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Recognition Banquet Celebrates High School, GED, and College Graduates



GRIC High School and College graduates are honored at banquet hosted by the Tribal Education Department at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos Wild Horse Pass on June 6. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Graduates and families during the luncheon to celebrate the dedication leading to this academic milestone recognition. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes Gila River Indian News

Community members gathered to celebrate academic achievement and perseverance during a special recognition banquet hosted by the Tribal Education Department on June 6, at the Gila River

Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass.

The event brought together graduates, family members, educators, and Community leaders for a celebratory lunch recognizing the hard work and dedication that led students to this milestone.

The event opened with welcoming remarks from TED Assistant Director Lance Reyna, who congratulated graduates for

their commitment to education and encouraged them to continue pursuing their goals. Attendees enjoyed a lunch while reflecting on the accomplishments of the graduating class and the support systems that helped them along the way.

Guest speakers shared inspirational messages centered on resilience, determination, and the importance of lifelong learning. Speakers encouraged graduates to embrace new opportunities while remaining connected to their Community and using their education to create positive change.

In addition to honoring graduates, raffle prizes were awarded throughout the event, adding excitement and creating memorable moments for the attendees.

The banquet recognized students from various educational pathways, highlighting that success can be achieved through many different journeys.

The evening concluded with a final round of congratulations and a reminder that education remains a powerful tool for creating opportunities and strengthening communities.

As graduates embark on their next endeavors, the recognition banquet served as a meaningful reminder that their hard work has not gone unnoticed and that an entire community stands behind them, cheering them on toward future success.



Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone stand with Marlena Whitehair during the TED recognition banquet. Emma Hughes/GRIN



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CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE LEADERS



To the Class of 2026—your success is a reflection of your commitment, your families, and your community. Gila River Resorts & Casinos honors your milestone and applauds the bright future ahead.

Keep rising. Keep leading. Congratulations, graduates!





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Stephen Roe Lewis

Lt. Governor

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Congratulations, Class of 2026

The dedication we have witnessed from our students is a true testament to the strength and resilience of our Community. Every graduate here has faced challenges, stayed committed, dedicated and respected the principles handed down to us through centuries. What they do today not only honors those who came before them but illuminates the path for those who will come after.

Hope is at the heart of our celebration. Hope for our future, hope for our Community, and hope for the continuous progress of our students as they take their next steps.

Their success is a reminder that education is more than an individual achievement. It is an investment in the health and development of our people.

We believe that education and lifelong learning are the tool to build strong futures. Our youth continue to learn, ask questions, and grow, keeping our Community vibrant, resilient and ready for the opportunities to come.

We applaud our graduates for their commitment and urge them to chase their dreams with confidence and purpose as they embark on the next chapter of their lives, be it continuing their education, beginning new careers or returning home to serve their communities. With unity, shared responsibility and commitment to learn they will continue to do amazing things.

We send our warmest congratulations to each of our graduates and our deepest thanks to the families, educators and community members who supported them along the journey. May their journeys be fill with hope, strength, and continuing success on their adventures.



To all the graduates, be proud of how far you have come. Carry your knowledge, values, and experiences with confidence as you move forward. Remember that success is not measured only by what you achieve, but by how you uplift others along the way. A graduation is not just the end of a chapter; it is the beginning of new opportunities, new challenges, and new dreams!

So, congratulations on an incredible accomplishment. Your future is bright, and we are excited to see the difference you will make in your families, communities, and the world. Thank you to the family, friends, teachers, and mentors who supported these graduates. This is also your celebration and success. So, enjoy and be proud.

Many blessings to you all; continue to reach for the stars.

Represent your family and community proudly!

Regina Antone

Lieutenant Governor, Gila River Indian Community





The Final Preschool Promotion Was Held at Sacaton Elementary School



Rebecca Fisher is leading her preschoolers for promotion ceremony.
Jeston Morris/GRIN



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Jeston Morris
Gila River Indian News

SACATON, Ariz. — Sacaton Elementary Preschool had their final promotion for a dozen students inside the gymnasium on May 14. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings attended the special event. The preschool program officially came to an end.

