following PVSchools campuses:

Campo Bello | Elementary Echo Mountain Primary | Palomino Primary

Part-day classroom options are available Monday through Friday at all sites. For families who are working or attending school, a full-day option is available for children at the Palomino Primary location only.

To begin the application process, contact Southwest Human Development at (602) 468-3431 or visit swhd.org/headstart for additional program information.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

LITTLE SCHOLARS

MINI SCHOLARS

LITTLE SCHOLARS SPANISH IMMERSION

MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL

EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY

Community Education Childcare and Early Childhood Department

(602) 449-2200

pvschools.net/prek

Register online at pvschools.ce.eleyo.com.



GIFTED EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

(602) 449-2113

pvschools.net/gifted



SUN KIDS PRESCHOOL/ EVALUATION CENTER

(602) 449-5100

pvschools.net/sun-kids



CHILD DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

North Canyon High School

Erin Dyer

Vocational Preschool Director

(602) 449-5058



EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY

(602) 449-2200



PARADISE VALLEY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

(602) 449-7411

pvschools.net/pvfrc



EARLY HEAD START AND HEAD START

Southwest Human

Development Interest Line

(602) 468-3431



TITLE I

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