

About ASU Prep Phoenix

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 (K-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 74% Hispanic, 15% African American, 6% 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 for 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 for 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 a 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 interpret and communicate results

Core curriculum is designed to be accessible for all children. All students have access to University courses at ASU starting their freshman year.

2025 School Initiatives include:

- Personalized Mastery-Based Learning using Blended Learning Strategies
- Project-Based Learning
- MTSS

Colleges attended by ASU Prep Phoenix graduates the last four years

Arizona State University
Coconino Community College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Arizona
Estrella Mountain Community College
Gateway Community College
Glendale Community College
Grand Canyon University-Traditional
Institute Of American Indian Arts
Laredo College
Mesa Community College
Morehouse College
New Jersey Institute Of Technology

Northern Arizona University
Paradise Valley Community
Phoenix College
Rio Salado College
Scottsdale Community College
South Mountain Community College
Tyler Junior College
United Education Institute-Uei College-Phoenix
University Of Arizona
University Of Illinois Chicago
Washington State University- Pullman

School Information

CEEB code: 030671

Establish Date: 2009

Size (enrollment): 1,197

Accreditation: Cognia

Grades Served: K-12

Our Team

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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. The minimum credits required per subject area include:

Curriculum

Concurrent Course Offerings*

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, Travel Writing, US History to 1865, Writing for the Professions.

Universal Learner Course Offerings*

First Year Composition, College Algebra, Precalculus, Brief Calculus, Calculus for Engineers I, The Living World, Introduction to Environmental Science, Introductory Chemistry, Computer Applications and Information Technology, Business Technology Fundamentals, Introduction to Human Communication, Principles of Programming, Macroeconomic Principles, Microeconomic Principles, Introduction to Engineering, Global History to 1500, Introduction to Health and Wellness, United States History to 1865, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology

*The courses listed are a sample of what ASU Prep students have taken. Eligible students may take any course in the Arizona State University Undergraduate Catalog.

The academic program is organized on a traditional schedule. Six classes, 3.0 credits per semester is the maximum course load at a given time. Students who complete a half-credit course earlier than the allotted time frame are eligible to take more courses. Students may accelerate and complete a course at any time.

There is a minimum 3-week seat-time requirement. Students work an average of 5-6 hours per course weekly. Students attend classes and complete coursework at any time throughout the week. Live Lessons are held Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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
Student Government
STEAM Club
Dungeons & Dragons
Crochet Club
Yearbook
Robotics
Girls Volleyball
Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Boys Soccer
Girl Soccer
Boys Volleyball

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	0-59 Minimally Proficient

P: (Pass)	No GPA Points
NC: (No Credit)	No GPA Points
I: (Incomplete)	No GPA Points
W: (Withdraw)	No GPA Points

Post High School Placement

70% Admitted to 4-Year Colleges/Universities

97% Admitted to 4-Year or 2-Year Colleges/Universities

Awards and Distinctions, 2025

\$941,684 earned by students in academic, athletic, and private Scholarships.

Testing Scores, 2025

ACT

Mean: 16
Median: 16
Middle 50%: 11-21

Class of 2025 GPA

There were 77 graduates in the Class of 2025.

Unweighted:

0 earned a 4.0+
11 earned 3.5–3.99
22 earned 3.0–3.49
27 earned 2.50–2.99
15 earned 2.0–2.49
2 earned less than a 2.0

Weighted:

7 earned a 4.0+
11 earned 3.5–3.99
29 earned 3.0–3.49
14 earned 2.50–2.99
15 earned 2.0–2.49
1 earned less than a 2.0

Advisory

As part of the ASU Prep Phoenix college-going culture, all students are enrolled yearly in an advisory course. In this course, students 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.

ACT, English

Mean: 15.4
Median: 15.5
Middle 50%: 9.5-21.5

ACT, Reading

Mean: 15.7
Median: 15.5
Middle 50%: 10-21

ACT, ELA

Mean: 16.1
Median: 16
Middle 50%: 11-21

ACT, Math

Mean: 16.4
Median: 16.5
Middle 50%:10.5-22.5

ACT, Science

Mean: 15.5
Median: 15.5
Middle 50%:10.5-20.5

ACT, STEM

Mean: 15.5
Median: 15.5
Middle 50%: 10.5-20.5