



July 24, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28: NWEA Testing- Math

July 30: NWEA Testing- Reading

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

[View Full Calendar](#)



LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR!!!

Parent Acknowledgements

Welcome to the 2026–27 School Year!

Each year, families are asked to review and acknowledge important information, including contact and emergency details, district policies, and survey preferences. This information is now available in ParentVUE for your review. Thank you for logging in and taking the time to complete this process.

Annual address verification: If you're prompted to complete a registration packet, don't worry — this does not mean your child has been un-enrolled or dropped from their school. Your child's enrollment is secure. This is a routine request, one-a-year.

Arizona law requires school districts to verify each family's address every year. You'll meet this requirement by completing the Health, Emergency, and Address Information packet — or any other 2026–27 registration packet — in ParentVUE. Families who registered or updated their information this spring have already met this requirement.

After midnight on July 23, families who haven't yet completed this step will see a notification when they log into ParentVUE and will be guided to Online Registration to finish the packet. Once it's done, you'll have full access to the rest of your ParentVUE account.

Using the mobile app? The ParentVUE and StudentVUE apps have a new version, and the older one is no longer supported. When you log in, you may be prompted to update — it takes less than a minute. After updating, you'll reconnect to Kyrene School District and then select "Already Activated" to get back into your existing account.

E-bikes & Scooters

Please note that motorized vehicles and devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters, are not allowed on Kyrene school campuses. Students may not use them as transportation to and from school, and they may not be operated or parked on campus. This restriction does not apply to approved accommodations such as mobility devices required for disabilities. Those devices are permitted. The City of [Chandler/Phoenix/Tempe] has laws regulating the use of motorized devices, including who can ride them and where. Kyrene's practice is aligned with those laws, and we will continue to partner with police to help ensure the safety of our campus and community.

[City of Phoenix bike and scooter laws](#)

[City of Chandler bike and scooter laws](#)

[City of Tempe bike and scooter laws](#)

26-27 Calendar Update

PLEASE READ!!!

The Kyrene Governing Board has approved a small change to the 2026-27 school calendar. The last day of school for **all** middle school students will be Tuesday, May 25. Previously, this was only the last day for 8th graders. The last day for elementary schools will remain May 26.

Healthy Schools Act

Important changes for the 2026-27 school year!

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Important! These new rules do not apply to parents packing their child's individual lunch or snacks. You can still pack any lunches, snacks, or treats for your individual child. However, the new rules do restrict the foods allowed during classroom parties and other celebrations during the school day. For a full lists of banned ingredients, answers to frequently asked questions, and additional information, visit [Kyrene.org/healthyschools](https://kyrene.org/healthyschools).

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ALLOWED

- ✓ Food fundraisers held off campus or outside the school day
- ✓ Food brought by parents for their own child
- ✓ Shared food that does not contain banned ingredients

RESTRICTED

- ✗ Shared food during the school day that contain banned ingredients
- ✗ Classroom parties and celebrations with foods containing banned ingredients
- ✗ School-sponsored birthday or holiday treats with banned ingredients

SCHOOL DAY RESTRICTIONS

- School Meals
- School Stores
- Fundraisers
- Class Celebrations
- Culinary or FACS Classes
- Catering
- Vending Machines

For this law, a school day is defined as midnight until 30 minutes after the instructional day ends.

RESTRICTED INGREDIENTS

- Potassium Bromate
- Propylparaben
- Titanium Dioxide
- Brominated Vegetable Oil
- Yellow Dye 5 or 6
- Red Dye 3 or 40
- Blue Dye 1 or 2
- Green Dye 3

Attendance Matters

Kyrene School District is committed to working with families to improve student attendance and academic success. Our school will send email notices when a student misses four or more days of school, whether excused or unexcused. Additional notices are sent when a student reaches 8 and 13 absences. If a student exceeds 18 absences, a more formal letter will be sent, but it is our goal to partner with families before that happens. Kyrene has a [webpage](#) with resources to maintain good attendance habits, including our “Too Sick for school” guide to help determine when to keep children home.



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.

Download the Kyrene App.

Kyrene has a new mobile app to keep you connected to both your school and the district. Stay updated on events, student stories and important announcements. Families can access multiple school feeds from a single app, and the app is available to anyone! That means extended family members and caregivers can stay in the loop as well. The Kyrene app is free to download from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#).

It's everything Kyrène, in your pocket.



