A Better Future Starts Right In Your Own Neighborhood.

Combs
J.O. Combs Unified School District
Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

- Strong Academics
- Critical Thinking Skills
- College Credit Classes
- Advanced Placement Classes
- Career & Technical Classes
- Classroom Technology
- Leadership / Teamwork
- Fine Arts
- Competitive Athletics
- AdvancEd® Accredited and A+ School of Excellence

Combs High School

www.jocombs.org
The J.O. Combs Unified School District serves over 4,600 students in San Tan Valley and the surrounding community. Our rapidly growing district is very proud of its dedicated staff, enthusiastic students and parents, and our many progressive programs.

As our school district and community grow, we are committed to preserving the “small school” atmosphere where students and families are known by staff and treated with respect. We pride ourselves on providing educational experiences in which the entire family can participate.

Our combined efforts show in the results; together we make a difference!

Open Enrollment
J.O. Combs Unified School District is an open enrollment district. If a student resides out of the boundaries of a school, an open enrollment form should be completed on or before April 15th of the preceding school year. Open enrollment exceptions are on a year-to-year basis. Open enrollment forms, as well as registration forms, can be found on the district website at www.jocombs.org.

Early Entrance Screening
If your child turns 5 between September 1 and December 31 and you would like to have your child screened for early entrance to kindergarten, call 480-987-5300 ext. 1028 for screening dates and more information.
Our Governing Board
The J.O. Combs Unified School District Governing Board is the elected body that governs the district. The five board members serve four-year terms without pay.

The board sets district policies and oversees the superintendent, who is responsible for day-to-day operations. They focus on student success and allocate resources to key priorities. The members welcome your involvement and appreciate your interest and support.

Contact Us
- 480-987-5300
- (District Office)
- www.jocombs.org
- Facebook.com/JOCombsUSD
- Twitter.com/JOCombsUSD

Outlined by the Arizona Department of Education, the importance, they know how to connect with students and foster the desire to learn.

At Combs, our goal is to provide the necessary tools for all employees to be informed, committed, and engaged. Whether teaching, serving food, driving busses, cleaning rooms or providing leadership, our staff are united in their efforts to build a high quality education environment for our students and community.

Our Vision
A Community of Empowered Learners for the 21st Century

Our Mission
We are a community of learners collaborating to ensure maximum academic and social growth for all students. We utilize research-based practices and strategies delivered by highly competent employees who are committed to excellence in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust.

Our Priorities
- Outstanding Student Achievement
- Safe, Secure Learning Environment
- Maximized Technology
- Exemplary Customer Service
- Operational Excellence

When selecting the best school for your family, it is important to prioritize, taking into consideration academics, sports, arts, college and career prep options, and extracurricular activities, as well as practicalities like transportation and before and after school care. At J.O. Combs, we pride ourselves on supporting a wide range of student interests and family needs.

Academic Rating
J.O. Combs has earned a “B” rating from the Arizona Department of Education. “B” districts and schools demonstrate an above average level of academic performance, considering both annual test scores and the academic growth of students over a period of time. All student scores are included in the calculation of letter grades, including those for students with learning disabilities or language barriers. Indeed, one mark of a superior school district is above average performance that includes all groups of students. All children can learn if they are given the opportunity and the right environment, and we are proud to serve ALL in our community.

Title I Program
Title I provides educational support through resources and research-based training, enabling schools to develop high quality, enriched programs that meet the needs of all students, families, and staff. By providing a positive, caring environment with high educational expectations, Title I ensures that all students feel capable, connected, and able to make worthwhile contributions to their community. Some of the programs that are funded through Title I are:

- Summer school scholarships for identified students
- Transition and counseling services
- Enhanced opportunities for parents/families to learn ways the district can support their children’s educational progress
- Reading and math intervention services

Parent/Superintendent Council (PSC)
To increase communication between J.O. Combs School District’s parent community and administration, superintendent Dr. Gayle Blanchard initiated the Parent/Superintendent Council. Representatives from each school attend monthly meetings with Dr. Blanchard and district administration to:

- Obtain information regarding topics of interest
- Convey information back to the parent community
- Share feedback from the respective parent communities

The goal is to proactively address topics of interest or concerns to ensure the entire community has (or where to obtain) accurate information and knows how to participate and share ideas.