Karen White, president of the school’s governing board, gave the opening remark. The Sacaton Student Council performed

the Pledge of Allegiance. The preschoolers gave a presentation. Rebecca Fisher presented promotional certificates to her students. Principal Stephanie Celis delivered the closing remark. Light refreshment was served.

“The governing board decided not to continue preschool next year. Sacaton Elementary is a National Showcase School. They will continue offering kindergarten through eighth grade. We are proud of the preschoolers for making their milestone early education achievement,” said President White.

“I am so excited for our preschool graduates. We all came together for the final preschool promotion. We are so grateful for our parents in the community who support-

ed our school throughout the year,” said Principal Celis.

“The young preschoolers started their education journey. They made significant progress throughout the school year. We are sending them off to kindergarten. They are bright and intelligent pupils who are ready for kindergarten,” said Fisher, preschool teacher.

“We’re very proud of our son. We’re excited about his promotion to kindergarten. We are very proud of his milestone academic achievement,” said Jacob Moyah, a father from district 5.

Sacaton Elementary Preschool Class of 2026

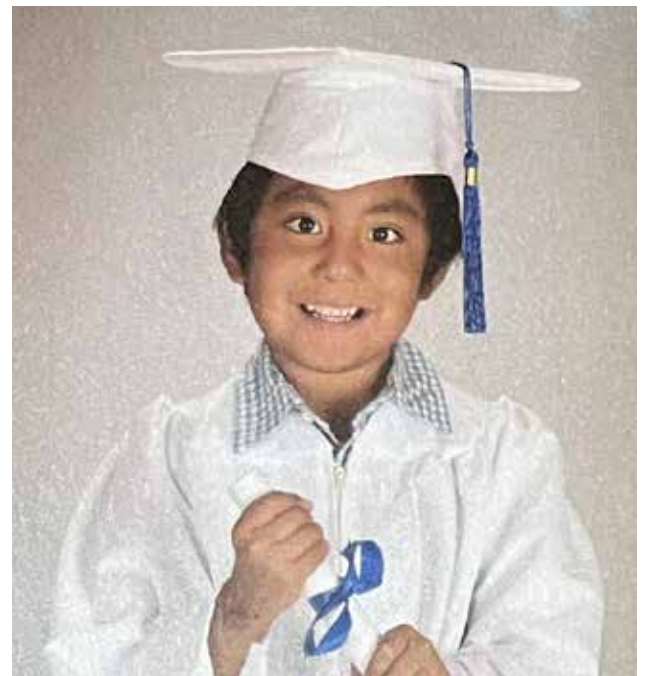
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- Charlie Garcia
- Iris Juan
- Mercedes Kisto
- Merlin Kyyitan
- Rihanna Martinez
- Lucas Moyah
- Tristan Pablo
- Nehemiah Rodriguez
- Ariya Salazar
- Arturo Salcido
- Juliam Yanez



Elim Moreno. Preschool to Kindergarten, Vah-ki Head Start.



Logan Bennett. Preschool to Kindergarten, Sacaton Head Start.



Levi Laws. Preschool to Kindergarten, Vah-ki Head Start.

“Kindergarten, here comes Logi Bear! We can’t wait to cheer you on as you start this next Bid Adventure.”
Love Mommy, Brother, Grandma, and Aunty.

Congratulations cowboy keep up the great work! We are very proud of you!



Jay R. Hoover. Preschool to kindergarten, Vah-ki Head Start

I am so proud of all the milestones you have accomplished! I’m excited for all the new things you are about to learn!!





