




BASIS

Charter Schools

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BASIS

 Phoenix
South
Grades K–8

The mission of BASIS Charter Schools is to empower students to achieve at globally competitive levels with a transformative K–12 academic program. BASIS Phoenix South is an open enrollment, **TUITION-FREE** public charter school serving grades K–8. We are adding a grade level every school year and will be serving grades K–12 by the 2027–28 school year. Anyone can attend, and everyone is welcome.



WHAT MAKES BASIS CHARTER SCHOOLS' ACADEMIC PROGRAM EXCEPTIONAL?

At BASIS Charter Schools, we prepare students for success from day one. Our STEM-infused, liberal arts curriculum engages students in hands-on activities and lessons across a well-balanced variety of core courses in literacy and language, humanities, math, science, and engineering. Having such a diverse range of courses helps students make connections, build confidence, and discover new interests. Our students thrive in a diverse community that's represented by many backgrounds and perspectives, creating a culture of respect, accountability, and perseverance.

As part of the BASIS Charter Schools network, BASIS Phoenix South is dedicated to raising the standards of student learning to the highest international levels. Our students engage in the world-class BASIS Charter School Curriculum, which fuels critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovation. Caring and supportive teachers lead class with creativity and intellect, inspiring students to master advanced content and love learning. As a result, BASIS Phoenix South students become self-motivated learners. To learn more, visit enrollBASIS.com/phoenix-south.

THE BASIS CHARTER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

We are committed to the philosophy that all students can succeed when provided with an advanced curriculum and supportive, knowledgeable teachers to guide them through it. The primary BASIS Charter School Curriculum allows students to excel in our middle school and high school programs by building upon fundamentals at an accelerated pace. In addition, our expert teachers engage students in class discussions, challenge them to think critically, and help them make interdisciplinary connections.

FOCUS ON STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

BASIS Charter School teachers are talented and knowledgeable educators who bring our robust curriculum to life every day. Their expertise, in combination with a rigorous primary

curriculum, progressively moves students toward a greater understanding of fundamental concepts in each subject. Teachers set high expectations and design instruction that is challenging and engaging, bolstering students' critical thinking skills and their ability to analyze content in deeper, more meaningful ways.

Subject Expert Teachers (SETs)

Our elementary school instructors in the classroom are Subject Expert Teachers (SETs). They are responsible for planning, preparing, and carrying out all lessons, which are always rich in content and deep in insight. Our SETs also engage students in meaningful class discussions that enhance critical thinking skills. In grades K–3, SETs work with their group of students in all core subjects: ELA, Math, and Science. For all other non-core courses, we have separate SETs that facilitate engaging learning environments in courses such as Phonics, Visual Arts, Music, Theatre, and PE & Sports.

WHY CHOOSE BASIS CHARTER SCHOOLS?

- Students in grades K–3 receive instruction through a traditional classroom setting where teachers are able to give each of their students the right amount of expert and attentive instruction to achieve academic success.
- The primary BASIS Charter School Curriculum focuses on teaching students to love learning while providing them with the skills needed to succeed in our middle school and high school programs.
- 62% of 2023 BASIS Charter School graduates were accepted to a top 100 *U.S. News & World Report* national university or national liberal arts college, including Columbia, Harvard, MIT, Stanford, and University of Chicago.
- The average scholarship amount earned by each 2023 BASIS Charter School graduate was \$112,447.
- 2023 BASIS Charter School graduates earned an average SAT score of 1397 out of a possible 1600.





HIGHLIGHTS

BASIS Phoenix South opened in 2017 as part of the acclaimed BASIS Charter School network. We are dedicated to providing our students with a world-class education. In addition to core courses, our primary school students, including our kindergartners, take courses in Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. Our students also take physical education courses beginning in kindergarten. Students can take their learning experience beyond the classroom with our variety of daily before- and after-school activities.



