



January 9, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14-16: Performing Arts Fieldtrip to California

January 15: PTSO Fundraiser @ Freely

January 19: MLK Day - NO SCHOOL

January 22: AVID Fieldtrip to ASU

January 23: NJHS Meeting @ 7:45am in the library

January 27: 8th Grade Fieldtrip to Diary of Anne Frank @ Herberger Theater

January 28: Incoming 6th Grade Open House/Elective Fair

****EVERY WEDNESDAY IS EARLY RELEASE @ 1:05pm****

[View Full Calendar](#)

District Assessments

Middle of the year district assessment reports have been posted to ParentVUE. Families are able to access the results through ParentVue in the documents section. Need help accessing the reports? ... See the attachment for directions with screenshots. Need help understanding the reports or how to support your child? ... See the family guide to NWEA assessment attachment or reach out to your child's teacher.

Assessment Results in ParentVUE

Navigate to the ParentVUE website (www.kyrene.org/pvue)

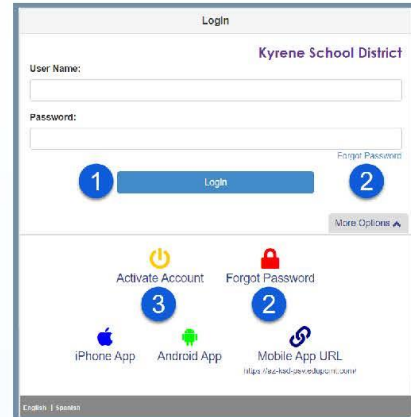
ParentVUE Login

Forgot Password

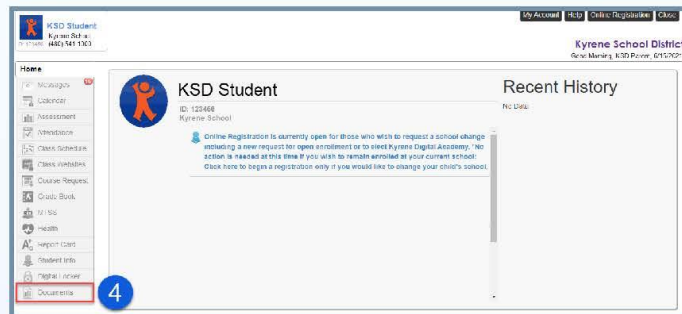
Activate Account

View Assessment
Results

1. Enter your Username and password and click the **Login** button.
2. If you are unsure what your username or password is, click the **Forgot Password** link. The username associated with your ParentVUE account will be emailed to you along with a link to reset your password.
3. If you do not have a ParentVUE account, contact your child's school to issue you an Activation Key with directions on how to create an account.



4. Once logged in to ParentVUE, click on the **Documents** tab on the left-hand side.



5. Click on the blue hyperlink in the "Document" column to open each report.

DOCUMENTS		
Documents		
Upload Date	Document	Document Category
Q	Q	(All)
06/15/2021	AzMERIT Spring 2021 Math	Assessment Results
06/15/2021	AzMERIT Spring 2021 ELA	Assessment Results
01/29/2021	2020-2021 2nd Quarter Grading Report	Report Cards
10/27/2020	2020-21 1st Quarter Grading Report	Report Cards
05/28/2020	2019-20 4th Quarter Grading Report	Report Cards
03/21/2020	2019-20 3rd Quarter Grading Report	Report Cards
07/29/2019	AzMERIT Spring 2019 ELA	Assessment Results
07/29/2019	AzMERIT Spring 2019 Math	Assessment Results

Family Guide to NWEA MAP Growth Assessments

Children learn better—and faster—when teachers have a clear picture of what students know and how they are growing academically. More than 13 million students in the US and in 140 countries worldwide take MAP Growth Assessments. In Kyrene, students participate in the NWEA Reading and NWEA Math assessments depending on their grade level.

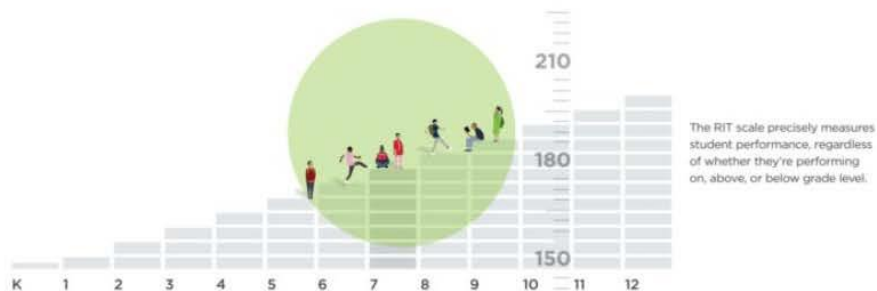
How It Works

MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level.



What It Measures

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.



Your Child's RIT Score

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject. This stable scale allows teachers to accurately measure each student's academic growth throughout the school year and over time.