Kindergartens Promotion Celebration at the Sacaton Elementary

Jeston Morris
Gila River Indian News

SACATON Ariz. — Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings attended the Sacaton Elementary gymnasium for the kindergarten promotion on May 18. Thirty-seven students and three teachers participated in the hour-long promotion celebration. The Sacaton Student Council performed the Pledge of Allegiance. Superintendent Robert Lewandowski gave the opening remark. The kindergarteners sang, “You are my sunshine” as part of the presentation. The teachers present-

ed promotion certificates. Principal Stephanie Celis gave the closing remark. Light refreshment was provided. The teachers and principal reflected on the kindergarten promotion. “We promoted 37 kindergartens to first grade this morning. They made tremendous growth throughout the year. Our students are reading at or above grade level, and that is something we constantly strive for. We are a National Showcase School for two consecutive school years,” said Principal Celis. “My kids have empathy and compassion. They made significant progress in every academic area throughout the school year. They are reading and writing at or above grade

level. Not only that, but they are ready for first grade,” said Brooke Hazlehurst, kindergarten teacher. “I had 18 students this year. Eight students followed me from preschool. I am an advocate for early education. Our students are on target for their academic grade level. They are ready for first grade,” said Cynthia Moreno, kindergarten teacher. “My students made progress in their writing skills throughout the school year. They can decode words as they read. They are ready for the next grade level,” said Monique Escat, ESS/kindergarten teacher.



Ready for the big stage. Kindergarteners prepare for the Pledge of Allegiance and their upcoming performance. Jeston Morris/GRIN



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| Sacaton Elementary Kindergarten Class of 2026 | Joseph Garcia |
| Ms. Hazlehurst’s class | Ms. Moreno’s class |
| Eli Benally | Clara Begay |
| Summer Diaz | Maynard Clashin |
| Eileyahna Enos | Virgil Enos |
| Aila Evans | Ares Galaz |
| Nathaniel Garcia | Dre Galaz |
| Maddison Hugo | Jessie Johnson |
| Darius James | Thomas Jose Antone |
| Valeria Jones | Ivy Juan |
| Marciella June | Ezekiel June |
| Vivian Lopez | Jeromy Kisto |
| June Ramirez | Xzenio Morris |
| Nova Vaifale | Jenny Nish |
| Grayson Valdez | Cristian Ochoa |
| Mateo Valenzuela | Ezmia Reyna |
| Ms. Escat’s class | Zariah Rodriguez |
| Nia Antone | Athena Salcido |
| Ava Baptista | Vlad White |
| Anthony Cruz | Janessa Yanez |



Ezmia Reyna. Kindergarten to First grade, Sacaton Elementary School

Congratulations Mimi! You make us very proud!



Mia Perkins. Preschool to Kindergarten, EECC.

We are very proud of you, and we can’t wait to see you grow & see you accomplish more in the future. We love you so much!
Love mom, dad, and brother.



Levi Cleveland, from Preschool to Kindergarten Gila Crossing Community School. You’ve learned your ABCs, mastered finger painting, and made lifelong friends. Be proud of everything you’ve achieved, little one! “Ayóó áníinishní Shi’Awe.” Parent: Destinee Bryant



Camila Teresa Orozco Aguilar. From Kindergarten to first grade at Gila Crossing Community School. Congrats babygirl! we are super proud of you. Keep reaching for the stars. We love you. Maritsa Aguilar



Yaay, we did it!!! Mom and daughter. Olivia Graves and Oneida Hayes, Master’s of Science in Nursing from ASU and from Kindergarten to first grade
Love you so much my girl, BFF, XXXOOxOx!!!!



Carter Moreno. 8th grade to High School, Imagine Prep Coolidge.

Congratulations Bobert Bear! I am beyond words proud of you for all the hard work and dedication you put into this last year of Middle School. You have dedicated yourself to becoming an amazing athlete and a friend to anyone who needs a hype man in their corner or a shoulder to lean on. Your family near and far send endless love, blessings, and support as you close this chapter. The marathon continues sir keep thriving, you are never alone on this journey! -XOXO your loving family near and far.



Emmy Duenez. 8th grade to High School, Casa Grande Middle School

Congratulations Emmy!! We are very proud of your promotion to high school. We have seen you grow into a very beautiful young lady. We are excited to see you continue to grow and excel as you attend high school. God bless you and keep his hand upon you these next four years.

We love you, The Duenez family.



Joseph Miguel. 8th grade to High School, Gila Crossing Community School.

Joseph, Remember you don't have to be perfect. Life is about learning and growing and doing your best. We will always be here to support you, encourage you, and believe in you. Watching you grow from a little boy into a thoughtful hard working young man has been one of the greatest joys of our lives. We are excited to see all the amazing things you do but even more than that we are grateful for who you already are.

