



## Welcome to Banner Academy

Banner Academy is a nationally accredited private school in Tempe, Arizona, with a long history of providing education to children with autism, Asperger's syndrome, as well as emotional and learning disabilities. The school caters to students 4th through 12th grade.

We offer small classes, highly qualified faculty and an individualized curriculum to help students reach their full academic potential.

Families and school districts in the Metropolitan Phoenix area place students with special needs in our day school, because of our success with increasing academic and social skills, as well as reintegrating students into their home schools.

The Banner Academy has been accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, a division of Cognia since 1986, the first special needs school accredited in Arizona. The school also meets the standards/criteria set forth by The Arizona State Department of Education as an approved Private Day School for students with special needs.

### Our Philosophy

Our goal at Banner Academy is to enhance academic skills, social skills and the love of learning with all students.

We understand the close link between a student's school experience and self image. Our guiding philosophy is that academic achievement supports enhanced self-esteem, confidence and positive emotional maturation.

Consequently, formal learning is our primary focus. All relevant information, including the student's skills, motivation, learning styles and challenges are considered in developing an individualized educational program for each student.

### Banner Academy

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### More information

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BannerAcademy](http://BannerHealth.com/BannerAcademy)

### **Student Profile**

Students that experience academic, social and emotional challenges thrive in our small, personal, individualized and supportive environment. We can help students facing these challenges:

- Learning disabilities
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), including high-functioning autism and Asperger's syndrome
- Attention deficits (ADD and ADHD)
- Emotional disabilities
- Mood disorders
- Obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD)
- School and social phobias
- Depression and anxiety
- Pervasive Developmental Disorders-POD-NOS (not otherwise specified)

### **Facility/Staff/Curriculum**

Our classrooms contain personal computers with Internet access and the most current academic materials for individualizing instruction.

Additionally, educational and recreational activities are conducted in our science lab, auditorium and private grounds, among others.

Our instructors are certified to teach students with learning disabilities, emotional disabilities, autism spectrum disorders and, at least, one of the following content areas:

- English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Spanish and Physical Education.

### **Life/Social Skills**

Life and social skills development are an integral part of the curriculum. Classes emphasize forming healthy relationships with peers and adults and learning to read the subtle social cues necessary for everyday life. Classes are conducted in a group setting where students learn the appropriate give-and-take involved in discussing social mores, customs, rules and pragmatics.

Lessons include:

- Career exploration
- Identifying social norms in various settings
- Body language
- Social cues
- Goal setting
- Current events
- Job interview techniques
- Bullying
- Character building education
- Manners and etiquette
- Self-esteem
- Empathy for others
- Assertiveness
- Honesty
- Conflict resolution
- Handling teen pressures

### **School Calendar**

Banner Academy follows a modified public school calendar. Our hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. We also offer a summer school program and ESY (extended school year) services are available for qualifying students.