BASIS CHARTER SCHOOLS CLASS OF 2023

Total Scholarship by graduates

\$79,837,396

Naviance, 2023 (based on self-reported data)

Average scholarship award
earned per graduate

\$112,447

Naviance, 2023 (based on self-reported data)

Average
ACT score

30

Average
SAT score

1397

The College Board, 2023

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College Acceptance Rates

Percent of 2023 BASIS Charter School graduates accepted to one or more U.S. News & World Report top National Universities and National Liberal Arts Colleges

Top 100

62%

Top 50

43%

Top 25

23%

Top 20

16%

*U.S. News & World Report National University Rankings and National Liberal Arts College Rankings, 2023
College acceptance information self-reported by students: Naviance, 2023*



KINDERGARTEN

Advanced Academics

Kindergarten at BASIS Charter Schools is designed to lay a foundation for academic success throughout the BASIS Charter School Curriculum.

We focus on enhancing students' natural instincts to explore, question, and discover as they engage in hands-on activities across a variety of courses. Our kindergarten students learn grade 1 skills by the end of the year and have fun doing so.

Traditional Classroom Model

From grades K–3, caring and supportive expert teachers lead class with creativity and intellect, inspiring students to love learning. Teachers create an interactive and engaging environment throughout the day to motivate students to ask questions and participate in activities. Each instructor teaches the following core subjects: English Language Arts, Math, and Science.

FULL-DAY PROGRAM

- English Language Arts
- Math Intro
- Phonics
- Civics, History, and Science Foundation
- Movement Foundation
- Music Foundation
- Visual Arts Foundation
- Theatre Foundation

PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

The BASIS Charter School Curriculum for primary grades continues to build solid academic foundations while teaching fundamental skills, such as critical thinking, organization, time management, and study strategies.

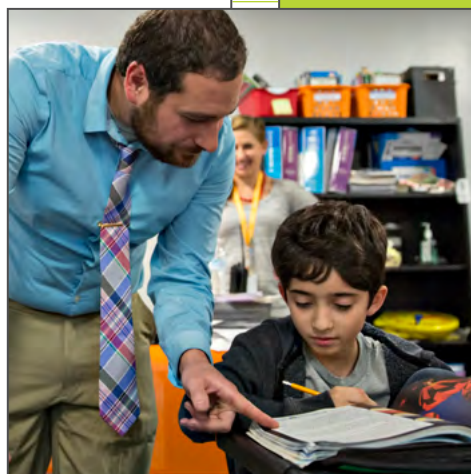
Our comprehensive middle school curriculum is designed to progressively move students toward a greater understanding of fundamental concepts in each subject. Teachers set high expectations and design instruction that is challenging and engaging, requiring students to refine their critical thinking skills and analyze content in deeper, more meaningful ways. Through this progression of content, students master the material needed to excel in high school.

PHONICS (Grades 1–3)

The Phonics course sequence is based upon the understanding that the English language is a code, which students must learn to decode to become fluent readers. As such, students receive systematic phonics instruction. They develop and master the decoding and spelling skills required to read increasingly difficult texts and compose complex compositions. Students will master all basic phonograms, numerous advanced phonograms, and advanced phonemic awareness concepts.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (Grades 1–3)

In English Language Arts, students will continue to develop fundamental reading comprehension and writing skills in addition to focusing on vital social studies concepts using Wit & Wisdom®. Students will study a large variety of rich and engaging texts focused on scaffolding and extending student growth to provide a strong foundation for future success. Paired alongside the use of Geodes, a collection of decodable readers, and a separate Phonics curriculum, students will be able to apply and practice phonemic awareness and newly learned sound-spelling patterns, with each reader consistently building on previously learned knowledge.





WRITING ENRICHMENT & WRITING MASTERY (Grades 4–5)

In Writing Enrichment and Writing Mastery, students develop sentence, paragraph, and multi-paragraph writing skills through content-focused writing. Content topics include: the nature of science; the geosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere; archaeology and natural resources; United States geography; World War II; and a historical novel.

