



SYCAMORE CANYON ACADEMY



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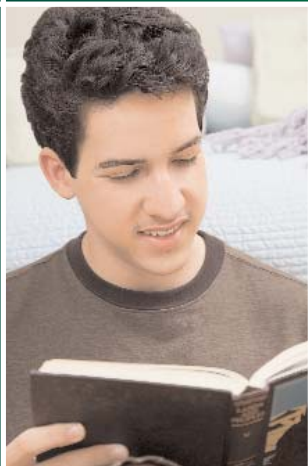


*Providing opportunities and
services to change the
direction of young lives*

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improving the lives of struggling adolescents



Sycamore Canyon Academy provides a structured and nurturing environment that helps each student realize his potential. Each student's success is supported by staff in each activity and interaction. We believe in the capabilities, dignity and self-worth of each and every student.

Our short-term program was created for boys who are underperforming in their personal and academic life and who may exhibit the following characteristics:

- Behavioral problems at school
- Negatively influenced by peers
- Arguing frequently with parents/caregivers
- Poor interaction with family
- Displaying manipulative behaviors
- Showing lack of focus and direction
- Poor self-esteem
- Experimenting/using drugs and/or alcohol

Academy Features. Sycamore Canyon Academy is a cognitive academy model program that provides youth with rich and engaging programs and gives them the skills they need to succeed during and after graduating.

- Open enrollment, admitting students throughout the year
- School accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- Licensed by the State of Arizona
- 24-hour supervision
- Individual assessment by licensed professionals
- Individual Treatment Plans with family involvement
- Daily cognitive behavioral therapy activities conducted by trained staff and overseen by licensed therapists
- Innovative vocational and conservation programs
- Community service activities with learning objectives
- Recreational activities and cultural events
- Family involvement with parent visits and home visits

Education. Education is a cornerstone of the Sycamore Canyon Academy program. Academics are delivered through a combination of:

- Traditional classroom education in English, History, Science and Mathematics by licensed teachers.
- Blueprint Education, an accredited long-distance learning program that involves students in self-paced internet and technology based lessons.
- Outdoor experiential education with an ecology curriculum focusing on the local Sonoran Desert environment and culture.



The intensive nature of the education program makes it possible for students to earn up to seven (7) high school units during their program. Through individualized academic instruction, basic skills are reinforced and improved through thematic lessons.

Therapeutic Services. The services provided at Sycamore Canyon Academy will be guided by an assessment process which includes inventories, interviews of the student and family and a review of any school and personal records.

Sycamore Canyon Academy utilizes cognitive behavioral therapy as its therapeutic approach to changing troubled behavior. The student's daily schedule emphasizes activities which include group meetings, campus norms and positive peer culture.

Students participate in drug and alcohol education through guided group meetings and cognitive-based curriculum including Pathways and Aggression Replacement Training. Sycamore Canyon Academy also teaches youth social skills like anger management and provides moral and ethical training.

These sessions help students resolve problem situations, develop concern for others and understand personal rights and responsibilities.

Stewardship and Community. The program supports community service and involvement philosophy through its collaboration with:

- Santa Catalina Mountain District
- Oracle Park Service
- Arizona Trail Association
- Local Fire Departments

Each student will organize a community service project during their program stay. Learning to care about one's local community and volunteering helps to build leadership and responsibility in each student.

Family Involvement. Family involvement is important to each student's success in the program. We work to repair, rebuild and enhance communication between the student, his family and his community.

Sycamore Canyon Academy encourages family participation throughout the process of treatment planning with on-site weekend visitation, telephone calls, parenting workshops/classes and home visits during the transition phase.

At Sycamore Canyon Academy, our commitment is to facilitate our students' development and assist them in realizing their potential.