The J.O. Combs School District Business Office has been awarded the Association of School Business Officials Certificate of Excellence for Financial Reporting for seven consecutive years.

Finances
The J.O. Combs Business Department supports educational excellence and financial stability with high quality budget management.

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Our Faculty and Staff:
The J.O. Combs Unified School District is one of the largest employers in the San Tan Valley area with over 500 staff members.

At J.O. Combs, more than 50% of our certificated staff have Master’s or Doctorate degrees. Additionally, many of our teachers further their knowledge and skills through district professional development classes. All Combs teachers are appropriately certified and highly qualified as

Front Row, L-R: Bob D’Elena, Patricia Pinckard, Gary E. Kemp, Ed.D.
Back Row, L-R: Shelly Hargis, Kathy Bourgeois

I am proud to serve as superintendent and invite you to take an active role in your school and community. We are happy to arrange a tour of your school and community. We encourage you to take an active role in your school and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gayle A. Blanchard
Superintendent

Diploma
Welcome to the J.O. Combs Unified School District where providing a high quality educational experience is our top priority. Our dedication shows in our student achievement scores, which consistently surpass the county averages. Success in life, however, requires more than good scores, so as we grow, we continue to diversify, offering a great variety of student activities and college and career paths that prepare our students for a better future in our ever-changing world.

In the Combs District we strive to preserve our family atmosphere as our staff build meaningful relationships with students and families. These positive and supportive interactions help our students become more confident and successful and strengthen the home-school connection.

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Operational Spending

Instruction 50.8%
Peer average 52.9%

Food 4.8%
Student Support 10.6%
Instructional Support 3.6%

District Business Office

Percentages of budget shown are for the Fiscal Year 2016

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Curriculum Overview

The curriculum utilized at J.O. Combs provides every student with the opportunity to advance academically to ensure success as they pursue college and career goals.

Civics
Civics and character education is embedded within the K-12 curriculum. Citizenship and the characteristics of what it means to be an American are integral parts of what our students are exposed to every day.

Advanced Placement Program (AP)
Advanced Placement classes at Combs High School enable academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies, with the opportunity to earn college credit. AP students learn to analyze complex problems, construct solid arguments, and see many sides of an issue. Research indicates that AP courses (band/orchestra) in grades 5-12

Elementary Gifted Model
The J.O. Combs Unified School District believes that gifted students have special needs that are best addressed through differentiated learning opportunities. Students who qualify as gifted are provided daily interaction and discussion with other gifted students who also have high academic intellectual abilities and advanced and differentiated instruction in core content areas with an emphasis on critical thinking skills.

Elective Classes
We believe elective classes are essential to the development of the whole child, enriches students’ experiences and adds great value to our schools.

Beginning in kindergarten our students receive weekly opportunities to participate in special area classes such as physical education, technology, library, and music.

In middle school there are additional elective options that students have the opportunity to select from including art, communication and media technology, theatre & stagecraft, Spanish and many more!

High school students can select from German, French, centra, music and other electives, in addition to Career and Technical Education.

Music Program
The J.O. Combs District offers a variety of sequential, structured music classes beginning in kindergarten and continuing through high school.

- Comprehensive general music classes in grades K-2
- Sequential ensemble music classes (band/orchestra) in grades 5-12
- District-wide festivals and honors groups
- Award-winning band, choir, and orchestra performing groups in grades 7-12
- Individual students in grades 7-12 have opportunities to advance to Regionals and All State events

Promise for the Future
J.O. Combs partners with Central Arizona College (CAC) to promote the Promise for the Future program. By promising to stay in school, and graduate with a 2.75 GPA or better and completing 20 hours of community service, 8th grade students can earn a full scholarship to CAC if they fulfill their promise.

The music programs at Combs High School and J.O. Combs Middle School are consistently recognized for excellence.

