

## About ASU Prep Academy

ASU Preparatory Academy is an innovative K-12 school where teachers, students and families share the same goal – college graduation. Located in the Phoenix Metro area and chartered by Arizona State University, the district has a diversified student population.

ASU Prep Phoenix is part of the network of site-based schools in Arizona. Currently, ASU Preparatory Academy campuses are located in Mesa (PreK-12), Phoenix (K-12), South Phoenix (PreK-12), Casa Grande (7-12), Pilgrim Rest (PreK-6), and Digital (K-12). The student body of ASU Preparatory Academy Phoenix is culturally diverse, with a population that is 76% Hispanic, 12% African American, 7% white, 2% Asian, and 3% American Indian/Alaskan Native. The mission of ASU Prep Downtown Phoenix is to design new models for educational success and raise academic achievement for all learners. At ASU Prep, that means personalizing project-based learning to help students gain valuable critical thinking skills.

## School

ASU Preparatory Academy Downtown Phoenix is a comprehensive free, public charter school serving grades K-12. Located in Downtown Phoenix, Arizona, the school opened in the Fall of 2009. ASU Preparatory Academy Downtown Phoenix graduated its first senior class in the spring of 2015 and is accredited by Cognia.

## Academic Program

ASU Preparatory Academy's program includes curriculum that is designed to help students build:

- Foundational knowledge and confidence for further study
- Learning skills to be able to read, write and speak clearly and accurately
- Critical thinking skills to observe, interpret and analyze information
- Problem solving skills, and the ability to interpret and communicate results

Core curriculum is designed to be accessible for all children. Students who are highly capable and highly motivated have access to University courses at ASU starting their freshman year.

2023 School Initiatives include:

- Personalized Mastery Based Learning using Blended Learning Strategies
- Project-Based Learning
- Multi-Tiered System of Support

## Rank

School policy does not allow for individual ranking and instead ranks students based on grade point average percentage in the class; GPA for Summa Cum Laude - 3.8+; GPA for Magna Cum Laude - 3.6 - 3.79; GPA for Cum Laude - 3.4 - 3.59.

## Curriculum

### Honors courses\*

Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Physical Science, Physics, English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12, US History, World History, Government, Economics, Spanish 1, Spanish 2 \*Placement requires a B or better in the subject area. ASU Prep's list of NCAA courses reflects those courses reviewed by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

### School Information

**CEEB code:** 030671

**Establish Date:** 2009

**Size (enrollment):** 1,167

**Accreditation:** Cognia

**Grades Served:** K-12

### Our Team

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### Concurrent course offerings\* (39)

Arizona State University: Advanced First-Year Composition, Art in My World, Art-Prehistory thru Middle Ages, Brief Calculus, Calculus for Engineers I, Calculus for Life Sciences, College Algebra, College and Career Readiness, College Mathematics, Elementary German, Elements of Interpersonal Communications, First-Year Composition, General Biology I, General Biology II, General Chemistry I, Global History Since 1500, Human Anatomy/Physiology I, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Introduction to Digital Culture, Introduction to Environmental Design, Introduction to Human Communication, Introduction to Information Technology, Introduction to Nutrition, Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Engineering, Introduction to Psychology, Intro to Sustainability, Introductory Chemistry, Media and Society, Microeconomics Principles, Modern Differential Equations, Precalculus, Principles of Programming, Principles of Programming with C++, Public Service and Policy in the 21st Century, Poetry in America, Travel Writing, US History to 1865, Writing for the Professions. \*The courses listed are a sample of what ASU Prep students have taken in 2020. Eligible students may take any course in the Arizona State University Undergraduate Catalog.

### Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

GPA is calculated based on adding all points earned and dividing the total points by the total number of courses taken. All grades, starting in the students' freshman year, count toward their cumulative GPA.

Honors and concurrent courses are awarded an extra grade point for a grade of A, B, C, up to a maximum of 5 points. Grades are recorded at the end of the fall and spring term. At ASU Prep Phoenix, 22 credits are required for graduation.

