

Universal StarShine Academy Schools

Pathways to success

Every student's educational path is unique and special. It will be filled with choices, experiences, and many challenges along the way. Within our Pathways to success programs we aim to teach your student how to handle every twist and turn of his or her educational journey. Our goal is to provide programs that put each and every student on his or her pathway to success.



Designed to fit each and every student's individual needs, our programs help your student excel throughout his or her academic career at USA SCHOOLS and beyond. Choose which program is right for your student.

USA Schools is specifically focused on the needs of high schools students to gain momentum toward their successful lives. StarShine began in 2002 as a K-12 charter school focused on the success of each individual student and their specific talents and goals. Always working with international students in several countries and refugee students gives StarShine a unique perspective to learn about high school students and their parents' hopes, fears and future opportunities.



USA SCHOOLS and All StarShine Academy

Schools are accredited by AdvancED International, acknowledging the best learning systems in the world.

StarShine has always had a strong relationship with many colleges and universities, particularly Arizona State University because of ASU's strong determination toward innovation and transformation. StarShine maintains offices at ASU SkySong Innovation Center <http://sqi.us> and StarShine founder Trish McCarty is an ASU Lincoln Center Fellow and serves on advisory committees for ASU. Currently colleges and their students throughout the world are struggling as students enter college unprepared. USA SCHOOLS, Universal StarShine Academy Schools is mending this gap by engaging international high school students in their determination to prepare and exceed their own vision for success in high school, college and ready to work in a field they prepare for. Too many college graduates are not ready to work and cannot find jobs because they did not have the proper training.

According to CollegeAtlas.org:

Statistics of a College Dropout

- A college education has more return on investment for a graduate in the United States than any other nation
- More than 75% of students required to take remedial classes never graduate
- 70% of Americans will study at a 4-year college, but less than 2/3 will graduate
- 30% of college and university students drop out after their first year
- 60% of college dropouts had no help from parents in paying for tuition
- A high school graduate earns 84% less than a typical graduate from a four-year college
- Being Unable to balance school, jobs and family is one of the top reasons for dropping out
- 40% of college dropouts have parents with nothing beyond a high school diploma
- 50% of college dropouts have incomes lower than \$35,000
- Those without a college degree are twice as likely to be unemployed as those with one
- A college degree is worth \$365,000 for the average American man after you subtract all the direct and indirect costs over a lifetime
- A college degree is worth \$185,000 for the average American woman

Lightening: LTN Learning Trajectory Navigator

Here are programs and services that support USA SCHOOLS in providing high-quality education for all students.

Residential Students' Lives

RSL offers assistance and classes to residential students and families to insure success in living away from home.

College Quest

Students spend one to eight weeks or longer on a college or university campus, arts institution or outdoor leadership program.

Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurism

Every student, no matter what their future holds, must understand financial literacy and how business works. Students are better prepared for their own future whether establishing their own business or negotiating their own salary in a large company.

Tutoring

After school tutoring programs provide students with a place to get extra help on homework assignments outside of the classroom using college and high school interns and business mentors.

Virtual Learning

USA SCHOOLS offers online credit recovery and credit acceleration opportunities for students.

Youth Engaged in Schools (YES) Scholars

Learn more about this free transition program that supports incoming 9th grade students.

Pathways to Success provides students with enhanced academic and career high school options including...

- ✓ Flexible schedules
- ✓ Expanded classes in specialty courses such as engineering, game design, nursing, culinary

- ✓ Community connections with other students, staff, other high schools, colleges and businesses
- ✓ Dual enrollment with Maricopa Community Colleges, Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University and others.
- ✓ Credit recovery and English as a Second Language ESL.
- ✓ Integrated technology, internships, project-based learning and much more.

USA SCHOOLS bridges Creative Campus environments for students needing or preferring a smaller, intimate academic environment that may be unavailable at larger, high schools. Through multiple pathways and flexible learning opportunities students can meet graduation requirements while earning college credits from an American university.

Being prepared to change, grow, and learn anything while enjoying the process is a direct outcome of graduating with a certificate from USA Schools, Universal StarShine Academy Schools.

- A Pathway is a **sequence of courses** within your area of interest.
- A Pathway will **connect your career interests** from high school to college and/or career.
- A Pathway is your **educational road map** guiding you to the high school courses and post-secondary options most relevant to your chosen career destination.
- A Pathway will help you acquire the depth of knowledge and skill linked with specific post-secondary programs that will lead to a **certificate or degree and/or career**.
- **You choose**, you decide what Pathway is right for you.

**STARSHINE USA SCHOOLS... CTE Pathways:
Connecting High School to College and Career**



Career and Technical Education Pathways in cooperation with the Utah Department of Education and Arizona CTE to deliver relevant and rigorous academic and technical experiences in:

- [Agriculture](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Family and Consumer Sciences](#)
- [Health Science](#)
- [Information Technology](#)
- [Marketing](#)
- [Skilled and Technical Sciences](#)
- [Technology and Engineering](#)

CTE will prepare you for more than a good paying job. It's the beginning of a career path. Most jobs today require post-secondary, advanced technical training. CTE meets that need



Health Care and Social Assistance



Construction



Manufacturing



Trucking



Bookkeeping, Accounting and Auditing

VOCATIONAL SKILLS

in High Demand Today



Veterinary Technology



Food Services



Computer Support



Dental Care



Hair Styling and Cosmetology



Auto Servicing