
Enrollment

Youth must complete an application and take a basic academic assessment to determine placement level for Las Artes.

Funding & Other Resources

Funding for Las Artes is provided through Pima County and administered by the Community Services, Employment and Training Department and SER, Jobs for Progress.



Recipient of the National Governors

Distinguished Service Award

Las Artes Arts and Education Center in South Tucson creates ceramic tile murals to beautify inner city and rural communities while offering youth who have dropped out of school a chance to earn their general education degree. This unique mix of intensive instruction, support and artistic engagement has improved the lives of over 428 out-of-school youth for more than a decade. More than 70 public art works throughout Pima County have been produced by Las Artes students.

“Las Artes has been a powerful catalyst for individual and community self-improvement through public art, each making a highly visible statement about culture and pride, “former Governor Napolitano said. “I am proud of the accomplishments and contributions of Las Artes Students.”

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Equal Opportunity Employment/Program
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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Las Artes offers a unique learning environment for youth ages 17-21. Structured classroom study combined with community art projects allow students to prepare for general education development (GED) testing and build employability skills by participating in community art projects. Las Artes graduates make a positive transition into the workplace, higher education and have greater opportunities for sustainable employment and education with marketable job skills.

Student Services

Students benefit emotionally, financially and academically from support on a variety of related issues. Ranging from language barriers, anger management, or health counseling qualified case managers coach and counsel students to overcome issues that keep them from succeeding in the classroom.

Curriculum

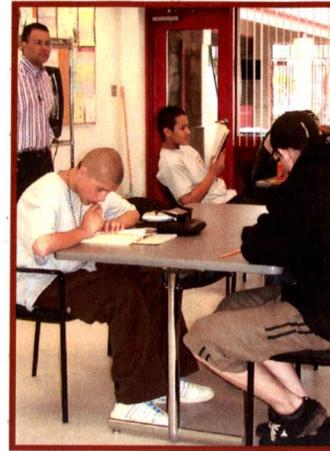
Students are required to complete basic education courses and an eight-week community art project.

Las Artes administers a placement assessment (TABE) to match students with the level of education most advantageous to their needs. There are two levels of basic education, Level I and Level II, plus the community art project. The entire program takes up to thirty-two weeks if a student enters at Level I, basic education. Class runs thirty hours per week and students are required to participate daily.

The aim is to blend the best of classroom instruction with a hands-on project in our small-class, personal-attention environment where students are encouraged to learn and excel.

Learning and Earning

Hardships hinder a student's ability to attend school. Las Artes pays students a weekly stipend to offset the cost of transportation, clothing and school supplies. An added incentive for full-time attendance is awarded to students successfully meeting the attendance and academic requirements of the program.



Art Projects

Magnificent mosaic murals created by Las Artes students beautify neighborhoods throughout Pima County. Through an eight-week project, students receive valuable on-the-job training and exercises promoting team building, punctuality, community involvement and self confidence which are all essential to developing a strong work ethic. Plus, students gain a sense of pride and accomplishment through this community connection.