Love, Auntie Autumn
Uncle Jr and Grandma Linda



Kenzie Hill. 8th grade to High School, Casa Grande Middle School.

Congratulations Kenzie we are all proud of you for making Honor Roll all year long and for making the President's Education Awards Program. Keep it up with volleyball. Good Luck at Union you can do it. We Believe in you and we love you, Grandma is watching over you.



Makaylynn Pablo. Sacaton Middle School 8th Grade to High School

We are very proud of Makaylynn. She worked very hard to improve her grades over the last two quarters of school. She has improved not only her academic performance but also her confidence in herself. She strives for excellence now. Makaylynn looks forward to high school and the challenges she will face, all with positive mindset. Burdette Oablo.

Kamby Boni. 8th Grade to High School, Skyline Gila River. "We're so proud of you Kam. Work hard and stay focused, these next 4 years are important. God first, always. CONGRATULATIONS Love." /NO PHOTO



Mialana Piedra. Villago Middle School 8th Grade to High School

Congratulations to my beautiful daughter, Mia, on your promotion to high school. We are so proud of the hard work, determination, and resilience you have shown. This is just the beginning of an exciting new chapter, and we know you are destined for great things.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord will be with you wherever you go. Johusa 1:9

Love, Your Family



Elias Daniel Valdez. Congrats on graduating from Betty Fairfax High School. We are proud of you and all your accomplishments. Jean Sundust



Jazlynn Rodriguez. High School, Betty Fairfax.

Jazlynn Rodriguez is the daughter of Eddie and Crystal Rodriguez. Her grandparents are Paulene Tullie, the late Lina Ray, Paul & Matilda Kelly from District 6. Since the age of 2, she has dedicated most of her time to Dance. From Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Lyrical and Break Dancing. During her senior year, she served as the Vice President of Company Dance, created multiple choreographs for her dance team, and was selected Caption of Betty H. Fairfax Girls Flag Football. Jazlynn has committed to Arizona State University to study Communications & Marketing. You make us so proud Honey - Love you! Joshua 1:9



Reyanna Makil. From Skyline AZ Compass High School. Parent Rhea Makil.



Shayla Davis. High School, Imagine Prep Coolidge.

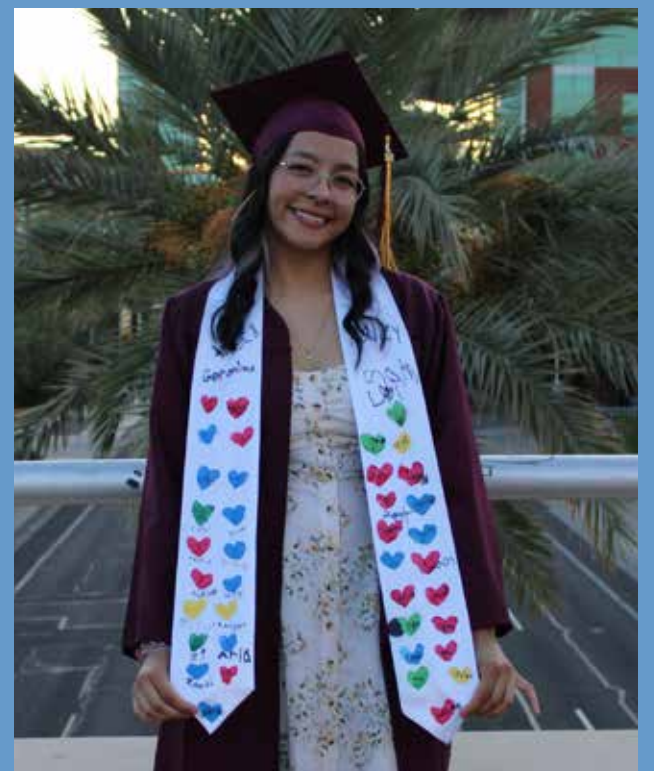
One of the greatest joys has been watching you embrace your culture and deepen your connection to your community. Through your service and leadership in the Akimel O’odham Youth Council, you have discovered a stronger sense of identity, purpose, and belonging. You have carried yourself with pride, honoring those who came before you while helping to shape a brighter future for those who will follow. As you begin this next chapter, we pray that God continues to strengthen, protect, and guide you. May you walk confidently in faith, purpose, and the values that have brought you this far. We are so proud of you!