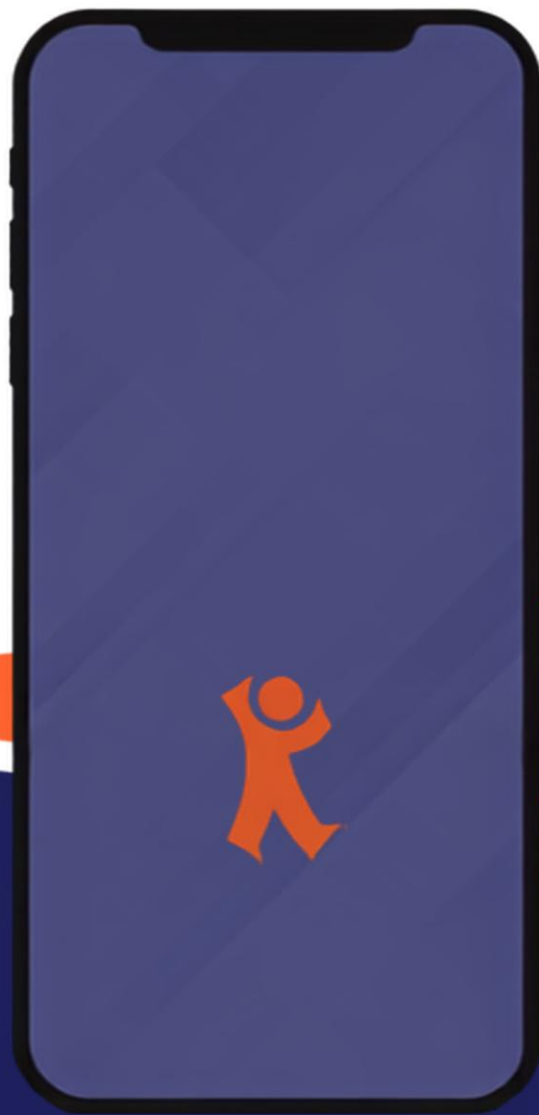
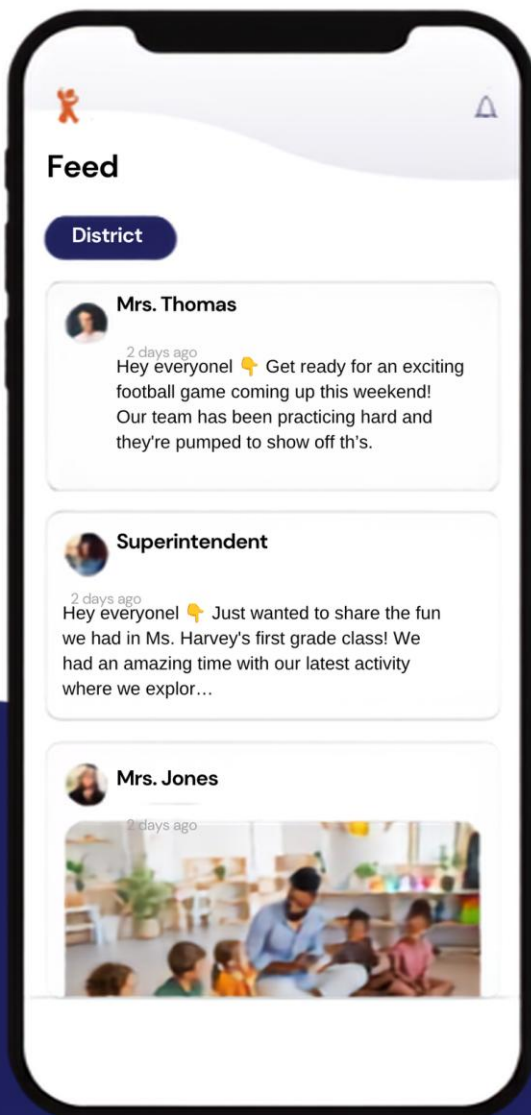
News



Events



Notifications



Assessments

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

During the week of July 27th your child will take a MAP Growth Reading and Math test on a computer. These two tests provide scores and information to help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to inform classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique as they adapt to each student's responses to measure their skill level. If a student answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what students know and are ready to learn – whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since these tests provide immediate and accurate information about a student's learning, teachers can identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide data on typical growth for students who are in the same grade and subject and have the same starting performance level. Each school year, students will take these two tests in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Following each testing period, individual student reports will be uploaded in ParentVUE so you can review these results further with your child or their teacher.

