

Kyrene Preschool and Kindergarten

Providing opportunities for children to develop early learning skills

Preschool

For children who are 3-5 years old and not yet in kindergarten, preschool is a great option for all students, whether typically developing or experiencing delays. Preschool supports a smooth transition in preparation for success in kindergarten. All classes are taught by certified teachers and follow age-appropriate curriculum, with report cards given twice a year. Small class sizes, two teaching assistants in each room, and weekly in-class speech/language services allow students to flourish academically, socially and developmentally. Morning and afternoon classes are offered.

Signature programs are designed around specific learning philosophies such as Reggio Emilia, arts integration, traditional, and language immersion.

Kindergarten

Kyrene offers an engaging and interactive curriculum that ensures children receive the individualized attention needed to excel. Students learn foundational skills for lifelong learning. Programs are tuition-free, full-day (with half-day options). For admission to kindergarten, it is recommended that children are five years old before September 1 of the current school year. For children who turn five between September 1 and December 31, an early entrance screening process can determine if kindergarten is in a child's best interest.

For information, call 480-541-1500.



Preschool activities help children reach their full potential cognitively, socially, physically and emotionally.

The Kyrene District Academic Profile

Excellence in education for over 125 years

Students outperform peers in AzMERIT math and English language arts (ELA) assessments

- Comprehensive core curriculum PreK-8 (math, English language arts, science and social studies)
- Elementary specials include art, music, physical education and library
- Middle school electives include Spanish, fine and performing arts, multi-media, theatre, band, chorus, orchestra and more!
- Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)
- Gifted and special education services
- Arts Integration and IB Candidate Schools; Leadership, Traditional and Dual Language academies
- Elementary and middle school intramurals; middle school athletic program
- After-school Community Education classes and activities at all schools



Governing Board room mosaic project was spearheaded by former Governing Board member Michelle Hirsch. Supplies were donated by business and community development supporter, John Lamont, former Kyrene parent and local owner of PriceMyAC.com. Design and labor were donated by Kyrene District art teachers.

Kyrene is unquestionably one of the finest school districts in the state. It is our job to help students grow intellectually, emotionally and socially while instilling the habits of mind and mastery of skills they'll need to be successful in life.

- Dr. Jan Vesely, Kyrene Superintendent



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Kyrene is a top-performing public school district.



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. The middle school framework is built upon academic excellence, responsive instruction, and student agency. Kyrene inspires students to develop a passion for learning, leading and achieving!

Phoenix



- Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School (6-8)**
Stephanie Phillips (480) 541-5800
- A+ School of Excellence*
 - W.E.B. Leadership Program**
 - Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) School****
 - Annual Patriotic Day Tradition
 - Student alumnus is a Flinn Scholar recipient
 - AZ Education Foundation *Teacher of Year Top 5*

- Kyrene Altaña Middle School (6-8)**
James Martin (480) 541-6000
- A+ School of Excellence*
 - Franklin Covey’s LEAD school leadership program
 - Gifted Pathways Program
 - STEM elective
 - Cerritos Mentors Program
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

- Kyrene Centennial Middle School (6-8)**
Michelle Anderson (480) 541-6400
- W.E.B. Leadership Program**
 - Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) School****
 - Sabercat Societies
 - Multi-Media/STEM elective
 - National Junior Honor Society
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

- Kyrene de los Cerritos – Leadership Academy (PreK-5)**
Darcy DiCosmo (480) 541-2200
- A+ School of Excellence*
 - Leadership Academy – 7 Habits of Happy Kids
 - Franklin Covey *Leader in Me Lighthouse School*
 - Makerspace Room to encourage out-of-the-box creativity
 - Playworks School: unleashing the power of play
 - Home to two National Board Certified Teachers

- Kyrene de la Colina (PreK-5)**
Kelley Brunner (480) 541-2600
- WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)
 - Playworks Partnership: unleashing the power of play
 - Wildlife Habitat grant – Arizona Game and Fish Department
 - DISCOVERoom: Exploring science and engineering through play
 - National Elementary Honor Society

- Kyrene de la Esperanza (PreK-5)**
Cheryl Greene (480) 541-2800
- A+ School of Excellence* (Two-time recipient)
 - WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)
 - 1:1 Laptops, Grades 1-5
 - Discovery Garden grant – Arizona Game and Fish Department
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipient

- Kyrene de la Estrella (PreK-5)**
Michael Lamp (480) 541-3000
- A+ School of Excellence*
 - Reggio Emilia and Developmental Preschool options
 - Art Masterpiece
 - Student Yearbook Club
 - Estrella Marimba Band

- Kyrene de los Lagos – Dual Language Academy (PreK-5)**
Ana Gomez del Castillo (480) 541-3200
- A+ School of Excellence*
 - Bienvenidos Dual Language Preschool (Spanish)
 - WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)
 - Breyer Law Team Teacher Appreciation recipients
 - Student Ambassadors; Principal Student Advisory Team
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

- Kyrene de las Lomas (PreK-5)**
Brian Gibson (480) 541-3400
- No Place for Hate School
 - Beat the Odds School
 - Annual Multicultural Event – *One World, One Night*
 - Jr. Beta Academic Service Club (Grade 5)
 - Lunchtime Technology Club
 - Student Broadcast Club