Shiloh Rain Miles, Arizona High School.

Shiloh Rain Miles. Rain birthday gila river filling the gila river for miles future land your people congratulations brightness stellar congratulations on graduating high school and at 16 it’s stellar. I’ll always remember the day of your birth it was the most Rain I had ever seen when you were coming then when you were here is snowed it was beautiful. Now that your graduated may the gila river be filled with your Rain for the future of the land and the people

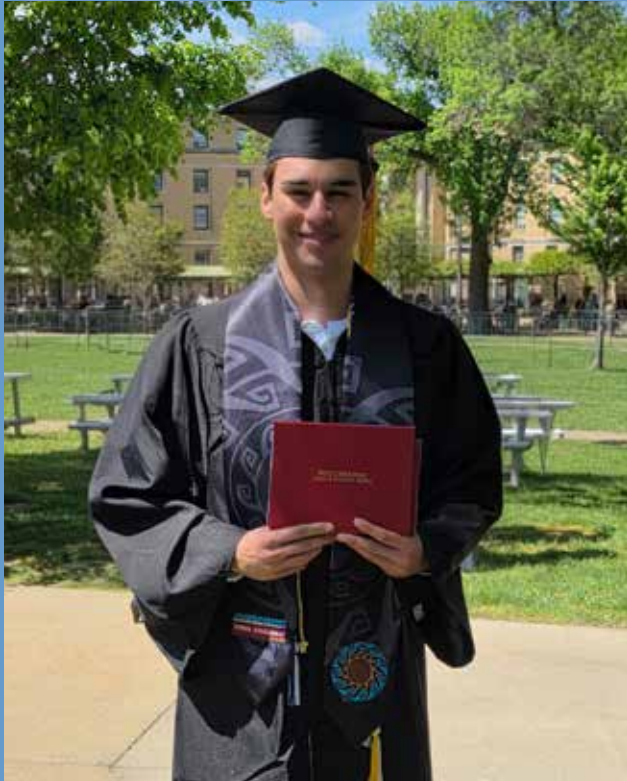
Congratulations CLASS OF 2026



Trinity Valenzuela. Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood Education. Arizona State University.

I'm proud of all your accomplishments and how far you've come. Stay true to yourself, make a positive impact, never underestimate yourself, stay kind and grateful. I know you're going to do amazing things in life. Congratulations!!!!

Love you always,
Mom.



Aaron Foot. Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Neuroscience. Coe College.

Congratulations Aaron! We are proud of your achievement and look forward to all that your future holds. Continue to work towards your goals. Determination, dedication, and hard work will take you where you want to go. Make sure to have some fun too! We're behind you all the way. We love you.

Mom, Dad, Bobox, Lulu'u, Baba'a, Jasmine, and the Giff and Foote Families.



Annalia Singhurst Bachelor of Science, Psychology. Oregon State University

Our family is extremely proud of all the hard work Annalia has done to succeed for this major accomplishment!



Arlanna Jackson. Masters, Indigneous Education. Arizona State University.

You've done it, and we are all incredibly proud of you! It was truly amazing to watch you receive your most recent achievement in higher education. Thank you for always being yourself and for sharing your immense passion for your work with everyone around you. You inspire us daily. Know that your mother is smiling down from heaven, celebrating this milestone right alongside us. We love celebrating you and everything you are.

With all our love always, from your husband, sons, daughters, and your mother looking over you from above. WLYTTDS&B, A! J5-family



**Gemini Valenzuela
Master of Science, Psychology, Arizona State University**

I want you to know how proud I am of you and all that you've accomplished. Never stop believing in yourself, always dream big, do what you love, stay humble, inspire and uplift others. I'm excited to see where your journey leads you. Congratulations!!!!