If you would like additional information about MAP Growth, please visit <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>.

Sincerely,

Amy Violette

Spirit Wear

ORDER ONLINE by July 31st!

Don't miss out. Order now! <https://aprende.company.site/>



Show your Aprende Middle School

SCHOOL SPIRIT



Order online by **Friday, July 31st**

2026-2027 ONLINE OPTIONS

\$20



YELLOW TEE
Adult XS – 3XL

\$20



RAGLAN TEE
Youth M – 4XL

\$20



GRAY TEE
Youth M – Adult 4XL

\$20



BLACK TEE
Youth M – Adult 4XL

\$25



HOODIE
Adult XS – 4XL

\$32



ZIP-UP HOODIE
Adult XS – 3XL

\$15



6TH GRADE TEE
Youth M – Adult XL



HAT

\$30

\$2



STICKERS

Unable to make your purchase at MTT? Didn't find your size? No worries! More apparel options are in our online store.

Orders placed by July 31st are expected to be delivered to students by August 24th.

Please note that there is a small upcharge for sizes larger than XL:

- Additional \$2 for 2XL
- Additional \$3 for 3XL or 4XL

Questions: AprendeApparel@gmail.com



<https://aprende.company.site/>

Where Ya Wanna Go Wednesdays

Where ya wanna go Wednesdays!

**Wear your college gear
EVERY Wednesday!**

Any college! Show your spirit!



**GRAB
YOUR
HOODIE**



COLLECT PULL * TABS *

Aprende AVID Club Needs Your Help!



**Ronald
McDonald
House®**
Central and
Northern Arizona



Give aluminum pull tabs to your advisory!



Quarter 1 Sports

Girls Volleyball

Registration is closed for girls volleyball.

Try outs start Monday, July 27! Tryouts will be in the gym at Kyrene Traditional Academy. (3375 W Galveston St, Chandler, AZ 85226)

The Aprende gym is under construction. Transportation will be provided to athletes to KTA for tryouts. Parents will need to pick up athletes from KTA at the end of tryouts each day.

Monday, July 27 3:30pm-6:00pm

Tuesday, July 28 3:30pm-6:00pm (First Cuts)

Thursday, July 30 3:30pm-6:00pm (Final Cuts)

For Tryouts BRING:

- Athletic Shoes
- Water
- Knee Pads
- NO CLUB SHIRTS are to be worn during tryouts

Please visit the girls volleyball website for more information.

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/girls-volleyball-26-27>



Kyrene Traditional Academy

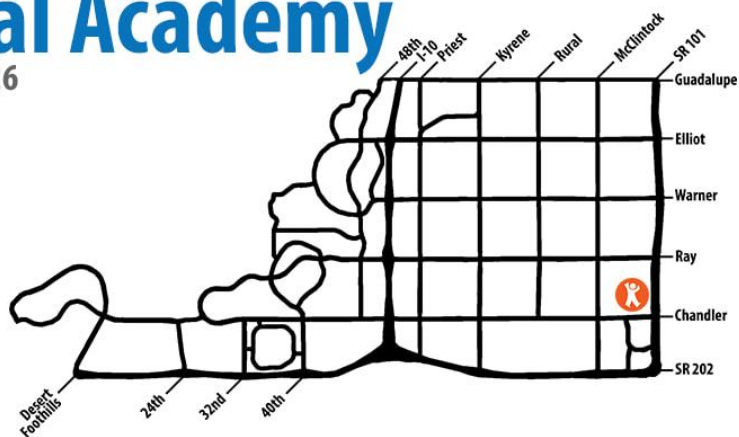
3375 W Galveston St, Chandler, AZ 85226

Key:

 MPR/gym lobby entrance

 Campus gate

 Restrooms



Wrestling

Registration is still OPEN! Sign up today!

Join our Conference Winning Wrestling Team!

All sizes and shapes, under 70lbsàover 250lbs. Get Fit. Work Hard. Cross Train. Have Fun!

WRESTLE... You'll be glad you did!

First day of practice is Monday, July 27.

Registration and Payment must be completed to attend practices.

MANDATORY Parent Meeting: Monday, July 27 at 5:15pm in the Aprende MPR (Immediately after our First Practice)

Want to learn more information about wrestling come to the informational parent meeting on Monday, July 27 at 5:15pm in the Aprende MPR.