Career and Technical Education

Students at Combs High School can explore potential careers and earn professional certifications through Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs.

Teachers of CTE courses have specialized Arizona certification in Career and Technical Education.

On campus options include:
- Agriculture
- Business Management
- Digital Photography
- Early Childhood Education
- Graphic Design
- Journalism
- Medical Professions
- Software Development
- Sports Medicine
- Technical Theatre
- TV and Film

Combs High School students who enroll in classes at East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) attend EVIT half day and earn elective credits while attending Combs High School the other half day for academic credits. EVIT expands our CTE options to include programs such as:
- Automotive
- Aviation
- Construction
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Fire Fighting
- Law Enforcement
- Radio Broadcasting

The Combs Middle School Mentor Program received the Golden Bell Award from the Arizona School Boards Association.
Kindergarten Parents Say:
“Amazing, caring, wonderful teachers! My child loved going to Kindergarten!”

“...like that my son’s teachers...”

“I love the Kindergarten program! My child is prepared for first grade...”

“Kindergarten exceeded all my expectations and was even more than promised.”

“Kindergarten exceeded all my expectations and was even more than promised.”

“Kindergarten was exactly what my child needed to be a successful student.”

Free All Day Kindergarten
J.O. Combs Unified School District invites all children who will be five years old before September 1st to enroll in kindergarten. We offer a free, all day kindergarten program at all of our five elementary schools. This program includes both academics and enrichment activities.

Early Entry Kindergarten
We also welcome kindergarten-ready 4-year-olds. Children who were born on or before December 31st and have passed the J.O. Combs Early Kindergarten Screening are eligible to enroll at any J.O. Combs elementary school. Please call 480-987-5300 ext. 1028 for screening dates and more information.

Registration Documents
The following documents are required for kindergarten:
- Certified Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residency
- Valid Photo ID

Registration Information and forms can be found online at www.jocombs.org under the registration tab.

Our comprehensive kindergarten curriculum is designed to create an environment where listening and learning are appropriate to the developmental level of all children. In addition to a strong academic foundation, kindergarten students enjoy physical education, music, technology, and library. Our teachers strive to provide the most effective individualized instruction to nurture each child’s unique abilities.

Civics and character education is an integral part of the kindergarten curriculum as students learn about American symbols, national holidays, and being part of a community.

Community Education
Young Coyotes - Ages 3-4
Young Coyotes is a daycare program for children ages 3-4. Open 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM, children are engaged in developmentally appropriate activities to stimulate social, emotional, and developmental growth. Young Coyotes is offered at Ranch Elementary and Ellsworth Elementary. It is licensed through the Department of Health Services and is an approved childcare location through the Department of Economic Security (DES).

Kinder Prep - Ages 4-5
The Kinder Prep program is exciting and unique in many ways. It is a positive, child-oriented program with a hands-on, active approach toward learning. Our highly-qualified, certified teachers provide students opportunities to grow through experience and discovery. The Opening the World of Learning (OWL) curriculum is used to nurture the language and literacy skills essential for early learning. Our goal in the J.O. Combs Kinder Prep program is to prepare children to enter kindergarten with a healthy self-concept and a positive attitude toward school and learning.

Morning and afternoon classes are offered at Ranch Elementary and morning classes are offered at Ellsworth Elementary. Kinder Prep is licensed through the Department of Health Services and is an approved childcare location through the Department of Economic Security (DES).

Enrichment Programs
Studies have shown that involving our children in extracurricular activities can raise their self-esteem and build self-confidence in social settings. Keeping their young minds stimulated and their hands occupied with productive activities is an added bonus.

J.O. Combs is proud to partner with many enrichment providers to offer a variety of stimulating classes that appeal to everyone. Classes may include art, dance, chess, science and many more. Find out what inspires your child!

Kids’ Night Out!
Sometimes both parents and children need a night just to themselves, and that is what Kids’ Night Out is all about! Children ages 3-13 can spend time with their friends and caring J.O. Combs staff while creating projects, watching movies, playing games or just hanging out. Parents get the free time needed to enjoy dinner or spend some quiet time at home.