- Kyrene del Milenio (PreK-5)**
Jaimie Weinberger (480) 541-4000
- Home to two National Board Certified Teachers
 - Student Safety Patrol (Grades 4&5)
 - Milenio Falcons Choir (Grades 2-5)
 - Strong focus on character education
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

- Kyrene Monte Vista (PreK-5)**
Suzanne Ramundo (480) 541-4400
- WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)
 - Student Safety Ambassador Program
 - National Elementary Honor Society (Grades 4-5)
 - Gifted self-contained classrooms (Grades 2-5)
 - Heritage Garden grant – Arizona Game and Fish Department

- Kyrene de la Sierra (PreK-5)**
Lisa Connor (480) 541-5200
- High academic achievement (AzMERIT)
 - Nationally Recognized Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)
 - Sierra Singers and Strikers Ensemble
 - Dream Clean Team



- Kyrene Aprende Middle School (6-8)**
Renee Kory (480) 541-6200
- A+ School of Excellence*
 - W.E.B. Leadership Program**
 - Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) School****
 - 1:1 Technology
 - Jaguar Academy
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

- Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School – Arts Integration (6-8)**
Kyle Ross (480) 541-6800
- A+ School of Excellence*
 - Arts Integration Academy
 - Partnership with ASU iTeachAZ
 - ASU Engineering Program Partner
 - Gifted Pathway Program
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* – Teacher of the Year

- Kyrene de las Brisas (PreK-5)**
Christie Winkelmann (480) 541-2000
- A+ School of Excellence*
 - STEM (Robotics, Coding, EIE Curriculum)
 - SPARK Leadership and ABC Mentoring Program (Aprende Brisas Cares)
 - Gecko Players Drama and Mallet Master performing groups

- Kyrene del Cielo (PreK-5)**
Kelly Alexander (480) 541-2400
- Partnership with ASU iTeachAZ
 - DiscoverROOM: Exploring science and engineering through play
 - Cielo Garden with Desert Botanical Monarch Waystation
 - Cielo Marimba Masters
 - Art Masterpiece
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients



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.

Tempe



- Kyrene Middle School (6-8)**
Sheryl Houston (480) 541-6600
- IB Candidate School for Middle Years Programme***
 - Smart Lab; engaging, technology-rich learning environment
 - W.E.B. Leadership Program**
 - Dual Language Program
 - No Place for Hate School
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

- Kyrene de las Manitas (PreK-5)**
Dan Langston (480) 541-3600
- Beat the Odds School
 - Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)
 - KinderKids
 - Manitas Steel D.R.U.M. Ensemble
 - Teacher finalists, AZ Education Foundation, *Teacher of the Year*
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

- Kyrene de la Mariposa (PreK-5)**
Spencer Fallgatter (480) 541-3800
- A+ School of Excellence*
 - Partnership with ASU iTeachAZ
 - Playworks playground program, Smart and Fit School
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

- Kyrene de los Niños (PreK-5)**
Tonja Yalung (480) 541-4600
- Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students)
 - Rodel Principal and Teachers
 - City of Tempe Garden Grant
 - Kennedy Pre and Development Preschool
 - Afterschool Clubs
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

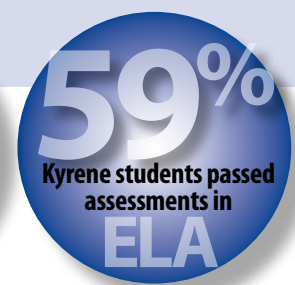
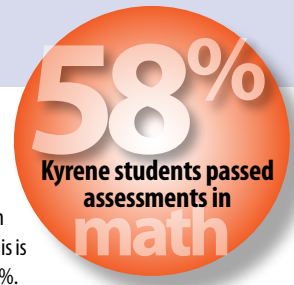
- Kyrene del Norte – Dual Language Academy (PreK-5)**
Jaime Soto (480) 541-4800
- Bienvenidos Dual Language Preschool (Spanish)
 - 2016 AEA Teacher of the Year, Norte Recipient
 - Teacher finalist for AZ Education Foundation, *Teacher of the Year*
 - Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipient

- C.I. Waggoner (PreK-5)**
Lisa Gibson (480) 541-5600
- No Place for Hate School
 - Project-Based Preschool Learning
 - One Book, One School
 - Buddy Bench
 - Annual Science Fair
 - Waggoner Choir (Grades 4-5)

*A+ is a designation by the Arizona Educational Foundation.
 **W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs) is a student mentoring program to welcome 6th graders, offered at all Kyrene middle schools.
 ***Candidate status is no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For info on IB, visit www.ibo.org
 ****AVID is a schoolwide transformation effort focused on leadership, systems, instruction and enrollment in higher education.

AzMERIT Performance

- Kyrene students outperformed their peers with 59% passing in English language arts (ELA) and 58% passing in math as measured by state assessments (Spring 2017). This is compared to the overall state percentages of 39% and 40%.
- Kyrene staff are invested in supporting the academic growth for all students.



Kyrene students outperform their peers in traditional district schools, charter schools, and alternative schools.