

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 way to get a jump start on learning and to help prepare students for future success. With a preschool on every elementary school campus, Kyrene preschool options include signature programs, which are designed around specific learning philosophies: Dual Language, Leadership, Arts Integration, Early Learning Academy, Project-based and Reggio Emilia.

Integrated preschool classrooms offer opportunities for students at different levels of development (including students with disabilities as well as their typically-developing peers) and are led by certified instructors. Integrated preschool programs follow age-appropriate curriculum, with report cards given twice a year, and include two teaching assistants in each room, as well as weekly in-class speech/language services which allow students to flourish academically, socially, and developmentally.

Preschool programs are offered before, during, and after school hours, for flexible scheduling. For more information, visit Kyrene.org/preschool.

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.



Kyrene District Academic Profile

Students outperform peers in state assessments

- Comprehensive core curriculum PreK-8 (math, English language arts, science and social studies)
- Arts Integration and IB Candidate Schools; Leadership, Traditional, College Prep, World Language Immersion (Spanish and Mandarin), and Computer Science Immersion
- Preschool option on every elementary campus
- Elementary specials include art, music, and physical education
- Middle school electives include Spanish, fine and performing arts, multi-media, theatre, band, chorus, orchestra
- Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)
- Gifted and special education services
- Athletics (Volleyball, Cross-Country, Soccer, Wrestling, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Track and Field). Elementary and Middle School Intramurals
- 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.



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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 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 Akimel A-al Middle School (6-8)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs)
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)**
- Student alumnus is a Flinn Scholar recipient
- AZ Education Foundation *Teacher of Year Top 5*

Kyrene Altadeña Middle School (6-8)

- 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)

- W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs)
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)**
- Multi-Media/STEM elective
- National Junior Honor Society
- Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

Kyrene de los Cerritos – Leadership Academy (PreK-5)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- Franklin Covey *Leader in Me Lighthouse School*
- Makerspace Room to encourage out-of-the-box creativity
- Playworks School: Unleashing the Power of Play
- Leader in Me Preschool

Kyrene de la Colina (PreK-5)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- STEM Implementation (Year Two)
- DISCOVERoom: Exploring Science and Engineering Through Play
- Playworks School: Unleashing the Power of Play
- WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)
- National Elementary Honor Society Chapter
- Social and Emotional Learning Focus
- Integrated and Community Preschools

Kyrene de la Esperanza (PreK-5)

- A+ School of Excellence* (Three-time recipient)
- Three-time recipient to A+ status
- Discovery Garden - Heritage Grant, AZ Game and Fish Dept.
- Playworks Teamp Up and Jr. Coaches
- Integrated Preschool
- Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipient

Kyrene de la Estrella (PreK-5)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- Reggio Emilia and Developmental Preschool
- Art Masterpiece
- Student Yearbook Club
- STEM Integration
- Akimel A-al Student Mentors

Kyrene de los Lagos – Dual Language Academy (PreK-5)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- Arizona Excellence in Civic Engagement Merit School
- Bienvenidos Dual Language Preschool (Spanish)
- Breyer Law Team Teacher Appreciation recipients
- Student Ambassadors; Principal Student Advisory Team
- Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

Kyrene de las Lomas (PreK-5)

- No Place for Hate School
- Integrated and Community Preschools
- Annual Multicultural Event – *One World, One Night*
- Student Broadcast Club
- Art Masterpiece
- Playworks School: Unleashing the Power of Play

Kyrene del Milenio (PreK-5)

- Integrated and Community Preschools
- Milenio Falcons Choir (Grades 2-5)
- Strong focus on character education
- Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

Kyrene Monte Vista (PreK-5)

- Community Preschool
- 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
- A Growth Mindset Focus

Kyrene de la Sierra (PreK-5)

- A+ School of Excellence™
- Integrated and Community Preschools
- High academic achievement (AzMERIT)
- SRP School of Energy and Green Team
- Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipient
- Sierra Singers Choir, Sierra Strikers and Mallet Ensemble

Kyrene Aprende Middle School (6-8)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs)
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)**
- 1:1 Technology
- Jaguar Academy
- Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School (6-8)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- Partnership with ASU iTeachAZ
- ASU Engineering Program Partner
- Franklin Covey's LEAD school leadership program
- W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs)
- Gifted and Talented Education Program