Please visit the wrestling website for more information.

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/wrestling-26-27>

Athletics Registration Website:

<https://kyrene.arux.app/athletics>

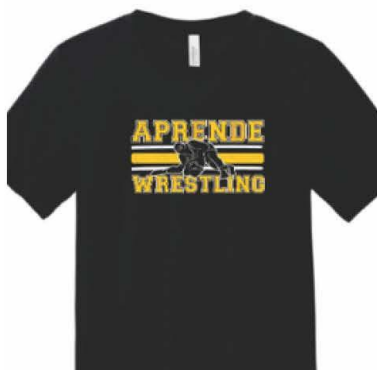
Athletics Information can be found on our website:

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

WRESTLING SPIRIT WEAR

ONLINE STORE IS NOW OPEN!

Spirit wear is now available for all athletes, families, and coaches. Purchasing spirit apparel is optional and is not part of the Wrestling uniform. Spirit apparel may be worn to school on meet days, practice and team events. Spirit apparel will be delivered approximately two weeks after the due date of **Tuesday, August 4th**.



Prices:

- \$20: Short-sleeved crew neck
- \$35: Fleece pullover hoodie
- +\$6: Optional add name to back of either design



BUY NOW



<https://aprende.company.site/>

APRENDE ATHLETICS



FAQS-Athletic Registration...

Why does it say Waitlist on Step #1-Aprende Middle School: Athletic Registration Packet?
The new athletic registration portal is setup as courses. A waitlist is created in order for the physicals and registration packet to be viewed and evaluated. Once approved a confirmation email is sent to you removing the athlete from the waitlist and giving a passcode to complete Step #2- Aprende Middle School: Cut & Non-Cut Sports.

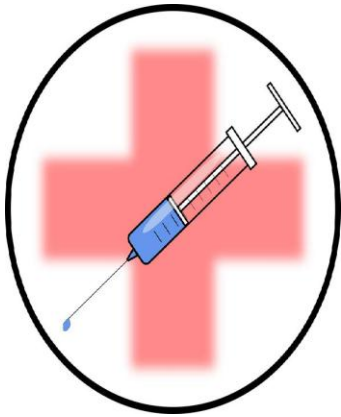
Why does it say Full when I click on Step #1-Aprende Middle School: Athletic Registration Packet? The class shows up as “Full” due to the waitlist. Please still click the blue Enroll Now button to complete Step #1.

I completed Step #1, what’s next? You will receive an email conformation saying you are on the waitlist. Your registration will then be evaluated and if approved you will be removed off the waitlist and receive a confirmation email giving a passcode to complete Step #2- Aprende Middle School: Cut & Non-Cut Sports.

It’s asking for a passcode, where do I find it? You should receive a confirmation email once you have completed Step #1 and have been approved with the passcode. Please do not share the passcode.

Why was I removed from the tryout roster or sports roster? If you have not completed Step #1 and have been approved, you will be removed from any sports rosters in Step #2. Step #1 must be completed and approved in order to be put on any sports roster.





ATTENTION PARENTS - IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All students 11 years old are required to provide a record of their immunizations for Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines to the Aprende Middle School Health Office.

Updated immunization records may be emailed to aweidner@kyrene.org or faxed to (480) 541-6210.

The Maricopa County health department provides free vaccinations to all children 18 years old and under. For information or to schedule an appointment visit <https://www.maricopa.gov/1809/Locations> or call (602) 506-6767.

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your family physician or Aprende Health Assistant, Anita Weidner at (480) 541-6221.

UPDATED SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE MEDICATION POLICY

The Aprende Health Office does NOT stock Advil, Motrin, Tylenol, Benadryl, Hydrocortisone cream, Antibiotic ointment or cough drops. However, if your student requires over the counter medication please click here for the Kyrene District policy and link to a fillable [Consent for Administration of Medicine at School form](#) or visit <https://www.kyrene.org/family-student-resources/health-services/medications>

The consent form must be signed by a medical provider (Doctor, Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant) for prescription and non-prescription medications administered at school, excluding EpiPens and inhalers.



Returning to School After an Injury

To provide the safest environment during the school day, any student returning to school following a serious injury, prolonged illness or surgery must provide a signed medical release form to return to school (discharge paperwork if seen by ER/Urgent Care).