For more information about all Community Education programs, including fees and registration, visit www.jocombs.org under the Community Education tab.
Ranch Elementary

At Ranch Elementary School, we take pride in providing a wonderful education in a safe, supportive environment. Our caring, professional staff makes each day a meaningful learning experience for our students. School materials and instruction are aligned with the highest academic standards. We believe in a balanced and holistic approach to education, combining quality classroom instruction with leadership opportunities, character development and extracurricular activities. We recognize and acknowledge the unique interests and needs of each child and tailor our teaching methods to meet their needs. We inspire in our students a love of learning and discovery.

Academic Offerings:
• English Language Arts
• Free All Day Kindergarten
• Gifted
• Math
• Science
• Social Studies

Program Offerings:
• Band, Orchestra, and Music
• Before and After School Child Care
• Library
• Physical Education
• Preschool
• Technology

Special Features:
• Annual Multi-Cultured Event
• Annual Talent Show
• Battle of the Books
• Character Education
• Counseling Services
• Junior Optimist Club
• Kindness Challenge
• Math Facts Club
• Spelling Bee Competitions
• Student Council
• Video Club

Points of Pride:
• All State Band Qualifiers
• Battle of the Books Winner
• Optimist Essay Contest Winner

Harmon Elementary

At Jack W. Harmon Elementary School, we take pride in providing a safe, nurturing environment where children may grow and learn. Our dedicated staff strives to engage each child in expanding the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. We stress growth, individual responsibility, and problem solving in a collaborative effort among students, parents, educators, and the community. Education is most effective when it is supported by a team effort. We encourage collaboration and communication between parents and teachers.

Academic Offerings:
• English Language Arts
• Free All Day Kindergarten
• Gifted
• Math
• Science
• Social Studies

Program Offerings:
• Band, Orchestra, and Music
• Before and After School Child Care
• Library
• Physical Education
• Technology

Special Features:
• Battle of the Books
• Character Education
• Counseling Services
• National Elementary Honor Society
• Spelling Bee Competitions
• Student Council

Points of Pride:
• All State Band Qualifiers
• District Spelling Bee Winner
• Pinal County Character Essay Contest Winners

Address:
43521 N. Kenworthy Rd.
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

Website:
www.ranch.jocombs.org

Phone:
480-882-3530

Fax:
480-655-6412

Grade Levels:
Pre-K - 6

Office Hours:
7:30 - 4:15

Student Hours:
Grades K - 6:
M, T, Th, F - 8:15 - 3:05
Wednesdays - 8:15 - 1:35

Vision:
Racing to Excellence

Mission Statement:
Empowering Students to be Lifelong Learners

Principal:
Mrs. Susan Kruse

School Enrollment:
515

Year Opened:
August 2008

Address:
39315 N. Cortona Dr.
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

Website:
www.harmon.jocombs.org

Phone:
480-882-3500

Fax:
480-888-0143

Grade Levels:
Pre-K – 6

Office Hours:
7:30 - 4:15

Student Hours:
Grades K - 6:
M, T, Th, F - 8:15 - 3:05
Wednesdays - 8:15 - 1:35

Vision:
We are a community of learners that use data to provide engaging instruction in a safe and respectful environment to challenge our students to demonstrate deeper knowledge.

Mission Statement:
A community supporting, educating, and enriching the lives of our students in a positive, nurturing environment.

Principal:
Ms. Angie Beauchene

School Enrollment:
600

Year Opened:
2005
**Simonton Elementary**

Address: 40300 N. Simonton Blvd.
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

Website: www.simonton.jocombs.org
Phone: 480-987-5330
Fax: 480-987-5281

Grade Levels: Pre-K - 6
Office Hours: 7:30 - 4:15

Student Hours:
Grades K - 6: M, T, Th, F - 8:15 - 3:05
Wednesdays - 8:15 - 1:35

Vision: A community committed to excellence in education.