Specials May Include:

VISUAL ARTS (Grades 1–5)

In Visual Arts, students are introduced to a wide range of artistic techniques as they hone their fine motor skills working with a variety of different materials. As student's progress through the course sequence, they expand upon these skills by making cross-cultural and personal connections in their art. Students also receive instruction in art history, and explore the relationship between intent, context, and creative choice.

THEATRE (Grades 1–4)

Performance Arts introduces students to the different elements of drama and narrative. As they progress through the course sequence, students build upon their storytelling skills and work in groups to create and perform short scenes. Students also learn how to interpret and convey character, and work on revising, evaluating, and improvising dramatic scripts.

MUSIC (Grades 1–5)

In Music, students are introduced to the different elements of musical performance, theory, and history. They expand upon their musical knowledge by learning how to read musical notation, build their vocabulary to describe different styles of music, and participate in multi-part musical performances.

GRADES 1–4

COURSE OVERVIEW

** All courses are subject to change*

- **Math**
 - Saxon Math 1 (Grade 1)
 - Saxon Math 2 (Grade 2)
 - Saxon Math 3 (Grade 3)
 - Saxon Math Intermediate 4 (Grade 4)
- **Science**
- **English Language Arts** (Grades 1–3)
- **English and History** (Grade 4)
- **Phonics** (Grades 1–3)
- **Writing Enrichment** (Grade 4)
- **PE and Sports**
- **Fine Arts may include**
 - Visual Arts
 - Theatre
 - Music

GRADE 5

COURSE OVERVIEW

** All courses are subject to change*

- **English**
- **Saxon Math Course 1**
- **Physical Geography and Science**
- **U.S. History**
- **Writing Mastery**
- **PE and Sports**
- **Fine Arts**
 - Visual Arts
 - Music
- **Computer Literacy & Typing**

GRADES 6–8

COURSE OVERVIEW

** All courses are subject to change*

- **English**
- **Saxon Math**
 - Arithmetic (Grade 6)
 - Pre-Algebra (Grade 7)
 - Algebra I (Grade 8)
- **Science**
 - Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- **History**
- **PE and Sports**
- **Computer Logic** (Grade 7)
- **Electives**
 - Music or Theatre (Grade 6)
 - Sports or Drama (Grades 7–8)



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities enhance the learning experience and provide opportunities for enrichment, socialization, and achievement beyond the classroom. These activities allow students to interact with different groups, pursue individual interests, and develop new skills. To participate in extracurricular activities, students must exhibit good behavior and maintain a strong academic standing. As such, they learn to balance outside activities with advanced coursework, an important time management skill that will benefit them throughout their education.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT BASIS PHOENIX SOUTH MAY INCLUDE*:

- Arts and Crafts Club
- Board Games Club
- Book Club
- Cinema Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Fairytale STEM Club
- Intro to German Club
- Mindfulness Club
- Pokemon Club
- Soccer Club
- Yoga Club

** Extracurricular activities offered vary by campus and from year-to-year based on student interest.*

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WHAT ARE BASIS CHARTER SCHOOLS?

The BASIS Charter Schools network comprises 39 charter schools across Arizona, Louisiana, Texas, and Washington, D.C. All BASIS Charter Schools utilize the BASIS Charter School Curriculum, which encourages self-motivation and hard work, allows students to master advanced content and thoroughly prepares them for college.

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HOW DO I APPLY?

All applications must be submitted through the online enrollment portal at enrollBASIS.com. Parents/guardians should complete and submit student enrollment applications during the Open Enrollment period. However, applications are accepted throughout the year. You may apply to more than one BASIS Charter School, but you must submit separate applications, per student, to each school. Applications do not need to be signed in order to be entered in the lottery. Applicants who are offered enrollment at a BASIS Charter School will be provided with instructions for accepting the offer, completing the online registration form, and submitting registration documents to the school.

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HOW DO THE LOTTERY AND WAITLIST WORK?

