

KINDERGARTEN

SAHUARITA DIGITAL PATHWAYS ACADEMY



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Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy is the Sahuarita Unified School District's fully-online K-12 school. Founded in 2020 as an expansion of the Sahuarita Online Program, SDPA grew to serve our community during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Students and teachers quickly adapted to this new way of learning and many found that they truly enjoyed the flexibility, fun, and family-oriented feel that Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy's kindergarten program has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming a new class of kindergarten students to SDPA this coming fall.

COMING TO KINDER

For the 2021-2022 school year, we can accept children who are:

- 5 years old by September 1, 2021
- Live within the Sahuarita Unified School District Boundaries
 - Open enrollment may be available for students outside of the district

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN SDPA KINDER STUDENT

- 1-hour, whole class, live, direct instruction twice daily
 - Core curricular instruction
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Math
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Classic kindergarten activities
 - Calendar
 - Songs
 - Stories
 - Singing
 - Dancing
- 1:1 live 20-30 minute meetings with teacher, 1 – 5 times per week as needed
 - Enrichment
 - Intervention
 - Assessment
- 1-hour lunch break
- 1.5 hours asynchronous learning activities online/offline

OUR CURRICULUM

SAHUARITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CURRICULUM IN AN ONLINE ENVIRONMENT

Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards (AZCCRS) – The Arizona Department of Education, using the National Common Core standards as a base, has determined which skills and what knowledge every Arizona kindergarten student should acquire during a year in kindergarten. The SDPA curriculum is based on these standards, and curriculum materials are chosen to cover the standards' topics.



Beyond Textbooks (BT) – In 2014, the Sahuarita Unified School District adopted the Beyond Textbooks program and curriculum pacing maps for K-12. The adoption of these curriculum maps ensures that each of the essential standards is covered throughout the year and is allotted sufficient time for student mastery. It also ensures that from campus to campus all students in SUSD are on the same path toward success.

Literacy and Phonics – The pacing of literacy standards is determined through the BT pacing calendar. SDPA kindergarten teachers use resources provided by BT along with the district adopted Saxon Phonics and Ready Reading curriculum materials. Literacy instruction utilizes both phonemic and phonetic instruction techniques along with teaching a variety of reading and decoding methods. SDPA kindergarten teachers teach the Dolch pre-primer and primer sight words. Creative writing, handwriting and classic literature pieces are also an important part of literacy instruction at SDPA.

Math Curriculum – Hands-on math education is emphasized using the Arizona State Standards as a guide and the Ready Math curriculum. This curriculum also utilizes an independent component, iReady Math, which provides additional practice and reinforcement opportunities to supplement what is being taught live.

Social Studies/Science – These areas of the curriculum are generally covered during literacy instruction as well as with hands-on experiments and projects. Topics and skills are designated by the AZCCRS and follow the pacing of Beyond Textbooks.

“IT'S BEEN REALLY NICE TO SEE WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON IN THE CLASSROOM. YOU HEAR THE CONVERSATIONS AND PICK UP ON LITTLE THINGS THAT THE TEACHER MENTIONS.”

LEARNER SUPPORTS

SDPA STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES AS IN-PERSON SUSD LEARNERS, INCLUDING:

- School Counselor
- Resource – Academic support for students with an IEP
- Reading Lab
- Gifted
- Occupational/Physical Therapists
- Extended Resource
- Speech Therapists

In addition to personalized support from our kindergarten teachers.

PROVIDED MATERIALS

FOUR QUARTERLY MATERIALS PICK-UPS ARE SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

- Saxon Phonics Work Pages and Fluency Readers
- Ready Math and Ready Reading workbooks
- Projects
- Crafts
- Learning Manipulatives

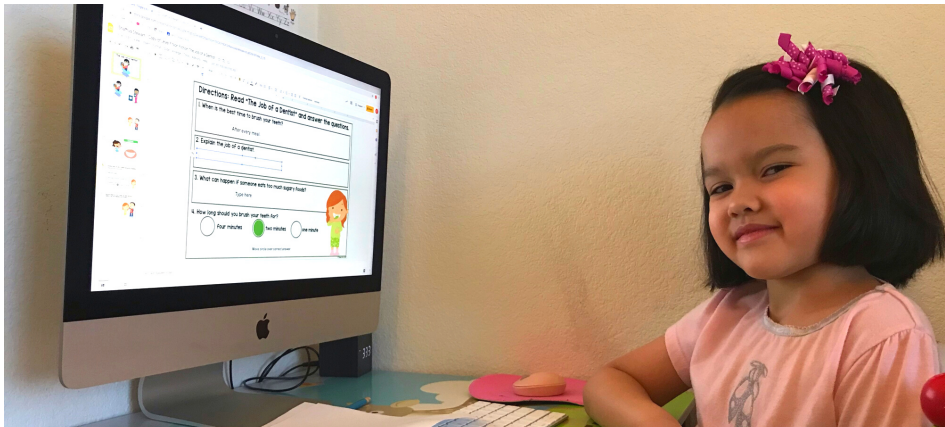
Our kindergarten team takes pride in providing your family with as many resources as possible to help your child have a successful school year.



PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN

WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD SO THAT THEY ARE READY TO START THEIR DAY

- **Sleep** – AAP suggests 9 to 12 hours per 24 hours on a regular basis to promote optimal health
- **Healthy Breakfast/Lunch** – regular, healthy mealtimes not during live instruction
- **Being On Time** – just as with in-person learning, being punctual is important to gain the full benefits of school, and is a valuable life skill to foster
- **Ready With Materials** – having materials ready for learners to access allows for maximum participation
- **Mindset** – participation and enthusiasm for school are generally directly related to the attitude and encouragement of the learning coach
- **Learning Space** – learner buy-in with the design of the learning space enhances ownership in the school experience
- **Consistent Schedule** – A regular daily/weekly schedule encourages smooth and productive school days



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THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT
MY CHILD HAS DEVELOPED
WITH THEIR TEACHER AND
THEIR CLASSMATES HAVE
BEEN AMAZING. THEY HAVE
A TRUE CONNECTION.”

THE ROLE OF A LEARNING COACH

LEARNING COACHES ARE OUR PARTNERS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY, HELPING TO ENSURE THAT THEIR STUDENT IS READY TO LEARN

- Ensures that needed materials are available
- Provides any necessary technical support
- Keeps students on task
- Assists with asynchronous online assignment

COMMUNICATION IS KEY IN SDPA

- **E-mail** – With the busy schedules of today, e-mail is a fantastic way to communicate with our school personnel. It can be done anytime, and almost anywhere! We check our email regularly and will share our contact information.
- **Phone** – You are always encouraged to contact your child's teacher by phone. You can contact the main office at 625-3502, ext. 1053 to leave a message or call the direct number to the classroom. You may need to leave a message on voicemail and your call will be returned as soon as possible. You will receive the phone extension for your child's teacher during the first week of school.
- **Daily Meets** – SDPA families have the unique opportunity of interacting with their child's teacher each day while online together
- **Parent Conferences/Report Cards** – The school year is divided into 4 quarters. You will receive a report regarding your child's progress and learning for each of these with a report card. In addition, Parent/Teacher Conferences are conducted twice during the school year, the first being after the 1st quarter and the second at the end of the 3rd quarter. At these conferences you can expect to review the report card in detail with the teacher as well as view and discuss some samples of your child's work and any questions or issues that may arise.

NEEDED TECH TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

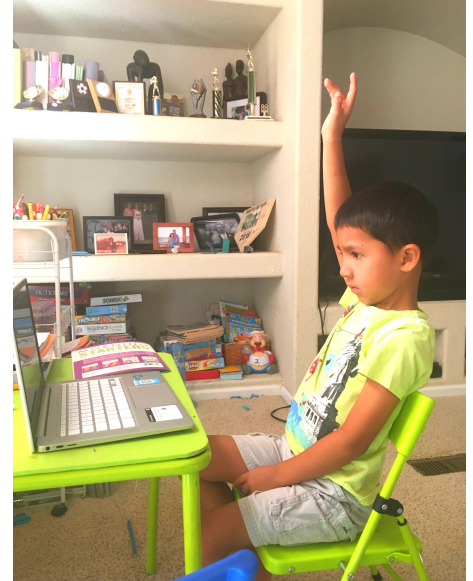
HAVING THESE ITEMS WILL HELP YOUR LEARNER TO HAVE A GREAT YEAR

Tech Tools

- Laptop/Desktop computer
- Mouse - easier for young learners to manually navigate than the touch pad
- Microphone - ensures that your child is heard easily by the teacher and class
- Speaker - ensures that your learner can hear clearly
- Webcam - for classroom video purposes
- Headphones - helps eliminate background noise for your learner
- Internet Connection - high speed will help your child to best access their live video meetings
- Printer - to print worksheets as desired

School Supplies

- Pencils - #2 provide ideal quality
- Pencil sharpener
- White printer paper - for writing and art projects (1 ream)
- Crayons - (package of 8 is adequate)
- Student Scissors - for craft projects that SDPA provides
- Lap-sized dry erase board - used regularly for writing/math whole group practice
- Thick, black, dry-erase markers
- Glue sticks - for craft projects that SDPA provides
- Backpack, crate, organizer or shelves to store school supplies



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I LIKE MY TEACHER. I LIKE CRAFTS. I LIKE I-READY. I LIKE BREAKOUT ROOMS.”

CURRENT SDPA
KINDERGARTEN STUDENT

COME TO KINDERGARTEN

At Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy, we offer:

- In-Person Events
 - School-sponsored
 - Seasonal Events
 - Science Projects
 - Family oriented
- Online Celebrations
 - Birthdays - all learners are celebrated on their special day
 - Holidays - celebrated based on the class demographics
 - Spirit weeks
 - Special Background Week
 - Love of Reading Week
 - Dress-up Week
- Virtual Playdates
 - Lunch bunch
 - School counselor hosted
- Extra-curricular opportunities

WE CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE YOU JOIN OUR SDPA FAMILY THIS FALL!

REGISTER TODAY AT
[SUSD30.US/KINDERGARTEN](https://sUSD30.US/KINDERGARTEN)

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