



PVSchools™

# A Journey of Excellence


## Continuing Excellence




**PVSchools has consistently represented the best in pre-K-12th grade education, and we are very proud of our successes!**

Our 21st century curriculum is taught by some of the most highly trained and innovative teachers in the state; many have received national and local honors for their outstanding abilities. In fact, PVSchools has one of the highest concentrations of National Board Certified Teachers in Arizona.

At PVSchools, we believe the foundation of any educational experience is built on a positive learning environment where each student has the resources and support of our caring and nurturing faculty and staff. We invest in a wide variety of specialty programs to fit the learning needs of our students. Our Signature Programs provide students the ability to participate in cutting-edge programs and innovative learning experiences. A few of our highlighted programs include Advanced Placement, honors, world language, fine and performing arts, and Career and Technical Education electives.

**3,722** Staff 

**30,410** Students



**43** schools

- 25 Preschool locations
- 27 Elementary (K-6)
- 1 K-8 School
- 7 Middle Schools (7-8)
- 5 High Schools (9-12)
- 2 Alternative Schools
- 1 Online School



## Supporting Excellence

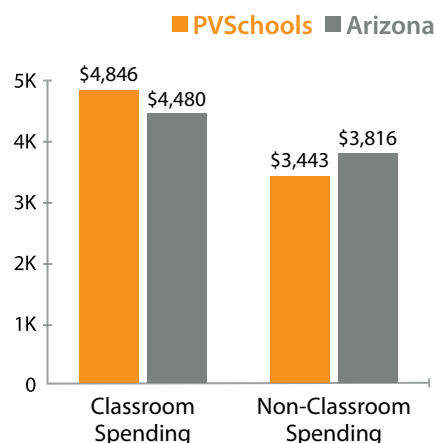
### Bond and District Additional Assistance (DAA) Override

PVSchools has strong community and parental support for education and has been successful in seeking voter approval for Bond programs for building maintenance and construction and DAA for instructional materials, technology, and support since 2008.

In November 2019, voters approved \$236.1 million Bond and the \$6.4 million DAA Override. The continued funding allows for necessary building repairs, renovations, technology, transportation, and instructional materials.

### Classroom vs. Non-Classroom Spending Per Pupil

Source: 2018 Arizona Auditor General's Report



### Governing Board

Julie Bacon  
Nancy Case  
Anne Greenberg  
Susan Matura  
Sue Skidmore, Ed.D.



### Leadership

**Superintendent:**  
Jesse Welsh, Ed.D.

**Assistant Superintendents:**  
Troy Bales, Ed.D.  
Dan Courson, Ph.D.  
Laura Felten  
Steven Jeras, Ed.D.  
Andre Long