Mission Statement: We Learn, Empower, Achieve and Dream

Principal: Mrs. Chasity Cruz
School Enrollment: 540
Year Opened: 2003

**Academic Offerings:**
- English Language Arts
- Free All Day Kindergarten
- Gifted
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

**Program Offerings:**
- Band, Orchestra, and Music
- Before and After School Child Care
- Library
- Physical Education
- Preschool
- Technology

**Special Features:**
- 7 Habits Education
- Battle of the Books
- Counseling Services
- Spelling Bee Competitions
- Student Clubs: Art, Garden, Journalism, Patriotism and Robotics
- Student Council

**Points of Pride:**
- A Leader in Me School
- All State Band Qualifiers
- Community Partnerships

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**Ellsworth Elementary**

Address: 38454 N. Carolina Ave.
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

Website: www.ellsworth.jocombs.org
Phone: 480-882-3520
Fax: 480-987-8250

Grade Levels: Pre-K - 6
Office Hours: 7:30 - 4:00

Student Hours:
Grades K - 6: M, T, Th, F - 8:15 - 3:05
Wednesdays - 8:15 - 1:35

Vision: Prepared, Persistent, Positive, Problem Solvers Who Participate Every Day

Mission Statement: Our mission at Ellsworth is to ensure high levels of learning for all students. We are committed to creating a safe and positive learning environment where all staff and students promote and model responsible, respectful behavior in order to provide each student the best learning opportunity.

Principal: Ms. Santa Dunker
School Enrollment: 630
Year Opened: 2007

**Academic Offerings:**
- English Language Arts
- Free All Day Kindergarten
- Gifted
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

**Program Offerings:**
- Band, Orchestra, and Music
- Before and After School Child Care
- Library
- Physical Education
- Technology

**Special Features:**
- Battle of the Books
- Character Education
- Counseling Services
- Spelling Bee Competitions
- Student Council
- Student Clubs: Art, Garden, Robotics, and Video

**Points of Pride:**
- All State Band Qualifiers
- Community Partnerships
- 2016 Esperanza Award Winner - Mrs. Iris Telfer

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“We L.E.A.D - Learn, Empower, Achieve and Dream”

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“Rising to New Heights”
Combs Traditional Academy

The Mission of the Combs Traditional Academy is to provide a rigorous academic focus that emphasizes responsibility and respect. To provide a rigorous academic focus, our students learn in a structured environment that minimizes instructional distractions in order to provide them with the strongest opportunity for academic and lifelong success.

Academic Offerings:
- Accelerated Curriculum
- Free All Day Kindergarten
- Gifted
- Saxon Math
- Sociology Seminars
- Spelling Method

Program Offerings:
- Band, Orchestra, and Music
- Before and After School Child Care
- Free Bus Transportation Provided in District and Specific Areas
- Outside the District
- Library
- Physical Education
- Technology

Special Features:
- Art Masterpiece
- Battle of the Books
- Character Education
- Counseling Services
- Knight Ambassadors
- Small School Environment
- Spelling Bee Competitions
- Student Council
- Uniforms

Points of Pride:
- National Elementary Honor Society
- Pinal County Antidrug Poster Winner
- Pinal County Character Essay Contest Winners

Academic Offerings:
- Honors Classes - English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies
- Career & Technical Education - Careers and Your Future, Communication and Media Technology, Family and Consumer Science, Theatre & Stagecraft, Technology I
- High School Credit Options - Algebra and Spanish
- Electives - Art, Physical Education, Spanish, and Yearbook
- Music - Band, Choir, Guitar, Orchestra

Program Offerings:
- Competitive Sports
- Student Clubs
- Tutoring

Special Features:
- Aerospace Challenge Competition
- Character Education
- College/Career Exploration Opportunities
- Cornell Notes
- Counseling Services
- Spelling Bee Competitions

Points of Pride:
- Arizona School Board Association Golden Bell Award
- Jazz and Advanced Band awarded "Outstanding Band" at Heritage Festival
- Advanced Orchestra awarded "Outstanding Orchestra" at Heritage Festival
- Choir received a "Superior" rating at Arizona Choral Directors Competition

