



Arizona Autism Charter School (AZACS) is the first-of-its-kind in our state, offering a tuition-free public school education specializing in the needs of children with autism and related disorders. AZACS is in its second year of operation with 108 students in grades K-6. The school plans to add one grade every year after opening.

Distinctive Features

- Curriculum delivered via Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), a research-based strategy proven to be the most effective for children with autism.
- Small class sizes with a maximum of 10 students per class; average 2 to 1 student-to-staff ratio.
- Multi-grade classrooms grouping students based on abilities and needs.
- Individualized programs of instruction for all students.
- Highly trained teachers and staff supervised by Board Certified Behavior Analysts.
- Data-driven and results-driven instruction.
- After school therapy programs and parent training.

School Needs

The school is centrally located in Phoenix at 4433 N. 7th St. The school seeks to partners with other organizations in the community to support the following programs and school needs:

- Cash donations to purchase inclusive and sensory equipment for outdoor and indoor spaces
- Playground shade structure
- Sponsorship of a child for healthy lunch program
- Sponsorships of a child for after school program
- LED Lighting
- Office/Conference room furniture
- Technology donations
- Facility improvements

Individuals or companies willing to help with financial or in-kind support can contact the school Founder/Director, Diana Diaz at Diana@autismcharter.org or (602) 487-0434. Learn more at <http://www.autismcharter.org/>.

Why a charter school for autism?

Autism is the fastest growing neurological disability affecting **1 in 64** children in Arizona. Children with autism have mild to severe deficiencies in communication, self-help and social-emotional skills. Most have major behavioral challenges as well. Many school districts are struggling with the boom in autism cases. With so many competing interests at a typical public school, families struggle daily to get the services their children need to learn. Many families seek special schools for their children but cannot afford the cost of a private school which averages \$38,000 per year.

Arizona Autism Charter School empowers parents to choose a tuition-free, public school where their children are the priority. At AZACS, the entire staff will has a single focus -- helping children with autism learn and reach their full potential! To learn more, visit www.autismcharter.org.