



SCHOOL EDUCATION GUIDE

{ *at Verrado*[®] }

{ VERRADO'S VISION FOR EDUCATION }

AT THE HEART OF EVERY GREAT COMMUNITY IS A PASSION FOR LEARNING, WHERE THE BEST OF TRADITIONAL EDUCATION IS OFFERED ALONGSIDE LIFELONG OPPORTUNITIES.

Celebrating learning is a cornerstone of Verrado. Aside from producing the best and brightest students possible, Verrado is committed to an environment that nurtures and engages an informed community. Through alliances with school districts and prestigious universities, the innovative use of technology, and teaching that extends far beyond the classroom, Verrado has become a vibrant community where learning is a way of life. It is a place where children learn about the world around them and adults learn about themselves.

It is a place where the opportunity to learn is not limited by age — quality education is afforded to children, as well as adults with classes ranging from computers to Spanish, the arts, math and more. At Verrado, teachers are students too, thanks to a continuing education program. Parents are also encouraged to share their knowledge as volunteer instructors and substitute teachers. A prime avenue for teacher recruitment at Verrado is the ASU Fast Track teacher training program that provides candidates (with undergraduate degrees) the opportunity to teach in their own community with a 10-month certification process.

This combination of learning and teaching enables residents to become a driving force in shaping education in the community. Verrado measures its progress in education by its ability to create an engaged, involved and enlightened community where quality education is accessible to all.

DMB'S COMMITMENT

DMB has been a committed partner in working with the Litchfield Elementary, Agua Fria Union High School and Saddle Mountain Unified Districts, building exceptional learning environments designed to enhance the educational experience for each student. DMB is steadfast in its commitment to schools and education throughout Verrado, Buckeye and the West Valley and will continue to foster relationships that benefit the community.

One example is DMB's corporate sponsorship of the MAC-ro (Math Achievement Club) program started by the Rodell Foundation of Arizona, focused on improving math scores. The program has been implemented in the Litchfield and Saddle Mountain Districts.



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{ THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS }

Litchfield Elementary School District has successfully grown from 2-11 schools, with each school assuming its own unique personality and high standards.

Verrado Elementary School opened in 2006 to Kindergarten - 5th grade students.

Verrado Middle School features an innovative Honors Program that allows gifted students to interact with specialized teachers within a challenging, interdisciplinary learning environment. Having earned 'highly performing' status, the highest ranking for a new school, the school's classrooms feature the latest technologies with audio and digital production capabilities.



Saddle Mountain Unified School District is preparing its students for life in the information age with an education program oriented towards fostering productive, responsible and successful citizens and leaders. The district will experience tremendous future growth over the next few years with a large influx of new students.

Agua Fria Union High School District's mission is to prepare all students to be lifelong learners by providing them with a high quality education in a safe, stable environment. The district's goal is for students to develop a sense of self-worth, to make informed decisions and to solve problems effectively, while increasing parent and student involvement.

Verrado High School opened in 2006 with much anticipated excitement. The innovative school-within-a-school structure creates a more intimate learning environment, allowing for closer relationships between students and teachers.

VERRADO PARTNERS WITH ASU

ASU's Lifelong Learning partnership creates connections between residents of Verrado and the faculty and resources of Arizona State University. This partnership was started in order to meet the increasing need for intellectual growth and lifelong learning in the Verrado community. In addition, Verrado's partnership with ASU involves recruiting quality teachers for its schools.



{ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS }

What school districts apply?

There are three school districts north of McDowell Road in Verrado: Agua Fria Union High School District, Litchfield Elementary School District, and Saddle Mountain Unified School District. The boundaries vary across the community, so individual parcels may be physically within the boundaries of either of these districts. Please refer to the map.

What school will children attend?

Elementary and middle school students residing north of McDowell Road in Verrado will attend a Litchfield school, even if they live in the Saddle Mountain District, through an agreement between Litchfield and Saddle Mountain. Kindergarten - 5th grade students will attend Verrado Elementary School and students 6th - 8th grade will attend Verrado Middle School. Individual schools are subject to changes in attendance boundaries. Please contact Litchfield or Saddle Mountain for more information.

An agreement made between Agua Fria Union High School District and Saddle Mountain Unified District allows all high school students residing north of McDowell Road in Verrado to attend a high school located in the Agua Fria District, regardless of what school district they live in. Students in the 11th and 12th grades living in Verrado currently attend Desert Edge High School in Goodyear, Arizona. With the start of the 2007 academic year, students in the 9th and 10th grades living in Verrado attend Verrado High School. Individual high schools are subject to changes in attendance boundaries. Please contact Agua Fria for more information.

The area south of McDowell Road in Verrado has not yet been developed for residential use. It is located in the Buckeye School District.

How are students able to attend schools outside their school district?

Verrado has created alliances with school districts to form an IGA "Intergovernmental Agreement," which allows for students who live in Verrado to attend the school of their choice in the Saddle Mountain, Agua Fria or Litchfield School District through 2022. The IGA is in place to allow agreements between school districts or other government entities, such as cities, counties or states.

HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION

It is always best to contact the school district for information concerning district enrollment boundaries, attendance zones or the status of individual schools.

Agua Fria Union High School District
(623) 932-7000

Litchfield Elementary School District
(623) 535-6000

Saddle Mountain Unified School District
(623) 386-5688

Buckeye Union High School District
(623) 386-9700

Liberty Elementary School District
(623) 327-2940