## 2019 Student Achievements

- ★ 4 National Merit Finalists (2019) - Horizon, Paradise Valley and Shadow Mountain High Schools
- ★ 12 National Merit Semifinalists (2020) - Horizon, Paradise Valley, Pinnacle, and Shadow Mountain High Schools
- ★ 22 National Merit Commended Students (2020) - Horizon, Paradise Valley, Pinnacle, and Shadow Mountain High Schools
- ★ 5 National Hispanic Scholars - Paradise Valley and Pinnacle High Schools
- ★ 450 students with 2018-19 AzMerit perfect scores
- ★ 2 Brilliant, Beautiful, and Bold Role Model Awards - Paradise Valley High School
- ★ National Youth Awards Lead Performance in a Musical for The Lady of the Lake in Spamalot - Shadow Mountain High School, North Valley Arts Academies Theater
- ★ 5 students earned their Associate of Arts degree through the Dual Enrollment program at Rio Salado College - Horizon High School
- ★ Outstanding Young Man and Woman of the Year; Citywide Young Woman of the Year - Paradise Valley High School
- ★ National Comedy Theatre High School League State Championship - Horizon High School, 56th Street Comedy Club
- ★ Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference Winners - Pinnacle High School
  - Graphic Design
  - Public Service Announcement
  - Mobile Application Development
- ★ Future Business Leaders of America Regional 3 Conference Winners - Pinnacle High School
- ★ First Place Arizona Council on Economic Education Mayors' Challenge (Personal Finance Case Study) - Fireside Elementary School
- ★ First Place Awards for National History Day Arizona Competition - Sunrise Middle School
  - Junior Individual Documentary
  - Junior Group Documentary
- ★ 2 student representatives at the Arizona Geography Bee - Fireside and Sonoran Sky Elementary Schools
- ★ Maricopa County Regional II Spelling Bee Winner - Desert Trails Elementary School
- ★ District Spelling Bee Co-Winners - Desert Trails and North Ranch Elementary Schools
- ★ 3 Elks Lodge Essay Contest Winners - Shea Middle School
- ★ 37 Arizona DECA Career Development Conference Winners - Pinnacle High School
- ★ Kindergarten winner in the statewide sixth annual Cybersecurity Awareness "Kids Safe Online" Calendar Contest - Sandpiper Elementary School
- ★ 2 U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidates - Horizon and Paradise Valley High Schools
- ★ Rare perfect score of 1600 on the SAT® exam - Shadow Mountain High School
- ★ Arizona ACT Student Champion - Paradise Valley High School
- ★ Two First Place Winners in the Arizona Investwrite Essay Contest - Fireside and Hidden Hills Elementary Schools
- ★ 19 All-State Band, Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Choir, and Jazz Band members - Shea Middle School, Horizon, North Canyon, Pinnacle, and Shadow Mountain High Schools

## 2019 Athletic Achievements

- ★ Division II Girls Swim & Dive State Championship - Paradise Valley High School
  - 100-Yard Butterfly
  - 100-Yard Breaststroke
- ★ Division I Girls Golf State Championship - Pinnacle High School
- ★ 5A Boys Baseball State Championship - Horizon High School
- ★ Division II Girls Track & Field State Championship - North Canyon High School
  - 4x800 Meter Relay
  - 4x400 Meter Relay
  - 100 Meter Dash and 200 Meter Dash
  - 100 Meter Hurdles, 400 Meter Dash & 800 Meter Dash
- ★ Division III Girls Track & Field State Championship - Shadow Mountain High School
- ★ Division II Coed Cheer State Championship - Shadow Mountain High School
- ★ 6A Boys Basketball State Championship - Pinnacle High School
- ★ 4A Girls Basketball State Championship - Shadow Mountain High School
- ★ 4A Boys Basketball State Championship - Shadow Mountain High School
- ★ National Senior Boys Basketball Athlete of the Year from the National High School Coaches Association - Pinnacle High School
- ★ McDonald's All-American Basketball Player - Pinnacle High School
- ★ 5A Northeast Valley Girls State Wrestling Championship (135 lbs.) - North Canyon High School
- ★ Division II State Wrestling Championship (160 lbs.) - Horizon High School



## 2019 Staff Achievements

- ★ 5 new National Board Certified Teachers
  - Jennifer Yuhas, Campo Bello Elementary School
  - Sydney Sutton-Liswith, Fireside Elementary School
  - Blaine Beatty, Mercury Mine Elementary School
  - Sheryl Chariton-Kirshenbaum, North Canyon High School
  - Angela Morgan, Hidden Hills Elementary School

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- ★ 3 National Board Certified Teacher renewals
  - Karen Brown, Gifted Education Department
  - Rosamaria Cordova, Professional Development Department
  - Wanda Wilson, Paradise Valley High School

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- ★ 2 Arizona K12 Center Master Teachers
  - Kristie Faitz-Kroener, Language Acquisition Department
  - Jennifer Stults, Language Acquisition Department

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- ★ Computer Science Teachers Association/Infosys Foundation USA Awards for Teaching Excellence
  - Michelle Cannon, Paradise Valley High School

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- ★ Air Force Association/Rolls Royce National Aerospace/STEM Teacher of the Year Award
  - Michael Vargas, Pinnacle High School

