

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Canyon State Academy inspires learning, growth, and positive change for at-risk and disadvantaged young men between the ages of 4 and 17. Our nurturing, strengths-based residential programming sets high expectations in a safe and trauma-responsive environment, serving male youth who present with histories of delinquent behaviors, trauma and neglect, mild mental and emotional health issues, and special education needs.

Program features include:

- Individualized services delivered using a strengths-based, youth-centered approach
- Sprawling 178-acre campus featuring on-property living units, accredited voucher school, state-of-the-art vocational training centers, library, ranch, chapel, and modern athletic facilities (including a gymnasium, pool, and multiple athletic fields)
- Opportunities for learning, growth and development through educational, vocational, athletic and community service programming
- On-site Career and Technical Education program with additional offerings provided through East Valley Institute of Technology
- Highly trained, experienced, and culturally relevant staff who foster a supportive and nurturing environment, acting as role models
- Title IV-E Facility serving Child Protective Services, Social Services, Juvenile Justice and Probation agencies



Canyon State Academy provides services to male youth who have been placed in difficult circumstances, helping them develop skills and embrace opportunities as they forge a fulfilling life for themselves. Utilizing evidence-based practices and a cognitive behavioral approach, our program is guided by our belief in the inherent strength and resilience of each youth.

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CANYON STATE ACADEMY



IMPROVING THE LIVES OF YOUTH



POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT

At Canyon State Academy, youth are provided with opportunities to participate in various positive youth development activities, including sanctioned high school sports, club and intramural sports, vocational training, and service learning activities.

CSA participates in Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) sanctioned sports, including football, basketball, track and field, wrestling, cross country, baseball, soccer, and swim and dive interscholastic competition.

Junior sports teams are also offered for flag football, basketball, and Little League baseball.

Rewarding on-site Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are available in fields such as barbering, 4-H, lifeguarding, pool maintenance, equine science, culinary arts, and agriculture business.

CSA youth may also participate in Community Service projects.

EDUCATION SERVICES

Canyon State Academy's accredited on-site school operates year-round with open enrollment. Our education services are designed to meet the individual needs of each student. Students attend classes in modern school facilities, furnished with up-to-date learning aids and technology. Other school features include:

- Accreditation through Cognia (formerly AdvancED)
- Approved Voucher School through the Arizona Department of Education
- Services ranging from basic skills remediation to a full high school curriculum and diploma
- GED preparation services
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) college preparatory program
- Special Education Department with full-time credentialed secondary Special Education teachers
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) assessment and placement
- The Educationally Placed Integrated Care (EPIC) program at CSA offers educational and residential placements for students from California and Illinois who are in need of alternative educational and residential options.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Family and community engagement is vital to youth success. We work to repair, rebuild, and enhance the bonds between youth, their loved ones, and their peers. We achieve this by engaging each youth's parents, guardians, coaches, and mentors in collaborative treatment planning, with the goal of family reunification (when appropriate). We achieve this through:

- On-site weekend visitations and home passes
- Family Therapy
- On-site parenting classes utilizing the Active Parenting curriculum
- Parent Aide and Family Reunification programming



TREATMENT SERVICES

Qualified professionals provide treatment and clinical services based on individual needs, using a trauma-informed lens and evidence-based practices. Treatment services include:

- Comprehensive Assessments
- Crisis Intervention Services
- Specialized Treatment Services
- Family Preservation/ Reunification Services
- Family Therapy
- Drug and Alcohol Counseling
- I-DECIDE
- Seeking Safety
- Thinking for a Change (T4C)
- Aim For Change
- Psychological and Psychiatric Interventions (when necessary)
- Positive Skill Development (PSD) Training Groups
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)
- UC (University of Cincinnati) Substance Abuse