Every year, there is an Open Enrollment period for the following school year. Applications submitted during Open Enrollment and outside of Open Enrollment are processed differently. Please note that the exact Open Enrollment dates and lottery dates are determined on a year-to-year basis. Information will be available on enrollBASIS.com once this year's dates are finalized.

If you apply during Open Enrollment: If the number of applications received during Open Enrollment exceeds the number of openings (at any grade level), enrollment is determined by a lottery and waitlist. The Open Enrollment period for BASIS Charter Schools is NOT first-come, first-served. Instead, applicants are added to a lottery pool. To be included in the lottery, you need to apply by midnight on the last day of Open Enrollment. After the Open Enrollment period ends, lottery drawings are held. You will receive the results directly from the school(s) you applied to. Families that do not receive an enrollment offer from the lottery will be added to a waitlist.

If you apply outside of Open Enrollment: Applications submitted after the Open Enrollment period has ended will be added to a waitlist and processed on a first-come, first-served basis, following any applications received during Open Enrollment. Schools will continue to make offers to waitlisted applicants as seats become available. There is not a lottery for applications submitted outside of Open Enrollment.

BASIS Charter School enrollment policies are available for review in the enrollment application portal at enrollBASIS.com.

WILL I HAVE TO PAY TUITION?

No. BASIS Charter Schools are tuition-free.



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WHAT IS THE SCHOOL-YEAR SCHEDULE?

The start date for each school is determined by the Head of School and leadership team, and then announced on the school's website. To reduce the chance of scheduling conflicts for BASIS Charter School families with students in multiple grade levels, or who attend different schools, we try to align our school calendars with district school calendars.

HOW MUCH HOMEWORK DO STUDENTS RECEIVE?

Homework volume differs by grade level and by student. For example, homework times range from 15 minutes in kindergarten to approximately one hour in middle school.

HOW DO I PREPARE MY CHILD TO ATTEND A BASIS CHARTER SCHOOL?

To foster every student's successful transition into our advanced course of study, we provide academic and student support throughout the year, as well as optional summer orientation programs.

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

BASIS Charter Schools offer extracurricular activities that enrich students' academic experience. We do our best to align extracurricular activities to serve our students' interests. As a result, extracurricular activities may not be identical at every BASIS Charter School. However, each school offers an array of clubs and extracurricular activities in which students can participate.



DO YOU HAVE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS?

Yes. BASIS Charter Schools offer the Early Bird and Late Bird programs to assist parents/guardians whose schedules do not align with the schools' scheduled start and end times.

The Early Bird program serves parents/guardians whose days begin earlier than the school start time. During Early Bird, staff members supervise students in designated areas of the school. While our staff members do monitor students' safety and general well-being, we do not provide organized instruction or recreation during this time. Students are still expected to follow all school rules.

The Late Bird program is a fee-based after-school program that serves parents/guardians whose days end later than the school end time. During Late Bird, staff members supervise students in designated areas of the school. The Late Bird program is structured, so students have time to do homework, read, play games, make crafts, etc.

DO YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION?

No. BASIS Charter Schools do not provide transportation for students at this time. However, we encourage members of our parent-volunteer booster clubs to identify carpool opportunities.

DO YOU PROVIDE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES?

Yes. BASIS Charter Schools are public schools that provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to students with disabilities who are currently eligible, or are determined eligible, to receive special education and related services. BASIS Charter Schools comply with all aspects of federal and state civil rights and disability laws, and we are committed to ensuring that all students who are eligible for special education and related services receive them.

Notice of Non-Discrimination: In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act and applicable state law, BASIS does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, gender identity or expression, or any other classification protected by law in any of its business activities, including its educational programs and activities which comply fully with the requirements of state and federal law and Title IX. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding BASIS' non-discrimination policies: Beverly Traver, Compliance and Equity Investigator, BASIS Educational Group, LLC., 7975 N. Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, (480) 289-2088.*

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