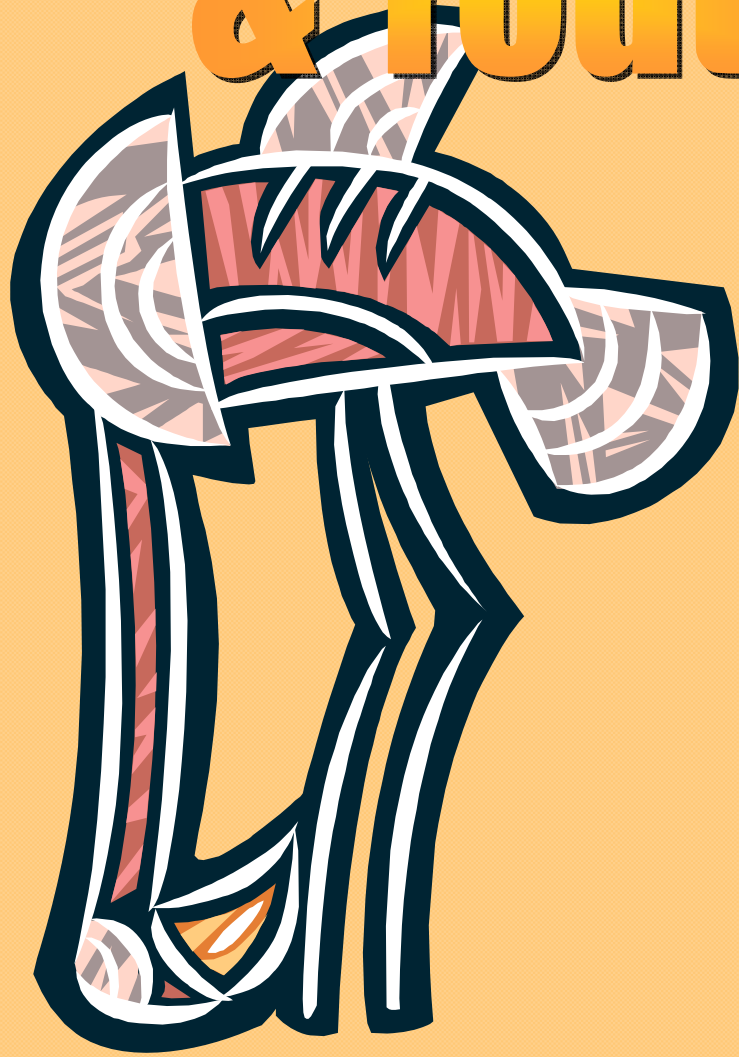


Education & Youth





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AuThenTiCITY

The goal of AuThenTiCITY is to involve youth in community problem solving through computer mapping. The 20-unit curriculum provides a step-by-step guide to developing community awareness, learning research skills, learning the basics of ArcView software and creating solutions for problems that are identified.

For information, call the Youth and Education Office at 602-495-0314 or e-mail: youth@phoenix.gov

Job Training Program *(see Human Services)*

Phoenix is Your City – A Teaching Unit Explaining City Government

Phoenix is Your City was developed for teachers as an introduction to the basic concepts of local government for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders. The guide can be adapted for younger or older students, or specific units can be used to explain certain concepts. More important, Phoenix is Your City is an invitation to create lessons and projects that relate directly to students' lives by focusing on the city in which they live. Students' understanding of local government can be increased with some of the suggested activities, or the study of the city of Phoenix can be expanded in the classroom using city publications or resources. For information, call 602-495-0314.

School Districts

Arizona Department of Education
1535 W. Jefferson St. 85007

Telephone: 602-542-4361

Hotline: 1- 800-352-4558

For general questions, e-mail: ADE@mail1.ade.state.az.us or for information on charter schools within Maricopa County, go to maricopa.gov/

Public School District Contact Information

Alhambra Elementary School District	602-336-2920
Balsz Elementary School District	602-629-6400
Cartwright Elementary School District	623-691-4000
Creighton Elementary School District	602-381-6000
Deer Valley Unified School District	623-445-5000
Fowler Elementary School District	623-707-4500
Glendale Union High School District	623-435-6000
Isaac Elementary School District	602-455-6700
Kyrene School District	480-783-4057
Laveen Elementary School District	602-237-9100
Littleton Elementary School District	623-478-5600
Madison Elementary School District	602-664-7900

