EDUPRIZE Gilbert and EDUPRIZE Queen Creek

EDUPRIZE MISSION STATEMENT
The EDUPRIZE mission is to provide educational excellence to our community of learners through the use of multiple modality instruction and a strong differentiated curriculum. Students will grow socially and academically in an environment where both leadership and collaboration are stressed. Students will acquire knowledge and ability in mathematics and language arts through our science-based, thematic approach to applied learning allowing them to excel across the curriculum providing competencies for career and college readiness.

FAQ’s

Why EDUPRIZE?

- We are the only A+ charter school in Arizona.
- We have 20 years of success and a commitment to excellence.
- Our number one priority is the CHILD. We don’t just talk it- we walk it. We do everything within our power to help every child achieve academic success and their full potential.
- We build character and citizenship in our community.
- Our teachers are all highly qualified, master & certified teachers.
- No schools have our student growth per year which is ensured through our differentiated program.

How many schools are in the EDUPRIZE School District?

- Currently, we have 3 schools in our District: EDUPRIZE Gilbert, EDUPRIZE Queen Creek, and our amazing new, unlike any other, EDUPRIZE Online Instruction.

Is EDUPRIZE free?

- **YES!**
- Parents are asked to contribute to our LIFE fund which allows their child to attend field trips throughout the year. This is a nominal fee and you can find out more about this on our ECA page.
- Parents have lots of options for additional programs, including after school extended day care, Clubs, Sports and Music ECA offerings, full-day kinder, preschool (Gilbert only), and special electives in the upper grades. Fees do apply to these programs of choice.

What grades are offered at EDUPRIZE Gilbert and EDUPRIZE Queen Creek?

- EDUPRIZE Queen Creek offers kindergarten through 8th grade.
- EDUPRIZE Online Instruction offers 6th through 12th grade.
How do I apply to EDUPRIZE Gilbert or Queen Creek?

- Complete an application for each student. This can be done on-line or at any of our facilities.
- There are 4 documents that need to be included with each application for grades 1 -10: Current Grades, Attendance Record, Special Education Records (IEP or 504), and a Discipline/Citizenship Letter from your applicant’s current school. This Letter is on the school’s letterhead and is often signed by their Dean of Students or Principal. It discloses any disciplinary action and/or states citizenship or character achievements and assists us in balancing our classes.
- **Applications for Preschool & Kindergarten** are accepted anytime and remain active through the end of the year your child starts kindergarten. Families are called for student placement based on the date order in which the application was received. Registration calls begin in the winter of the year your child starts school. Children need to be five years old on or before August 31st to be considered for kindergarten enrollment. If your child will not be 5 by this age and you would like to request special consideration for Early Enrollment, please contact the school to which you are applying for more information and current fee schedules.
- **Applications for grades 1 – 10** are available and accepted year round. In March, it will be determined how many classrooms will be offered at each level and what number of openings will exist for the up-coming school year. Applications will then be selected by lottery to fill those positions. Those families are contacted by telephone until all of the projected openings are filled. This system is repeated throughout the remainder of the school year as we are notified of additional openings. **All students must be present on the first day of classes in order to maintain enrollment at EDUPRIZE.** Families who have been contacted and are on our immediate on deck list will be enrolled day for any openings. Any applications that have not been selected for placement prior to the end of the school year may become inactive. To ensure that your child will continue in our active lottery, a new application should be filled out each year if the student is not placed. Please verify the school year for which you are applying at the top of the application to insure that your child is considered for proper placement.

Does EDUPRIZE offer full-day kindergarten?

- Yes, both Gilbert and Queen Creek do offer full-day kindergarten. Please call the school to which you are applying for more details.

What Specials are offered at EDUPRIZE?

- Each student will rotate through our amazing Specials on a multi-day schedule. Our specials are offered to our students as units of study for the period of about a week to ensure that students have a real instructional impact in that area of study. Each Special is taught by a highly trained Specialist. Our Specials include: Spanish, Physical Education, Science Lab, Music, Technology Lab, Live Learning Lab, Art (for TOPS students) and Media Center (for TOPS students).
What is the T.O.P.S. program?

- T.O.P.S. stands for Teaching Optional Program Schedule. This program is a 5 hour, interruption free schedule that includes the same curriculum, the same specials, and the same core instructional time as our excellent regular schedule.
- Positives of the program: Maintains our low student/teacher ratio. Maintains our excellent Specials. Allows parent’s choice in participation. Allows more time for extracurricular activities and less stressed family evening time. Provides more direct daily contact with teachers.
- Sessions:
  AM TOPS:  
  Mon-Fri 7:20 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
  PM TOPS:  
  Mon-Fri 11:00 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.

Are parents allowed in the classroom?

- YES! Parents have the opportunity to assist in the classroom or help out through projects that can be sent home. Parents are encouraged to participate in our Parent Teacher Network, our Art Masterpiece program, help chaperone Field Trips, or plan classroom Celebrations. Parents agreed through our school-parent compact to volunteer up to 80 hours per school year. All visitors on campus are required to present picture ID that will be left with our front desk staff until their departure from campus.

What are our safety procedures?

The safety of our students, staff and parents is of the utmost importance at EDUPRIZE.

1. Gates: Daily, students will enter through designated gates to school. An EDUPRIZE aide will always be present at an open gate. Parents or visitors are not allowed under any circumstances to enter the student gates. Parents and visitors must enter through the main entrance. Staff may enter the gates as long as proper identification is provided and visible.
2. Aides: Our friendly EDUPRIZE aide-staff proudly wear EDUPRIZE red shirts so they are easy to identify. Our aides monitor recess, lunchtime, carpool, and various other on-campus events. Please thank them often for the love and care they offer our children!
3. Fire Drills: Each school year we hold both scheduled and impromptu fire drills. Teachers and staff talk with students about the expected behavior during a drill and require quiet hallways. Teachers are expected to have an immediate count of their students and we practice these as if they were real emergencies so that should an event occur, our students will be well prepared.
4. Lock-Down Drills: Lock down drills are also scheduled and impromptu. These drills are done and monitored with speed, order, efficiency, and safety in mind. In the event of a real lock down or other emergency parents will be contacted and kept apprised through our parent notification system. Please make sure we have your up to date email and cell phone numbers.
5. **Volunteers:** Parent volunteers are welcomed and appreciated. All volunteers must enter through the main entrance and must leave their picture ID at the front desk. If a volunteer exits through a gate and needs to reenter, they will need to do so through the main entrance.

**ECA - How Do I Contribute?**

**What fees Count Toward Tax Credit?**

- Please see our ECA page for forms and further information. We so appreciate your continued participation in this program.
- Field Experiences off campus should be allowable expenses. Please complete the ECA forms at the front desk of any building and retain a copy of that form for your records.
- In general after school sports, music and clubs should be allowable expenses. Again, please complete the ECA form at the front desk of any building and retain a copy for your records.

**How Do I Become An Active Member of PTN?**

All parents are encouraged to become members of Parent teacher Network. They do incredible things for our students and need your help! Please find their contact information and link to their page from our tab above. Please call the school for more information.