

Community Education is located in the **Community Resource Center, 15032 N. 32nd St., Phoenix, AZ 85032**, and is a department of the Paradise Valley Unified School District that provides opportunities for local citizens and organizations to become active partners in the educational, cultural and recreational enrichment of our community. Programs and activities are planned to serve the needs of all age groups—from preschoolers to senior citizens. Services and resources include elementary after-school child care (Mascot Club), enrichment classes (youth and adult), summer school programs and camps, driving instruction, facility and field rental, youth sport leagues and open gyms.

Community Education is both an educational philosophy and a process that expands schools' traditional role of K-12 education into one of being community learning centers—of being “Community Schools.” Educators are encouraged to focus on the broad range of educational needs that exist in communities today. Emphasis is placed on working in collaboration with business and industry, public and private agencies and organization, parents and families, and other community members to offer a wide variety of academic, extracurricular, recreational, cultural, civic, social service, and workforce preparation programs for people of all ages. Home, school, community relations, parent and community involvement, educational public relations, and a variety of partnership efforts are all part of a comprehensive Community Education program.