Maricopa County Regional Schools	602-452-4700
Murphy Elementary School District	602-353-5000
Osborn Elementary School District	602-707-2000
Paradise Valley Unified School District	602-867-5100
Pendergast Elementary School District	623-772-2200
Phoenix Elementary School District	602-257-3755
Phoenix Union High School District	602-271-3100
Riverside Elementary School District	602-272-1339
Roosevelt Elementary School District	602-243-4800
Scottsdale Unified School District	480-484-6100
Tempe Elementary School District	480-350-9186
Tempe Union High School District	480-839-0292
Tolleson Elementary School District	623-936-9740
Tolleson Union High School District.....	623-877-9650
Union Elementary School District.....	623-478-5005
Washington Elementary School District	602-347-2600
Wilson Elementary School District	602-681-2200

Community Colleges

There are ten community colleges within Maricopa County. For information, call 480-731-8000 or go to: maricopa.edu/

Charter Schools

Definition of Charter School (A.R.S. §15-181)

A Charter School is a public school established by contract with a district Governing Board, the State Board of Education or the State Board for Charter Schools to provide learning that will improve student achievement.

Purpose of Charter Schools

- Charter Schools may be established to provide a learning environment that will improve student achievement
- Charter Schools provide additional academic choices for parents and students
- Charter Schools may consist of new schools or all or any portion of an existing school
- Charter Schools must comply with all provisions of applicable law to receive state funding as prescribed

Youth Programs

G.R.E.A.T. - Gang Resistance Education and Training

G.R.E.A.T. is a prevention program that seeks to reduce gang involvement and curb the increasing violence permeating communities. The program helps youth become responsible members of their communities by setting goals, resisting the pressure to join gangs, learning how to resolve conflict without violence and understanding the negative ramifications of gang involvement. The program has a summer recreation/education component and sessions for seventh-eighth grade, fifth-sixth grade, and third-fourth grade. For information, call 602-262-7331.

Gang Tattoo Removal Program (X-Tattoo)

The Gang Tattoo Removal Program provides laser removal of visible gang tattoos for at-risk youths and young adults within Maricopa County. Before the treatment, youth and young adults that participate are required to attend education workshops that provide information on personal finances, career planning, job searching, teen pregnancy, and domestic violence. For information, call 602-344-7500.

Head Start Program (*see Human Services*)

International Young Artists Competition

The Phoenix Sister Cities Commission sponsors the annual International Young Artists Competition for Phoenix middle and high school students. Cash prizes and recognition awards are presented. Celebrity and local artist judges select one entry from Phoenix and each of its sister cities to represent the city in the Sister Cities International Young Artists Competition. For information, call 602-534-3751.

know99 Television~ Grow what you know!

know99 Television is the city's youth and education cable channel featuring a variety of educational programs for all ages. Programming is organized by theme days- MATH Monday, TEACH Tuesday, WORD Wednesday, THINK Thursday, ARTS Friday, SCIENCE Saturday, and SOCIETY Sunday. know99 also covers positive stories about youth and education in our Phoenix community. Watch on COX Cable Channel 99 and QWEST Channel 20. For program listings and to learn more about know99 Television, visit phoenix.gov/know99.

Mayor's Education Partnership Awards

The Mayor's Education Partnership Awards recognize local businesses and community leaders who have forged partnerships with Phoenix schools to enhance education and growth opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom. The winning partnerships are honored at a luncheon each spring and are featured on KTVK 3 TV. Find out more by calling the Youth and Education Programs office at 602-495-0314, or e-mail: mailbox.youth@phoenix.gov

Mobile Unit

The Mobile Unit seeks to offer outreach programs and services in the areas of youth employment, education, social services, recreation, community involvement and limited transportation for youth ages 6-18. For information, call 602-534-5089.

Outstanding Young Man/Woman Of The Year Program

This program provides recognition for the outstanding achievements of young people and enhances community awareness of the positive contributions of youth. One young man and one young woman from each City Council district are recognized at a luncheon and receive a cash award. For information, call 602-495-0314.

Phoenix Fire Department Cadet Program

The purpose of the program is to provide cadets with hands-on emergency medical training, work experience at fire stations, training in firefighter skills and volunteerism for the community. Cadets are required to volunteer a minimum of 24 hours per quarter for the department, done in a variety of areas such as teaching CPR, helping at a fire station open house, public education events or the service van program. It is a great way to gain knowledge about the Phoenix Fire Department, learn the basic skills of a firefighter and get support, encouragement and insight in pursuing a career in the fire service. For eligibility requirements or information, call 602-534-4488.

Police Explorers

The Phoenix Police Department sponsors Explorer Post 2906 as a community-based policing program. It is designed to educate and involve young men and women in police operations and interest them in law enforcement functions, whether they enter the law enforcement field or not. For information, call 602-262-7331.