The Family Report

The NWEA Family Report has a brief introduction that explains the goal of the report, what MAP Growth is, and why students take MAP Growth. The report also defines the terms "achievement," "growth," and "RIT score". A student's progress is broken down by subject and the graphs show individual achievement and growth over time and as compared to the national average. The family report also shows how students are predicted to perform on upcoming state-level assessments, so you can get a clear sense of how well your child is progressing toward proficiency.

PTSO Fundraiser



FREELY

DINING FOR DOLLARS

Present this flyer during payment and we'll donate
20% of the total to your organization. Good for
Dine-In and Take Out (excludes Delivery Orders)

**THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH
ALL DAY!**



**APRENDE MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

FREELY TAPROOM & KITCHEN
NE Corner - Warner & McClintock Rds
Order Online - FreelyTaproom.com
Phone Orders - 602-960-6001

Food Menu



Elective Selection for 26-27

Dear 6th & 7th Grade families,

On January 20th, your child will be bringing home information about next year's course selection process. Students will receive an elective selection form for the 2026-2027 school year. Additional copies can be accessed on the Kyrene website on the [Resources for Families and Community Page](#).

Parents/Guardians are requested to review this information with your child and sign the form, acknowledging your approval of the courses selected. Students are required to return the form to their homeroom teacher by January 30. During the week of February 2, our students are scheduled to use these forms to enter their preferences online with their classroom teacher.

Families who are considering a different middle school must apply for registration at that school through the online portal when next year's registration window opens in February. Students will complete the elective selection process for the school they are currently assigned. Selections will be transferred to the new school if a new registration is approved. Families must apply and be approved for open enrollment to attend a non-resident school.

6th Grade Open House



APRENDE 6TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE/ELECTIVE FAIR

Incoming 6th grade parents are invited to an open house to see the 6th grade and elective classes, followed by a short presentation/Q&A. Out of district/open enrollment students may attend, however Brisas/Cielo students will see this during Rally Day on 4/24, so they should not attend with their parents on 1/28.

JAN. 28, 2026

8:20-9:30 AM

CLASSROOM WALK-THROUGHS
FROM 8:20-9:00 (MEET IN THE
LIBRARY AT 8:10)

PRESENTATION/Q&A WITH
ADMIN/TEAM LEADS IN MPR
FROM 9-9:30

ELECTIVE
FAIR FROM
5-6 PM

Questions?



480-541-6205



rkory@kyrene.org



Nominations Open for the Tempe Diablos Excellence in Education Awards!

Aprende Middle School is full of dedicated, caring, and passionate staff members who make a difference every day. Help us recognize their impact by nominating a deserving member of our team for the 37th Annual Tempe Diablos Excellence in Education Awards. This is a meaningful

way to celebrate the people who make our school community thrive. Nominations will be accepted through January. Learn more and submit your nomination at kyrene.org/diablos.

Spring Youth Enrichment



KYRENE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Spring 2026 Youth Enrichment

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY ON YOUR SCHOOL CAMPUS!

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, SPORTS, ART, MUSIC, DANCE, LANGUAGE, AND MORE!

VISIT US ONLINE TO EXPLORE CLASSES AT YOUR SCHOOL!

KYRENE.ARUX.APP/ENRICHMENT

480-541-1500

**ENROLLING
NOW**

Yearbooks

POV: you forgot to get
your child a yearbook!

Yearbooks are selling
fast! Last year we sold out!
Buy yours now before it's
too late!

YBPAY.COM
CODE: 14349326
SALES END 3/30!



8th Grade ONLY! Baby Ads

8th grade
Baby Ads*

\$15-\$25

Scan the QR code or visit
ybpay.com.
Wait for an email from
Lifetouch inviting you to
create your ad

BUY YOURS TODAY!



Code:14349326

*Ads are for 8th grade only and cannot be refunded.



Quarter 3 Sports

Boys Flag Football

Try outs are underway and will conclude next week!

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/boys-flag-football-25-26>

Boys Volleyball

Try outs are underway and will conclude next week!

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/boys-volleyball-25-26>

Girls Soccer

Try outs are underway and will conclude next week!

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/girls-soccer-25-26>

Softball

Try outs are underway and will conclude next week!

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/softball-25-26>

Schedules/ Playoff Brackets:

<https://www.kyrene.org/educational-opportunities/athletics/game-schedules>

Athletics Information can be found on our website:

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics>

Financial Aid Information and Form for Athletic Fees:

<https://www.kyrene.org/educational-opportunities/community-education-services/forms-registrationfinancial-assistance>

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Amy Violette,
aviolette@kyrene.org or Loreth Vergara lvergara@kyrene.org 480-541-6203

Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 7:30am-4pm Wed 7:30am-2pm

Address: 777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd., East #2, Chandler, AZ 85226

Intramural Wrestling

KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT
**INTRAMURAL
WRESTLING CLUB**

EAST & WEST TEAMS AVAILABLE



Register Here

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS!