Address: 37327 N. Gantzel Rd. San Tan Valley, AZ 85140
Website: www.combstraditional.jocombs.org
Phone: 480-987-5320
Fax: 480-987-5009
Grade Levels: K - 6
Office Hours: 7:30 - 4:00
Student Hours: Grades K - 6: M, T, Th, F - 8:15 - 3:05 Wednesdays - 8:15 - 1:35
Grade Levels: 7 - 8
Office Hours: 8:00 - 4:30
Student Hours: M, T, Th, F - 9:00 - 3:55 Wednesdays - 9:00 - 3:10
Vision: Cougars Connecting with Character
Mission Statement: Combs Middle School creates socially responsible individuals.
Principal: Mrs. Laura Ridge
School Enrollment: 735
Year Opened: 2007
Combs High School

Since 2008 when Combs High School first opened its doors, our teachers, staff, and students have embraced the opportunity to build the high school experience and create new traditions. With an eye to the future, we have actively partnered with local colleges, businesses, and career prep schools to provide students with the opportunity to meet their individual goals. By the time they graduate, many students have earned college credits and/or career training and certification.

Although we have not been around very long, our programs have benefited from the initiative, enthusiasm, and expertise of our highly qualified staff. Most importantly, our students demonstrate school spirit, are respectful and are proud to be Coyotes!

Academic Offerings:
- Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment Courses
- Art and Physical Education
- Career and Technical Education - Agriculture, Business Management, Digital Photography, Early Childhood, Graphic Design, Journalism, Medical Professions, Software Development, Sports Medicine, TV and Film and Technical Theatre
- Foreign Languages - French, German and Spanish
- Honors Classes
- Music - Band, Choir, Guitar, Orchestra

Program Offerings:
- After School Tutoring Program
- AIA Athletic Programs
- Award Winning Music Programs Include: Marching Band, Concert Band, Choir and Orchestra
- Award Winning Drama Program
- International Travel Opportunities
- Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)
- Student Clubs

Special Features:
- Character Awards
- Free transportation to EVIT
- Service Learning Opportunities
- Senior Walk
- Student of the Month
- Nine Computer Labs

Points of Pride:
- A+ School of Excellence
- AdvancedEd Accreditation
- More than 2.6 Million in Scholarships Awarded to Graduating Seniors in 2017
- FBLA and FCCLA students Qualified for National Competition

Sports at CHS
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball - Boys/Girls
- Cross Country - Boys/Girls
- Football
- Golf - Boys/Girls
- Sand Volleyball
- Soccer - Boys/Girls
- Softball
- Spiritline/Pom
- Swim/Dive - Boys/Girls
- Tennis - Boys/Girls
- Track & Field - Boys/Girls
- Volleyball - Boys/Girls
- Wrestling

Recent Highlights
- CTE Students Awarded at State Leadership Conferences
- Band received multiple “Superior” Ratings at Festivals
- Marching Band placed in State Competition
- Individual All-State Band & Orchestra Qualifiers
- Symphony Orchestra Rated “Excellent” at ABCDA State Orchestra Festival
- Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Track & Field and Wrestling have all qualified for State Championship Tournaments
- Boys Basketball - State Runner Up
- Individual State Champions: Track and Field and Wrestling
- All-State Athletes in Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball and Volleyball

Mission Statement:
Combs exists to build a prosperous community through exemplary education and meaningful social interaction.

Motto:
Together we can. Together we will.

Principal:
Ms. Brooke Davis

School Enrollment: 1435
Year Opened: 2008

Student Clubs and Activities
- Anime
- Art Club (National Art Honor Society)
- Athletic Training
- AZ Ancient Cultures
- Band
- Best Buddies
- Broadcast
- Class Clubs (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior)
- Drama Club
- Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCLA)
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
- Journalism
- Magic Club
- Math Club
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Orchestra
- SkillsUSA
- Student Government
- Travel Club
- Yearbook
**J.O. Combs Food and Clothing Bank**

J.O. Combs provides additional resources to families who live in our district boundaries. The Food and Clothing Bank is open Tuesdays during the school year 9:00am - 11:00am and 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

Contact Community Education at 480-987-5310 for more information.