School Based Programs (see pg. 89)**Teen Summer Volunteer Program**

The Phoenix Public Library Teen Summer Volunteer Program recruits and trains teen volunteers to assist library staff and the public during the Summer Reading Program. This program provides teens ages 14 to 19 with a confidence-building volunteer experience that develops practical job skills, customer/public service experience and exposes them to possible careers in libraries. Applications are available in April at most Phoenix public libraries and opportunities at each library may vary. For information, call your local Phoenix Public Library.

Tribal Outreach Internship Program for People with Disabilities

The program offers paid internships to young men and women between the ages of 15 and 26 with disabilities. For information, call 602-262-7370.

Wake-Up! Program

“Wake Up!” is a unique youth intervention program developed in Phoenix schools for seventh and eighth grade students to provide a support group of peers and guidance in making good choices, identifying alternatives to violence, and recognizing and engaging in activities related to civic responsibility. The program makes youth aware that choices exist, and that bad choices have consequences. It provides recognition and rewarding experiences for positive behavior. “Wake Up!” goes beyond simply instructing children in what behaviors they should avoid. Police officers actually present and demonstrate an alternate path for children to follow. Partnerships are created among police, students, parents, community organizations, local businesses and schools. For information, call 602-534-5423.

Youth Ambassador Exchange Program

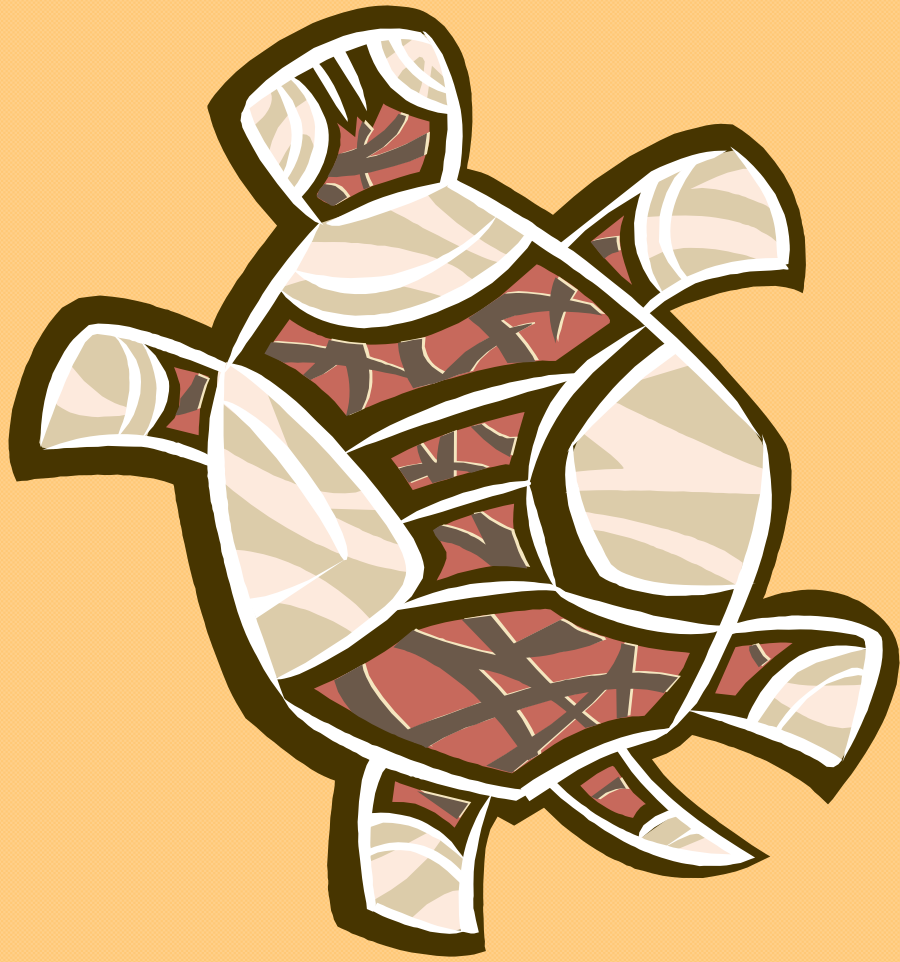
The Youth Ambassador Exchange Program offers opportunities for Phoenix high school students to learn about the cultures of our sister cities through a summer live abroad/home stay experience. For information, contact the Phoenix Sister Cities Commission at 602-534-3751.

YouthBuild Phoenix/YouthSkilled (*see Human Services*)

Youth Suite Program

The city of Phoenix provides incentives for youth to attend selected events at the US Airways Arena in the city's suite. Use of the suite is available to youth groups, schools and nonprofit agencies that serve youth and are located within Phoenix city limits.

Requests must be made in writing to the Youth and Education Office at 200 W. Washington St., 12th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003. Requests are filled on a first-come, first-served, availability basis. For more information, call 602-495-0314.



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