EAST - \$40 WEST - \$65

PRACTICES HELD AT ALTADENA OR KYRENE MIDDLE SCHOOL

TEAM WILL MEET FROM 3:30PM-5:30PM, DATES VARY BY SITE

[HTTPS://KYRENE.ARUX.APP/COURSE/2905/KYRENE-ATHLETICS-25-26/INTRAMURAL-BOYS-BASKETBALL-2025-26](https://kyrene.arux.app/course/2905/kyrene-athletics-25-26/intramural-boys-basketball-2025-26)

Tissue Donations



Cold & Flu Season is among us!

We are looking for tissue box donations!

Please drop them off in the front office.

Thanks in advance!



Exceptional Student Services

Join us for an information session with representatives from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Encircle Families. They will provide an introduction to the supports and services their organizations provide to children with disabilities and their families and be available for questions after the presentation.

January 12, 2026

Kyrene District Office

6-7:30 pm

Registration: [Overview and Q&A with DDD and Encircle Families](#)

KYRENE 2025-26
SCHOOL YEAR
PARENT TRAININGS



ESS Parent Trainings

Plan to attend the following ESS parent training

OVERVIEW AND Q&A WITH THE DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND ENCIRCLE FAMILIES

JANUARY 12, 2026

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January 12, 2026 | 6-7:30 pm

Kyrene District Office

Scan the QR code to register or go to:
<https://forms.gle/5N5fbhW39Ehj6e1N9>

Contact Amy Dill, adill@kyrene.org
for more information.



SCAN ME





Jan. 21- Coping with Teenager's Emotions

This course provides families with strategies to understand, navigate, and support their teenager's emotional development and manage challenging behaviors with empathy and confidence.

Presenter:

Janna McGuire

Date and Time:

January 21, 2026

6:00-7:00pm

Location:

Online

[Registration/ Zoom Link](#)

COLLECT PULL * TABS *

Aprende AVID Club Needs Your Help!



Ronald McDonald House
Central and Northern Arizona





Give aluminum pull tabs to your advisory!







JOIN A CLUB!!!

Some clubs have started and more will be starting soon!

Below are a few fun opportunities that are available!

They are all listed on the website <https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/activities>

Where Ya Wanna Go Wednesdays!

Where ya wanna go Wednesdays!

**Wear your college or career gear
EVERY Wednesday!
Show your spirit!**



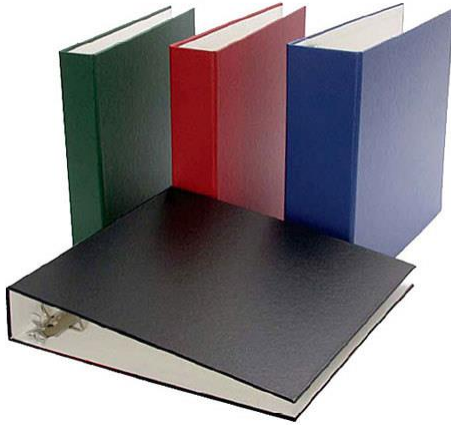
**GRAB
YOUR
HOODIE**

**Donate a bag
of Dum Dum
suckers!**

Students who
demonstrate their
college spirit get a
sucker at lunch!



Donations are Appreciated!



We are looking for donations of **NEW or GENTLY USED 2 1/2 or 3 inch binders.**
Nothing smaller please.

Also, we would appreciate donations of **Jolly Ranchers** for our PBIS system!



Parents/students can drop them off in the front office.

Thank you in advance!

Stay in the know... follow us on social media for current & upcoming events!

APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Facebook.com/KyreneAprende

Instagram
@kyreneaprende

APRENDE PTSO



Facebook.com/AprendePTSO

Instagram
@aprendepto

AprendePTSO.org

WHERE TO GO FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW





PTSO is seeking volunteers for various events throughout the year, fill out our volunteer interest form to receive notifications of upcoming volunteer opportunities!

<https://aprendeptso.org/volunteer>

Student Sign-Out



We understand students will need to be signed out for appointments, etc. Please try to avoid signing out your student after 2:55pm. The last 10 minutes of school tend to be hectic and we appreciate your understanding.

Also, please try to limit the amount of items being dropped off in the front office (water bottles, lunches, sweatshirts). Every time we need to call a classroom, it is disruptive to the class.

Wag Wednesdays & Furry Friends Fridays!

Bring your pup to Aprende student drop-off on Wednesdays & Fridays from 7:50am to 8:15am for a little treat!

Just roll down your window and Staudohar will pop a Bubba Bite into your pup's mouth!



Tax Credit Donations



Please consider making a tax credit donation to help support some of the following at Aprende: Performing Arts, Athletics, Clubs, AVID, Field Trips, etc.

You can donate online through our [Payment Portal](#).

Click [here](#) for instructions on the payment portal.

Thank you for your continued support!



Quicklinks

- [School Website](#)
- [Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [ParentVue and StudentVue](#)
- [PTSO Information](#)

Contact Us

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*A+ School of
Excellence™*