Kyrene de las Brisas (PreK-5)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- STEM (Robotics, Coding, EIE Curriculum)
- SPARK Leadership and ABC Mentoring Program (Aprende Brisas Cares)
- Gecko Singers and Mallet Master Performing Groups
- Integrated Preschool

Kyrene del Cielo (PreK-5)

- Partnership with ASU iTeachAZ
- DISCOVERoom: 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 de la Paloma – Arts Integration (PreK-5)

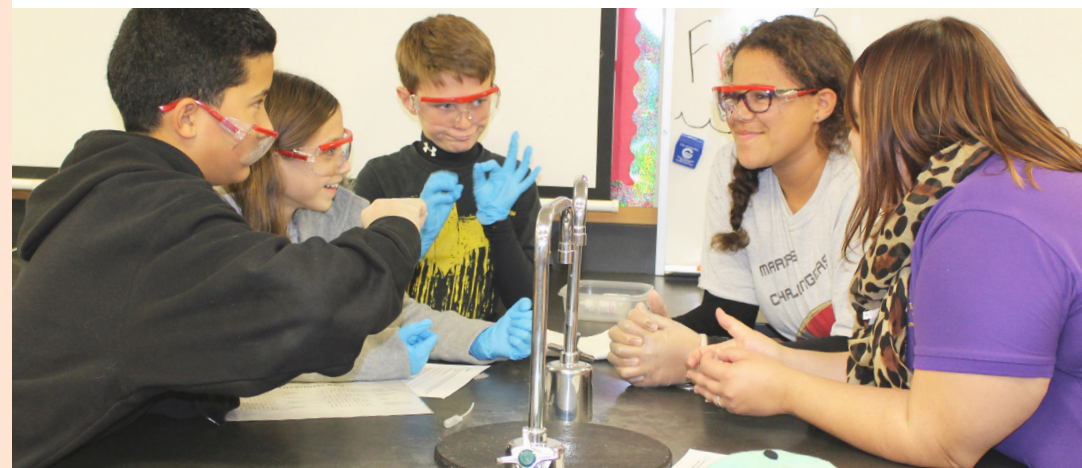
- A+ School of Excellence*
- Arts Integrated Preschool
- Partnership with ASU iTeachAZ
- Working Partnership with Childsplay
- Kennedy Center for the Arts trained teachers
- State-of-the-art amphitheater

Kyrene de la Mirada – Leadership Academy (PreK-5)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- Franklin Covey *Leader in Me Lighthouse School*
- Integrated and Community Preschools
- Partnership with ASU iTeachAZ
- Gifted Self-Contained Classrooms (Grades 2-5)
- Project Based Learning (PreK-5)
- STEM Partnership with Intel

Kyrene Traditional Academy (PreK-8)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence - 2015
- Arizona Excellence in Civic Engagement Merit School
- Early Learning Academy Preschool (Spalding trained teachers)
- Nationally Accredited Spalding School (PreK-5)
- Gifted STEM/Project Based K-6



Kyrene Middle School (6-8)

- 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)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- Beat the Odds School
- Integrated and Community Preschools
- KinderKids
- Manitas Steel D.R.U.M. Ensemble
- Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

Kyrene de la Mariposa – Computer Science Immersion (PreK-5)

- A+ School of Excellence*
- Project-Based Preschool
- Integrated Preschool
- Partnership with ASU iTeachAZ
- Playworks playground program
- Smart and Fit School
- Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

Kyrene de los Niños (PreK-5)

- Rodel Principal and Teachers
- City of Tempe Garden Grant
- Integrated Preschool
- Afterschool Club and Tutoring
- Playworks School: Unleashing the Power of Play
- Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipients

Kyrene del Norte – Dual Language Academy (PreK-5)

- Be Kind School
- Bienvenidos Dual Language Preschool (Spanish)
- Student Ambassadors/Embajadores
- Health School Index Grant
- Mindful School Trained Staff
- Buddy Bench
- Tempe Diablos *Excellence in Education* recipient

C.I. Waggoner (PreK-5)

- No Place for Hate School
- Project-Based Preschool
- One Book, One School
- Buddy Bench
- Annual Science Fair
- Waggoner Choir (Grades 4-5)

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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