

2023-2024

Application for Enrollment



Phoenix Union Gifted and Talented Academy

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Phoenix, AZ 85033

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"Preparing every student for success in College, Career and Life"

School Overview

The Gifted & Talented Academy offers its scholars an opportunity to excel academically and grow holistically. Academy accelerated course work provides students with opportunities for dual-enrollment, Advanced Placement, and technology-based courses. Student learning is enhanced via interdisciplinary connections through Project-Based Learning (PBL) and Learning Connection Days (LCD). Social emotional learning is integral part of the curriculum for holistic development of the gifted learners.

The Gifted & Talented teachers facilitate students' learning and support whole child development. Students are encouraged to participate in sports, arts, and clubs on the Maryvale campus. The Gifted & Talented (G & T) Academy imparts an education that is personalized, providing students with an opportunity to be inspired and empowered.

2023-2024 Openings: The G & T Academy will have approximately 50 available spots for 9th grade students for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, please visit our school website: <https://www.pxu.org/gandt>

Growing Hearts, Growing Mind

Global Mindset • Conscious Constructivist • Ethic of Care • Self-empowerment

Letter from the Principal and Academy Director

Dear Prospective Students,

Thank you for your interest in the **G & T Academy**. As part of Phoenix Union High School District (PXU) commitment to bring quality education for the gifted learners, we recognize a need to provide students with a multi-dimensional education that prepares them for the 21st century era. The creation of the **G & T Academy** is a step forward in fulfilling that commitment to our students and community.

We expect to receive more applications than the number of available spaces. Therefore, we use an application and interview process for decisions in selecting the students who show the potential to achieve success in the Academy. Typical qualities of a **G & T Academy** candidate include the following:

- A score of the 97th Percentile or above on any gifted test approved by the State of Arizona.
- A self-motivated, creative & critical thinker
- A willingness to learn and grow
- An ability to connect with care to themselves and others
- Motivation to be an agent of change to make the world a better place

You are invited to apply to attend the **G & T Academy** if you think it may be a good fit for you. Be advised to turn in the complete application to Maryvale High school front office receptionist – America Miranda -APR Office Assistant. If the Application Packet is complete, she will schedule an interview for you with the interview Committee (comprised of Academy teachers and admin).

Timelines to apply are included in this application packet. If you have any additional questions, reach out to us via email – rsingh@phoenixunion.org or call Ms. America Miranda in the front office 602-764-2006. Best wishes!

Sincerely,

John Doherty, M.Ed
Principal of Maryvale High School

Renu Singh, Ed.D
Gifted & Talented Academy Director
Website: <https://www.pxu.org/gandt>

Application Checklist

Student interviews will not be scheduled until a complete application packet has been received.

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

- ___ Middle School or Junior High Report Cards (7th and 8th grades)
- ___ State Assessment Results (Most Recent)
- ___ Gifted Identification Test Result

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

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

To enroll online or print PXU enrollment documents: <https://www.pxu.org/enrollment>

Submission of Application Packets

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

Hand-Delivery or Mail: Alternatively, you may hand-deliver or mail the completed Application Packet in a sealed envelope to: Maryvale High School, Attn: The Gifted & Talented Academy, 3415 N. 59th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85033. Please be sure to obtain a receipt when you hand-deliver your Application Packet. Hand-delivered Application Packets must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on January 27th, 2023, to be given priority status.

We recommend that you maintain a copy of all application documents submitted to the G & T 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.

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. Please provide reasonable advance notice of your needs whenever possible.

Application Requirements

The following items will be accomplished at the time of the student interview:

Interview: The student will be asked to participate in a brief “get to know you” conversation with staff.

Activities: The student will be asked to participate in a few simple activities. One activity will be expression through words, and another will be through drawing.

Application Timelines

Early Decision Application

November 6th, 2022

Application Window opens at Phoenix Union HSD Expo

By January 27th, 2023

Completed Application Packets received by Jan 27th will be given priority status.

**Nov. 19th, 2022; Dec 3rd, 2022,
Dec 10th, 2022; Jan 28th, 2023**

Applicant Interviews are scheduled on Saturdays

By January 30th, 2023

Notification of application status

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

Regular Application

By April 21st, 2023

Completed Application Packets are due

**Feb 25th, 2023; March 4th, 2023
March 25th, 2023; April 15th, 2023;
April 22nd, 2023; May 6th, 2023**

Applicant Interviews are scheduled on Saturdays

By May 10th, 2023

Notification of application status

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: The G & T 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.

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 G & T Academy curriculum will require regular use of a student-assigned laptop computer and Internet access.

I agree to partner with G & T 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 G & T 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 the G & T Academy.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian (Print): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address:

Student Application Agreement

I would like to attend the G & T 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 G & T 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 the G & T Academy.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student (Print): _____