

# HEALTH SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL

## EAST VALLEY ACADEMY

*PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A HEALTH CARE PROFESSION*

The Health Science High School offers a unique career training path in the expanding health care industry.

Students earn a high school diploma while focusing on classes and clinical experiences in the health care field. This program prepares high school students for the job market or continuing education.

Health care career pathways include

- dental assistant
- medical assistant
- certified nursing assistant
- licensed practical nurse
- pharmacy technician
- respiratory technician
- sports-injury rehabilitation technician
- surgical technician
- medical interpreter
- veterinary assistant

This program is a partnership between East Valley Academy, a Mesa Public Schools campus, and East Valley Institute of Technology. The two adjoining campuses are conveniently located on Main Street, between Alma School and Dobson roads in Mesa.

The Health Science High School and East Valley Institute of Technology staffs works in partnership to provide a consistent support system. Our teachers engage in ongoing training to ensure that students succeed in the classroom and as health care professionals.

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### *THE CURRICULUM*

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Staff members create a learning environment to foster success through rigor, relevance and relationships. The curriculum includes a study skills framework, scientific inquiry methods, and skills in communication and

teamwork to help students succeed in high school and the health care profession.

A student who is interested in the Health Science High School should possess the following attributes:

- a desire to pursue a career in the health care profession
- a motivation to succeed in academics, and
- a strong work ethic

Each student develops an academic program plan that fulfills Mesa Public Schools high school graduation requirements. Options are available to earn the more rigorous scholastic diploma or to pursue dual-credit classes through Maricopa Community Colleges.

To enhance classroom studies, students are encouraged to participate in service-learning volunteer activities related to community health care needs.

As ninth-graders at East Valley Academy, students begin an academic program with core classes: math, English, biology, Spanish I or II, world history and art. When appropriate to the subject area, teachers deliver course content with a focus on health care.

To increase the awareness of career opportunities available in health care, in-class instruction is complemented by field trips, speakers, tours and other experiences.

Students choose a specific course of study and apply to the East Valley Institute of Technology for the 10th-through 12th-grade health care program.

This course work in health care at EVIT, coupled with high school academics at EVA, helps students prepare for a license in a health care field or enter a post-high school program.

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The Health Science High School serves approximately 500 students in grades nine through 12. Bus transportation is available to and from Mesa Public Schools high schools.

Students may participate in clubs and activities sponsored by East Valley Academy and in high school athletics following Arizona Interscholastic Association guidelines, and district policies and regulations. Volunteer service-learning projects are available for students to earn the Honor for Excellence in Service Learning seal on their high school diplomas.

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### *APPLICATION*

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A student may be admitted to the Health Science High School upon completion of the application materials. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis at East Valley Academy. Open enrollment requests are encouraged and the process follows district guidelines.

The application packet includes the application, the Parent-Student Commitment Letter, an authorization to obtain the student's educational records and Student Profiles submitted by the student's English and math teachers.

Parents will be notified of the student's admission status after the completed application is received. Upon admission, the parent will be asked to complete a school enrollment packet.

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### *COMMITMENT LETTER*

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The student and parent sign a Commitment Letter to demonstrate an understanding of the school's expectations. A student who does not uphold the commitment may be asked to return to the home school.

Because educational partnerships are critical to student success, the staff arranges field trips to medical facilities and meetings with health care professionals. Students are expected to maintain professional behavior appropriate to a business setting.

Daily attendance is important. A student must participate in classroom lessons and related activities to build the foundation of skills needed in the health care profession.

Parents are expected to support students by discussing school activities, reviewing and responding to school communications, and ensuring that their child attends class each day.

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### *STUDENT PROFILE*

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A teacher who works closely with a student may provide an insight into that young person's abilities and motivation. Two Student Profile forms are included in the application packet.

Parents should give one form to the student's current English teacher and one to the current math teacher. The teachers will complete the forms and send them directly to the school.

Student Profile form data does not disqualify admission to the Health Science High School. Instead, this information assists the staff in creating an individual learning plan for the student.

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### *INFORMATION*

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