**Transportation**

Although there is no law that mandates transportation of students unless they have specialized needs, it is a service that the J.O. Combs Unified School District is proud to provide for students who live outside walkable distances. We have a great staff of professionally trained Arizona State certified school bus drivers and aides who are transporting your children. Our drivers and aides are committed to the safe transportation of your student and will assist your child in learning acceptable behavior to travel safely.

**Health Services**

J.O. Combs Unified School District has health services available to all students, with coverage provided by a Registered Nurse, LPN or Health Assistant. Our professional staff assist students who are ill or have injury-related problems. In addition, they conduct health screenings according to state recommendations and mandates.

**AZ School Tax Credits**

If you are an Arizona Taxpayer, you can donate up to $200 per year ($400 if married filing jointly) to public schools in support of extra-curricular activities. When you file your Arizona taxes, you will reduce your tax liability dollar for dollar. Essentially, tax credits are prepaid taxes, except YOU choose where your tax dollars are spent.

You can designate your contribution to pay for any school sponsored activity that requires enrolled students to pay fees to participate, such as extended field trips, sports, band, drama, art, science labs. For more information, visit www.jocombs.org.

**Central Arizona College**

Central Arizona College (CAC) is dedicated to providing higher education opportunities for students in the San Tan Valley. With the Promise for the Future, First Step, and Early College programs, students can get a jumpstart toward their college education.

With the opening of the San Tan Campus (Bella Vista Road, east of Gantzel), CAC is preparing students of all ages to become the leaders of tomorrow. The San Tan Campus is a full-service campus, offering an array of academic degrees and certificates, career training, and personal enrichment classes in an environment that is both accessible and economical.

**Our Partners in Education**

The mission of the Combs Education Foundation is to support educational opportunities for students, staff, and families by funding the development and implementation of quality programs, establishing strong community partnerships, and supporting the goals of the J.O. Combs Unified School District.

**Facility Rental**

The J.O. Combs Unified School District is excited to open our doors to the community, non-profit groups, and businesses of all sizes. Our district has seven schools with a variety of facilities to meet your organization’s event needs. For information and pricing, visit www.jocombs.org using the Rent Our Facilities button.

**Combs Education Foundation**

The Combs Education Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)-3 community organization comprised of business leaders, community volunteers, and school officials with the common goal of enriching and enhancing the quality of education for students and educators in the J.O. Combs Unified School District.

**Banner Ironwood Medical Center**

Banner Ironwood Medical Center is pleased to partner with the J.O. Combs School District Medical Professions programs. It is an opportunity to provide insight into a potential healthcare career for interested students, which is vital to sustaining the healthcare workforce of the future.

Banner also sponsors the Student of the Month program, recognizing one student every month from each of the schools. Students are recognized for the pillars of character, which include Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Citizenship, Caring, Respect, and Fairness.

Banner Ironwood, located at Combs and Gantzel roads, offers state-of-the-art healthcare for the surrounding communities. The hospital features 53 private rooms with hotel-like amenities and focuses on emergency services, obstetrics, surgery and general medical care.
Welcome to the Community!

What Do You Get With a Public Education at J.O. Combs Unified School District?

- Neighborhood Schools with Strong Community Connections
- Integrated Technology in Every Classroom
- Award Winning Athletic and Fine Arts Programs
- Character Education
- Preschool and Early Childhood Classes
- Before and After School Tutoring
- Civics Education
- Licensed Before and After School Child Care
- Community Education Programs
- Honors Classes
- Gifted Education
- AP and Dual Credit Classes
- Career and Technical Education Classes
- Back-to-Basics School of Choice
- Online Gradebook
- Parent Notification System
- Health Services
- Food and Nutrition Services
- FREE Transportation Within Specified Radius

A Better Future Starts Right In Your Own Neighborhood.

The J.O. Combs Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries may be directed to the Title IX Coordinator or the Section 504/ADA Title II Coordinator at 301 E. Combs Rd., San Tan Valley, AZ 85140 or (480) 987-5300.