Love you always,
Mom.



Jacob Coleman. Business Economics. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Northern Arizona University NAU.



Lehua Dosele. Emergency Medical Technician, Combat Medic. US Army Medical Center of Excellence, Ft. Sam Houston

We are all so proud of you and all that you set out to accomplish! We never know what goal you have next but it always seems to be grander than the next. Our ancestors are propelling you forward and cheering you on. You are the answer to our ancestors' prayers for a better future for our Native youth! Continue on the path that you are on and know that you are paving a way for the youth that follow in your footsteps! We know that you will continue to shine brightly! Congratulations Private First Class Dosele!

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BOARD ADOPTION OF **FOUR-DAY CALENDAR** FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



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2026**



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AFTER REVIEWING SEVERAL CALENDARS, CONDUCTING A COMMUNITY-WIDE SURVEY, AND HOLDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS, THE BOARD HAS CHOSEN A FOUR-DAY CALENDAR BASED ON MAJORITY SUPPORT FROM PARENTS, STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.



WHY FOUR DAYS?

- Strong community support
- Improved student and staff well-being
- Increased educator recruitment and retention
- Operational efficiencies and cost savings
- Positive results in many rural and reservation-serving districts

SCHOOL DAY

**ELEMENTARY
(K-5)**

8:00 AM – 3:15 PM

Students arrive 15 minutes earlier and depart 15 minutes later

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
(6-8)**

8:30 AM – 3:45 PM

Students arrive 15 minutes earlier and depart 15 minutes later



DUAL BUS SYSTEM

Elementary (K-5) and Middle School (6-8) students ride separate buses. Students do not ride together.



**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
JULY 27, 2026**



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SESD #18 2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (FOUR DAY)

Month	Days	Notes
July	4th - Independence Day 14th-16th - New Teacher Orientation 20st - Returning Teachers Begin 23rd - Meet the Teacher 27th - First Day of School	
August		
September	7th - Labor Day NO SCHOOL 11th - GRIC Teacher Inservice NO SCHOOL 18th - Native American Day NO SCHOOL	
October	1st - End of 1st Quarter - EARLY OUT 5th-9th - Fall Break NO SCHOOL 12th - Indigenous Day 13th - First Day of School 2nd Quarter 15th - 16th Parent/Teacher Conference EARLY OUT	1st 39
November	11th - Veterans Day NO SCHOOL 20th - Teacher Inservice NO SCHOOL 25th-27th - Thanksgiving Break	
December	10th - Water Rights Day NO SCHOOL 17th End of 2nd Quarter 21st-31st - Winter Break NO SCHOOL 25th - Christmas	2nd 37
January	1st - New Year's Day NO SCHOOL 4th - First Day of 3rd Quarter 8th - Teacher Inservice NO SCHOOL 18th - Civil Rights Day NO SCHOOL	
February	15th - Presidents Day NO SCHOOL	
March	11th - End of 3rd Quarter 15th - 19th - Spring Break NO SCHOOL 22nd - First Day of 4th Quarter 23rd - 24th Parent Teachers Conference EARLY OUT 23rd - First Day of 4th Quarter 26th - Spring Holiday NO SCHOOL	3rd 40
April	9th - Teacher Inservice NO SCHOOL	
May	20th - Last Day of School EARLY OUT 21st - Teacher Check Out 31st - Memorial Day June 19th - Juneteenth Day	4th 36
June		
TOTAL FULL DAYS		147
TOTAL PART DAYS		5
TOTAL SCHOOL DAYS		152
TOTAL INSERVICE DAYS (Returning Teachers)		9
TOTAL INSERVICE DAYS (New Teachers)		3
TOTAL FRIDAY WORKDAYS		11
TOTAL RETURNING STAFF		172
TOTAL NEW STAFF		175



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2026-27



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SPECIAL DATES

All Teacher In-Service	Jul 8-Jul 15 & Jan 4
All Staff Return	July 13
First Day of School	July 16
40th Day of School	Septemebr 10
GRIC In-service (No Sch)	September 11
BWCS Feast Day	November 25
100th Day of School	January 11
Promotion Day	May 19
Last Day of School	May 21
Summer School	June 1 -June 24

