2022-2023

Application for Enrollment

Phoenix Coding Academy
4445 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85012
602.764.5700

“Preparing every student for success in College, Career and Life”
**School Overview**

We are a learning community engaging student in computer science pathways and innovative academic experiences that empower them to make confident decisions about their life’s journey.

Inquiry design and project-based learning provide the instructional framework while computer science and integrated academic courses offer a dynamic, student-centered learning experience.

Community and industry partnerships will facilitate guest instructors, workshops, field trips, job-shadowing, mentors, and internships. Our CTE Pathways in Software Development and Networking & Cybersecurity, and provide select industry certification and prepare the students for success in college, career and life.

**Letter from the Principal**

Dear Prospective Students,

Thank you for your interest in applying for enrollment at one of the most innovative schools in the country, Phoenix Coding Academy (PCA). Admissions to Phoenix Coding Academy may be competitive. We expect to receive more applications than the number of available spaces. As a result, we ask that students carefully consider whether PCA will be the right school for them. Students that thrive in PCA’s inquiry-based, high-tech environment tend to be those who:

- want to be an active participant in their education
- have a strong interest in a technology career
- want to become creators, innovators, and problem-solvers
- will embrace the diversity within the local and global community
- are innovative, flexible, and forward-thinking
- are able to work independently and with small teams
- are open-minded to taking on new challenges
- are at, near, or above grade level for reading
- are ready for high school algebra

If many or all of the above describe you, then Phoenix Coding Academy may be the school for you.

**2022–2023 Openings:** Phoenix Coding Academy anticipates having approximately 100 spots available for 9th grade students for the 2022-2023 school year. Availability for transfer students in grades 10-12 will depend upon current enrollment numbers.

In this packet, you will find more information about Phoenix Coding Academy, the application process, and timelines. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 602-764-5700. Please visit PCA’s website at [www.pxu.org/coding](http://www.pxu.org/coding) for more information about our school.

Sincerely,

Seth Beute
Principal: Phoenix Coding Academy
Application Checklist

IMPORTANT NOTE: Student interviews will not be scheduled until a complete Application Packet has been received.

The following documents must be submitted to Phoenix Coding Academy at the time your application is submitted (documents may be submitted by the sending school or the parent):

___ Current transcripts/report cards
___ AZ Merit Results (6th and 7th grade; 8th grade for transfer students)
___ Attendance Records

The following documents must also be submitted by the application deadline:

___ Completed PXU Open Enrollment form
___ Completed PXU Student Enrollment Form
___ Signed Parent and Student Agreements

To enroll online or print PXU enrollment documents: www.pxu.org/coding

Submission of Application Documents:

Email: Completed Application Packets may be submitted online via email to: pca@phoenixunion.org. If submitted via email, please be sure you receive an email confirmation of receipt.

Mail or Hand Delivery: Completed Application Packets may be mailed or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope to: Phoenix Coding Academy, 4445 N. Central Ave., Phoenix AZ 85012. Please be sure to obtain a receipt when you hand-deliver your Application Packet. Hand-delivered Application Packets must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 29, 2021 for priority application status.

We recommend that you maintain a copy of all application documents submitted to Coding Academy.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Phoenix Union High School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or immigration status in admission and access to its programs, services, activities, or in any aspect of their operations and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The lack of English language skills shall not be a barrier to admission or participation in the District’s activities and programs.

PUHSD seeks to ensure that students and their parents/legal guardians have equal access to its programs. Students or parents/legal guardians requiring special assistance to complete the open enrollment application or enrollment process (e.g. language assistance, assistance due to a disability) are invited to contact the ESS Department at (602) 764-1025 or salguero@phoenixunion.org. Please provide reasonable advance notice of your needs whenever possible.
Student Interviews, Work Sample & Essay

The following items will be done in person, by phone, or live virtual meeting and not required with the initial application:

- **Interview**: The student will be asked to participate in a short conversational interview with PCA staff (e.g. teachers, counselors, the Principal or other staff).

- **Student work sample**: The student will bring a sample of something created to share with the interview team. The work sample may be related to a subject of the student’s choosing from school or personal interest. Examples include, but are not limited to: A drawing, poem, software program, webpage, school project, video, song or music, writing sample.

- **Essay**: The student will be asked to type one essay of 500 words or less after being provide with a prompt. Adult assistance will not be permitted (other than any language or disability related accommodations that may be required by law).

Application Timelines

**Nov. 6, 2021 – January 21, 2022**

Priority Application Window

All applications received by Jan. 21, 2022 will be given priority status. Student interviews will be scheduled for students who submitted a complete application packet by January 21, 2022.

**By Feb. 18, 2022**

Notification of priority application status mailed to students

Students will be notified of their application status by mail. Students will be notified of acceptance, placement on the wait list, or non-acceptance.

**Please note**: Coding Academy will continue to accept applications and schedule interviews until enrollment capacity has been reached. If there are more qualified applicants than spaces available, a lottery will be used to select students for enrollment. After a lottery, a wait list will be maintained for qualified applicants in the event that openings in enrollment occur. A lottery will again be used to fill any new openings.

**May 2022**

Coding Academy New Student Open House (In person and/or live stream)

**July 2022**

New Student Orientation at school
Parent and Student Agreements

Parent/Guardian Application Agreement

I understand that parent/adult support is critical to the academic success of students. I also understand that the Phoenix Coding Academy curriculum will require regular use of a student-assigned laptop computer and Internet access.

I agree to partner with Phoenix Coding Academy staff in the education of my child and further to support academic interventions if they become necessary.

My signature below indicates that all of the information in the Phoenix Coding Academy Application Packet that I provided is complete and true. I understand that providing false information may result in denial or revocation of admission.

I have read the above information and I understand the application process for Phoenix Coding Academy.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________

Parent/Guardian (Print): ____________________________________________

Parent email: _______________________________________________________

Preferred contact method: phone ___ text ___ email ___

Student Application Agreement

I would like to attend Phoenix Coding Academy and understand that if I am selected to attend, I must put forth my best effort every day and will comply with the PXU Student Handbook.

My signature below indicates that all of the information in the Phoenix Coding Academy Application Packet that I provided is complete and true. I understand that providing false information may result in denial or revocation of admission.

I have read the above information and I understand the application process for Phoenix Coding Academy.

Applicant’s Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ________________

Student (Print): ____________________________________________