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- ★ Arizona Interscholastic Association Administrator of the Year
  - Rick McCutcheon, Paradise Valley High School

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- ★ Maricopa County Exemplary Principal Award
  - Diana Cameron, Sandpiper Elementary School

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- ★ Selection to Maricopa County Superintendent Teacher Advisory Team
  - Leslie Wickens, Cactus View Elementary School
  - Patricia Mastropolo, Greenway Middle School

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- ★ Arizona Community Education Association's Administrator/Regional Leader of the Year Award
  - Jennifer Kelly, Community Education Department

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- ★ Selection to United Nations project to support the country of Turkey for new national curriculum
  - Janice Mak, Curriculum Department

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- ★ 2 Fiesta Bowl Charities Wishes for Teacher Grant Recipients
  - Amelia Cho, Sandpiper Elementary School
  - Mary Belfiore, Indian Bend Elementary School

## 2019 School Achievements

- ★ A+ School of Excellence™ Award from the Arizona Educational Foundation - Desert Shadows and Sonoran Sky Elementary Schools

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- ★ 11 schools received A letter grades and 17 schools received B letter grades from the Arizona Department of Education

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- ★ 37 schools made Niche's Top-Ranked Schools in the Valley List

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- ★ Renewal of Core Knowledge Schools of Distinction - Grayhawk Elementary School

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- ★ Schoolwide Site of Distinction by Advancement Via Individual Determination - North Canyon High School

## 2019 District Achievements

- ★ Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR)

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- ★ Voters approved the Bond and District Additional Assistance (DAA) Override

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- ★ Maricopa County Healthy Arizona Worksite Platinum Award

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- ★ Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Total Board Boardmanship Award

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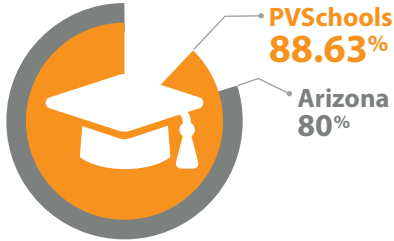
- ★ Largest community partnership to date in Love Our Schools Day with hundreds of community members partnering with school leaders to complete improvement projects at more than 15 of our schools

# Celebrating Excellence



## Class of 2019

Our graduation rate is higher than state average



Students were awarded scholarships worth more than



**\$58.7 Million**

Students submitted more than **2,260** scholarship applications.

## District Highlights

★ Arizona Department of Education Letter Grades: **11 A's and 17 B's**



★ Arizona Education Foundation A+ School of Excellence Awards: Desert Shadows Elementary and Sonoran Sky Elementary Schools

## Academic Highlights



**2019 Citywide Young Woman of the Year**

Selected by the City of Phoenix Outstanding Young Man and Young Woman of the Year program



Niche.com rates PVSchools among the top 20 school districts in the state of Arizona and the top 10 in Maricopa County, with an A- overall grade.



★ Maricopa County's Healthy Arizona Worksite Platinum Award

★ Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

★ Arizona School Boards Association Total Board Boardmanship Award



- ★ Rare perfect score on the SAT®
- ★ 450 students earn perfect scores on AzMerit
- ★ Arizona ACT Student Champion
- ★ Spelling Bee Winner, Maricopa County Regional II



★ 14th Annual National Youth Awards Lead Performance in a Musical

★ National Comedy Theatre High School League State Championship



★ Nineteen All State Band, Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Choir and Jazz Band Members

Largest participation in School Connect's Love Our Schools Day



Hundreds of community members partnered with school leaders to complete improvement projects at more than 15 of our schools.

## Athletic Highlights



**McDonald's All-American Basketball Player**

### State Championships

- ★ Girls & Boys Wrestling
- ★ Girls & Boys Basketball
- ★ Girls Track & Field
- ★ Baseball
- ★ Girls Golf
- ★ Girls Swim & Dive
- ★ Coed Cheer