INTERSESSION WEEKS

SCHOOL BREAKS

Fall Break	October 5-16
Winter Break	Dec 21-Jan 1
Spring Break	March 8-19

ACADEMIC QUARTERS

1st Quarter (54 days)	July 16-October 2
2nd Quarter (41 days)	Oct 19-Dec 18
3rd Quarter (42 days)	January 5-March 5
4th Quarter (43 days)	March 22-May 21

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

October 1-2	Early Release @
March 4-5	1:00 PM

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HOLIDAYS

Independence Day	July 3
Labor Day	September 7
Native American Day	September 18
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 26-27
GRIC Water Rights Day	December 10
Christmas Day	December 25
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	January 18
Presidents Day	February 15
Easter Break	March 26-29
Memorial Day	May 31
Juneteenth	June 18

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Congratulations CLASS OF 2026

- Dorian Richards, Antelope Valley College Associates Business Administration
- Kaylynn Quihius, Arizona College Of Allied Health Glendale, Diploma, Medical Billing And Coding
- Angel Miguel Riley, Arizona Culinary Institute Diploma, Culinary Arts, Baking, And Restaurant Mgmt.
- Brianna Enos, Arizona Culinary Institute, Diploma Culinary Arts, Baking, Restaurant Mgmt.
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- Sonny Mallet, Arizona State University, Bachelor's
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- Tevin McCandless, Arizona State University, Bachelor's Anthropology
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- Gemini Valenzuela, Arizona State University, Master's Psychology
- Kiohud Sanderson, Arizona State University, Master's Emergency Management & Homeland Security
- Kristine Bucio, Arizona State University, Master's English
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- Marliisa Morris, Arizona State University, Master's
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- Patrick White, Arizona State University, Master's Legal Studies
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- Mariah Rios, Aveda Institute, Certificate Esthiology
- Jenna Charles, Aveda Institute, Certificate Cosmetology
- Angelina Madril, AZ College Of Allied Health, Diploma Medical Assisting W/Phlebotomy
- Demari Makil, AZ College Of Allied Health, Diploma Medical Assisting W/Phlebotomy
- Xavier Villicanna, Boise State University, Bachelors Business Administration
- Amanda Cordona, Carrington College, Associates Associates Health Studies
- Cienna Pino, Carrington College, Associates Associates Health Studies
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- Deisha Medina, Carrington College, Certificate Dental Assisting
- Desirae Cook, Carrington College, Certificate Cert. Pharmacy Technician
- Destiny Mercado, Carrington College, Certificate Certificate Dental Assisting
- Norah Brooks, Carrington College, Certificate Medical Assisting
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- Derrith Lewis, Grand Canyon University, Bachelor's Business Administration
- Lenora Mora, Grand Canyon University, Bachelor's Business Administration
- Danelle Emerson, Grand Canyon University, Master's Divinity
- Manuela Johnson, Grand Canyon University, Master's Health Administration
- Ruthie Ringlero-Angel, Grand Canyon University, Master's Communication Emph. Education
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- Kaleb Coleman, Northern Arizona University Bachelor's Computer Engineering
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- Erin Blackwater, University Of Arizona, Bachelor's American Indian Studies And Criminal Justice Studies
- Giavanna Galvan, University Of Arizona, Bachelor's Family Studies And Human Development
- Salvador De Luca, University Of Arizona, Bachelor's Law
- Tyler Luevano, University Of Arizona, Bachelor's Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Veronica Lumm, University Of Arizona, Bachelor's Organizational Leadership
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- Josiah Autaubo, University Of Oklahoma, Bachelor's Construction Science
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- Santana Deanda, University Of Rochester, Master's Business Administration
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- Joseph Young, University Of Southern California, Master's Business Administration
- Michelle Osife, University Of Southern California, Master's Public Relations, Innovation, Strategy, & Management
- Aiden Hernandez, University Of Texas - El Paso, Bachelor's Computer Science
- Clarinda Sellers, University Of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Bachelors Of Psychology
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