Welcome to PXU City! We are a new, all-independent study high school. The city is your classroom and so is your local community and even your home. You will have the ability to take classes in schools throughout our District. Maybe you will start your day taking Culinary Arts at Metro Tech High School, play golf at Central High School, work a lunch shift at a local restaurant, or do an internship with the local business mid-day, and complete the rest of your courses online through PXU Digital. You might be at home, at the library with a small study group, and/or at a locally owned coffee shop with a classmate.

PXU City empowers students to design their own learning experience. We have a dedicated counselor who will assist you in customizing a class schedule that meets your individual needs. Flexibility is key. For example, you are interested in engineering. Your schedule might include a class at Camelback for engineering, and then you travel to your home school for your core classes.

In this packet, you will find more information about PXU City and the application process, including timelines for submitting the needed documents. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at (602) 764-1004. Please visit PXU City’s website at PXU.org/PXUCity for more information about PXU City.

Students with the following characteristics may be interested and thrive at PXU City.

- Interest in a flexible schedule
- Able to work independently and with small teams
- Able to confidently navigate going to multiple locations, as desired
- Desire to be an active participant in their education
- Interest in exploring internship opportunities
- Desire to learn about and experience our city
- Interest in having classes or experiences in a career field

PXU City will accept applications for juniors and seniors for the 2022-23 school year. For the 2023-24 school year, and thereafter, we will expand to include additional grade levels.

Sincerely,

Leah McKiernan
Principal
“Preparing every student for success in College, Career and Life”

Application Checklist

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please make sure to complete the entire application packet.

The following documents must be submitted to PXU City at the time your application is submitted (the sending school and/or the parent may submit documents):

1. Completed PXU Student Enrollment Form
2. Completed PXU Open Enrollment Form
3. Completed handwritten essay
4. Signed Parent and Student Agreement

Submission of Application Documents

To enroll online or print PXU enrollment documents or visit the website at PXU.org/PXUCity. Submission of this application does not guarantee enrollment.

Email: Completed Application Packets may be submitted online via email to: pxucity@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: PXU City, 4502 N. Central Ave., Phoenix AZ 85012. Please be sure to obtain a receipt when you hand-deliver your Application Packet. Hand-delivered Application Packets may be dropped off to the second floor receptionist.

We recommend that you maintain a copy of all application documents submitted to PXU City.

Application Timelines

- PXU City will accept applications and schedule interviews until enrollment capacity is reached.
- Interviews will be conducted on a rolling admissions/acceptance basis.
- Parent/student orientations and student course selection will begin in March.
- Other requirements and deadlines are outlined in the application and on the PXU City website.
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.

PXU 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 Interview and Essay

The interview will take place in person. The essay is required with the initial application.

- **Interview.** The student will participate in a short conversational interview with PXU City staff (e.g. teachers, counselors, the Principal and/or other staff).

  **Interview Questions:**
  1. Why would you like to attend PXU City?
  2. What are your career and/or college goals?
  3. Explain how you would navigate a non-traditional schedule with varying times and where you may be participating in classes at multiple locations.
  4. What information would you like us to know about you (e.g. work, sports, club, and life experience)?

- **Essay.** The student will submit a completed essay prior to the scheduled interview. See next page for instructions.
Application Requirement: Essay

Student Name: (please print) _______________________________________________________

Directions:

A response to all prompts is required. Each prompt needs to be answered in a well-developed paragraph (one paragraph per prompt; three paragraphs total).

Please clearly communicate your message using appropriate sentence structure, punctuation, and vocabulary. Be sure to write legibly, if you hand-write the essay. You may use a dictionary/thesaurus. If additional paper is needed, please attach to the original.

Use the space provided below to answer the following writing prompts.

Prompts:

I.  What interests you about PXU City and why?
II.  What do you consider a strength of yours and why?
III.  What do you see yourself doing in five years?

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Parent and Student Agreement

Parent/Guardian Application Agreement
I understand that parent/adult support is critical to the academic success of students. I also understand that the PXU City’s format and flexibility will require consistent communication with school staff.

I understand PXU City’s format and flexibility will require, at times, for students to travel from one location to a different one during the school day to access a variety of learning experiences.

I agree to collaborate with PXU City staff in the education of my child and further to support academic interventions if they become necessary.

Due to the uniqueness of PXU City High School, and the likelihood that your child will travel to more than one location during the day/week it is important that parents establish a transportation plan for their child with the school staff.

My signature below indicates that all of the information in the PXU City Application Packet that I provided is complete and true.

I have read the above information and I understand the application process for PXU City.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________________

Parent/Guardian (Print): __________________________________________________________

Parent email: ____________________________Parent phone: ____________________________

Preferred contact method: phone ___ text ___ email ___

Student Application Agreement
I would like to attend PXU City 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 PXU City Application Packet that I provided is complete and true.

I have read the above information and I understand the application process for PXU City.

Applicant’s Signature:

_________________________________________ Date: ____________________________

Student (Print): _______________________________________________________________