**Class of 2023 GPA** - There were 68 graduates in the Class of 2023.

Unweighted:	Weighted:
0 earned a 4.0+	10 earned a 4.0+
12 earned 3.5-3.99	12 earned 3.5-3.99
12 earned 3.0-3.49	5 earned 3.0-3.49
9 earned 2.50-2.99	10 earned 2.50-2.99
15 earned 2.0-2.49	12 earned 2.0-2.49
20 earned less than a 2.0	19 earned less than a 2.0

### Senior Seminar

As part of the ASU Prep Phoenix college-going culture, all seniors take a Senior Seminar elective course in the Fall and Spring of the graduating year. In this course, seniors explore topics and strategies to aide them in the college admissions process and in future careers. Topics of study include FAFSA, Common App, career and major exploration, personal finance and interpersonal skills.

### Post High School

51% Admitted to 4-Year Colleges/Universities

84% Admitted to 4-Year or 2-Year Colleges/Universities

### Colleges attended by ASU Prep Phoenix graduates the last four years

American Public University System	Gateway Community College	Paradise Valley Community College	University of Texas
American University	Georgetown University	Phoenix College	Washington State University
Arizona State University	Glendale Community College	Pima Community College	Yapapai College
Aspen University	Grand Canyon University	Prairie State College	
Carrington College Phoenix-East	Howard University	Purdue University Global	
Carrington College Phoenix-North	Indiana University Northwest	Rio Salado College	
Central Texas College-Traditional	Laredo College	Scottsdale Community College	
Chandler/Gilbert Community College	Maricopa Skill Center	South Mountain Community College	
Cococino Community College	Mesa Community College	United Education Institute	
College of Western Idaho	Morehouse College	University of Alaska Anchorage	
Columbia University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Arizona	
DeVry University	New Mexico State University-Main	University of Illinois at Chicago	
Dickinson College	New York University	University of Massachusetts Global	
El Paso Community College	Northern Arizona University	University of Oregon, Law School	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	University of Pennsylvania	
Estrella Mountain Community College	Orange Coast College	University of Phoenix	
Full Sail University	Pacific University	University of Southern California	

### Credit requirements

ASU Prep Phoenix students must pass all courses required to meet the minimum college entrance standards for Arizona Board of Regents, along with required electives. To receive an ASU Prep Phoenix high school diploma, students must earn a minimum of 22 total credits, 6.0 of which must be earned at ASU Prep Phoenix. The minimum credits required per subject area include:

English	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
Lab Science	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
Foreign Language	2 Credits
Fine Arts/CTE	1 Credits
Elective	5 Credits

### Extracurricular Opportunities

National Honor Society	Robotics	Girls Soccer
Student Government	Girls Volleyball	Boys Soccer
STEAM Club	Boys Volleyball	
Dungeons & Dragons	Girls Basketball	
Crochet Club	Boys Basketball	
Cross Country	Flag Football	

### Grading and ranking

A	4	90-100 Exemplary
B	3	80-89 Highly Proficient
C	2	70-79 Proficient
D	1	60-69 Partially Proficient
F	0	60-59 Minimally Proficient
P: (Pass)		No GPA Points
NC: (No Credit)		No GPA Points
I: (Incomplete)		No GPA Points
W: (Withdraw)		No GPA Points

### Awards and Distinctions

\$1,055,576 earned by students in academic, athletic, and private Scholarships.

### Testing Scores, 2023

<b>ACT Math</b>	<b>ACT English</b>
Mean: 17.6	Mean: 15.3
Median: 17	Median: 15
Middle 50%: 15-19	Middle 50%: 11-18
<b>ACT Science</b>	<b>ACT Reading</b>
Mean: 17.1	Mean: 16.7
Median: 16	Median: 15
Middle 50%: 13-20	Middle 50%: 12-21