Written permission, by a licensed medical provider, must be provided for all students requiring crutches, wheelchair, knee scooter, etc. All equipment will be provided by the parent/guardian.

Please contact the school health office for any necessary health support at 480-541-6221. More health services information can be found in the [Kyrene Family Handbook](https://www.kyrene.org/family-student-resources/family-handbook) , at <https://www.kyrene.org/family-student-resources/family-handbook>.



JAG PLAYERS



Are you a student who likes to act, and/or sing, or loves to design like costumes and/or sets, or wants to learn more about theatre?

**Come to the interest meeting on Tuesday,
July 28th**

Students' meeting: 3:15-3:45pm in room 204 (Theatre classroom)

Parents' meeting: 6:00-6:30pm in the MPR

Park in the North parking lot and enter through the gate. The office will be closed





MUSIC ELECTIVES

All 6th grade students that requested a music elective should be scheduled for that class. If your child requested to be in Band, Choir, or Orchestra and it is not scheduled, or if your child would like to join Band, Choir, or Orchestra, please contact the teacher.

Band - Tracy Werner twerne@kyrene.org

Choir - Lilanii Figueroa lfigueroa@kyrene.org

Orchestra - Sam Weissberg sweissberg@kyrene.org



Our clubs will be starting over the next couple of weeks. They will all be listed on the website. Stay tuned as more information will be provided. Below are a few fun opportunities that will be available!



Host:
Ms. Vayner

Location:
Room 424



Start Date:
August 6th, 2026

Week Day + Time:
*Thursday Mornings
7:30am - 8:10am*

**Students will meet out front at the "ME"
Library Doors to be let in before school
hours between 7:25-7:30 am**

Contact Info:
*svayner@kyrene.org
Room Phone #: (480) 541-6375*

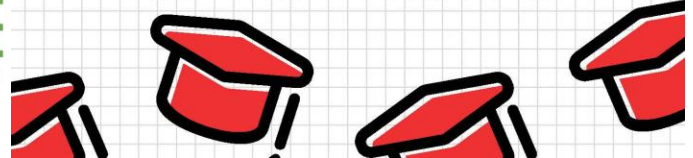


Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 AM
Mrs. Williams in Room 212

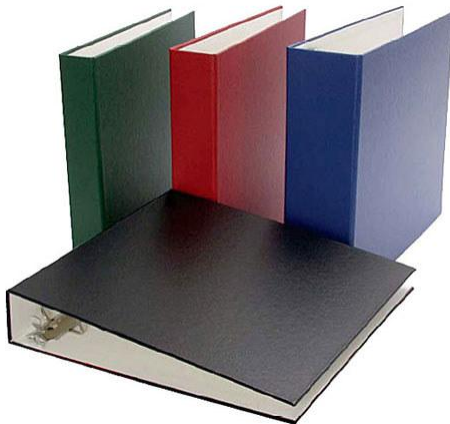
AVID CLUB

**COLLEGE & CAREER
AWARENESS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE * FUNDRAISING * TEAM BUILDING
FUN * FOOD * BEFORE SCHOOL**



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 **CHOCOLATE
TOOTSIE ROLLS** for our PBIS
system!

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

Thank you in advance!





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!

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

APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Instagram
@kyreneaprende

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Facebook.com/AprendePTSO

Instagram
@aprendepto

AprendePTSO.org



WHERE TO GO FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW



VOLUNTEERS

ALWAYS NEEDED, ALWAYS WELCOME, ALWAYS APPRECIATED

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

<https://aprendepto.org/volunteer>



Quicklinks

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

Contact Us

Kyrene Aprende

777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. East #2

Chandler, AZ 85226

Phone: 480-541-6200

Fax: 480-541-6210

Attendance: 480-541-6201

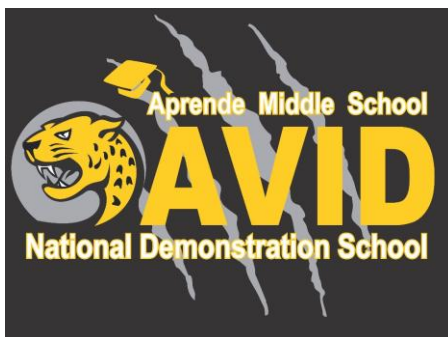
School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:05 pm

Early Dismissal Wed: 1:05 pm

Office Hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Every Wednesday is Early Release.



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