School Specific Opportunities

Arts Integration (Paloma) An approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form. Students engage in a creative process which connects an art form and another subject area and meets objectives in both.

AVID (Aprende, Akimel, Centennial, KTA) Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is an educational program for middle (and high school) students that support student preparation for college.

Computer Science Immersion (Mariposa) Problem-solving and inquiry-based learning experiences, which provides invaluable opportunities to develop essential, transferable skills that will help them achieve across all subject areas and along all chosen career paths.

Dual Language Programs (K-S: Lagos, Norte; 6-8: KMS, Akimel A-al) Provides students with literacy and content in both English and Spanish. Students benefit both socially and cognitively; develop greater non-verbal problem-solving abilities; and more flexible thinking.

International Baccalaureate (KMS) As an authorized IB world school, teachers use IB methodologies: Learner Profile, Approaches to Learning and Global Contexts. Students will also participate in comprehensive projects that are integrated across curricular areas of study and involve real-world learning experience for our students.

Kyrene Digital Academy (Live online instruction) an online K-8 school where Kyrene teachers deliver regular and responsive, live and recorded instruction to students in an online environment, as well as offer support and feedback through formative and summative assessment and virtual meetings.

Kyrene Traditional Academy (KTA) A highly structured, disciplined environment where students engage in learning through rigor and inquiry; study of classic literature and language; Kyrene curriculum with Spalding and Saxon taught as prescribed in program manuals.

Leadership (Mirada, Corritos, Altadeña, Pueblo) Students lead their own learning through ongoing progress checks, data notebooks and developing effective habits in their lives to positively impact learning. This system incorporates principles from author, Sean Covey’s 7 Habits of Happy Kids.

SPARK School (Manitas) In 2019, the District launched a new program that reimagines the standard classroom structure by combining innovative practices in learning environments, methods and staffing.

Early Learning Options

Kyrene Kindergarten. For children 5 years old before September 1 of the current school year, Kyrene offers tuition-free, full-day kindergarten programs (with half-day options). Kyrene Kindergarten has a challenging and comprehensive curriculum to ensure that your child will receive the individualized attention needed to excel. Your child will receive the foundation for lifelong learning when enrolled in our kindergarten program.

Preschool Options. For children 3 to 5 years, not yet in Kindergarten, preschool options include Integrated, Community and Signature programs including dual-language, leadership and project-based preschool programs. These high-quality programs are geared to ensure children enter kindergarten ready to learn. All programs incorporate age-appropriate activities that help children reach their full potential cognitively, socially, physically and emotionally.

More Options District-wide

Fine and Performing Arts. Art education develops self-esteem and self-expression, as well as appreciation for cultural diversity and the work of others. An annual Art Show at the District office showcases the wonderful work of the students in drawing, painting, textile arts, and clay. Music education has been proven to improve early cognitive development, math and reading skills. Middle Schools offer personal student choice of daily classes in theater, art, orchestra, band, or chorus.

Gifted Programming. All Kyrene schools offer gifted services to address the natural abilities of students who require differentiated instructional programming throughout the school day. Services provide interaction with other gifted learners, accelerated pacing in core classes, and designed to enhance critical thinking, creativity and problem solving.

STEM. Kyrene schools provide students with opportunities to experience 21st Century learning through programs that teach about science, robotics, engineering and more. Discovery Rooms give students hands-on experience in these areas.

Spanish, Mandarin, Sign Language. Kyrene introduces students to world languages to help them build proficiency in communications with global audiences. Students who develop world languages, heritage language and cultural skills will be better positioned to live and work in an increasingly multilingual environment.

Athletics. Kyrene offers both “cut” and “non-cut” sports for 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students. Cut sports include soccer, basketball, volleyball, cheer, softball, and baseball. The non-cut athletic opportunities include cross country, wrestling, and track and field. Each year, over 3,000 middle school students from the Tempe, Chandler, and Phoenix area participate in the Kyrene Athletic Program. This program provides a positive, high-quality sports program that emphasizes participation, teamwork, skill development, and sportsmanship.

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Kyrene Choice Opportunities

Additional learning opportunities and choices are provided because of the unique talents and needs of our students. We encourage students to learn at their own pace and also provide advanced opportunities. We understand there are various models for learning, and these options will help you choose the best approach for your individual child’s education.

Top-performing Schools

Kyrene is a top-performing district in the East Valley. Schools emphasize high academic standards, invite strong parental involvement, and support a “whole child” approach to learning. Kyrene schools consistently outperform peers, scoring in the top 10% of all Arizona district and charter schools on State assessments.

Kyrene Vision and Mission

Kyrene inspires all students to achieve at their maximum potential to become problem-solvers, creators, and visionaries of tomorrow. Kyrene commits to student success for all, by providing engaging, challenging educational environments which promote and inspire passion for learning, leading, and achieving transformative life outcomes.

What Kyrene Parents Say

“The Dual Language Program at Kyrene de los Lagos just made sense to us as parents. We have two girls (1st and 2nd grade). We can see how our daughters are benefiting already. We look forward to really seeing the benefits down the road when our girls begin applying for jobs.”

Melanie Hadlock – Kyrene de los Lagos Parent

“Kyrene’s focus on a wide range of arts offerings and investment in excellent instructors and programs signals a commitment to supporting whole child learning and the skills necessary to understand and tell stories in increasingly complex world. My child has been involved in district art competitions, choral music, and theatre. These experiences are a central part of my child’s social, emotion and academic experience at Kyrene and one of the key reasons we are part of the Kyrene family.”

Kyrene Parent and Director of Programs at ASU’s Herberger Institute for Design & the Arts