



PARDDES

Jewish Day School

Rooted in Jewish Values. Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders.

PARENT INFO PACKET

Kindergarten - Grade 8 / pardesschool.org

You're looking for a school for your child.










We understand what the search process can be like!

As a parent, you'll find a place where your family's values are reinforced, where you'll be welcomed and involved in the educational process, and where we'll help you find affordable options so you can enroll your child with confidence.



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As you compare the options, we're here to help you understand the unique benefits of a Jewish Day School. It's a place where your child will find:


-  rigorous academics that promote inquiry and a love for learning
-  caring, expert teachers
-  stimulating, creative opportunities
-  safe and inclusive school surroundings
-  an active, technologically-rich learning environment
-  a vibrant community built around shared Jewish values and culture
-  exceptional preparation for high school and beyond

Come visit and see firsthand why students, graduates, and parents have found that Pardes Jewish Day School is a place to thrive.

We're here to answer your questions and arrange your personal tour!

L'Shalom,

Pardes Jewish Day School
Admissions Office

 480-991-9141

 admissions@pardesschool.org

WHY

Parents Choose Pardes



A World-Class Education

GROUNDED IN JEWISH VALUES

We prepare students to excel in high school and beyond through an innovative curriculum taught by dedicated educators.



A Strong and Meaningful

JEWISH IDENTITY

We create authentic opportunities for Jewish learning, values, and celebration, instilling a lifelong connection to Judaism.



עבודת ה' היא



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A Commitment to

21ST CENTURY LEARNING

We inspire critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity at all grade levels through project-based education.



A Welcoming



SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We value each student's individual strengths, enabling them to thrive in a safe and inclusive school environment.



Graduates Who

IMPACT THE WORLD

We cultivate students to become confident, dedicated, and responsible future leaders in both Jewish and secular communities.



“ Both of our children started at Pardes in Kindergarten. We can say unequivocally that Pardes prepares its students to succeed. They are prepared to excel academically in high school, and they have developed a strong Jewish identity. More importantly, our oldest graduated Pardes as a self-confident young adult. ”

— DINA & CHAD MANDELBAUM

Explore Pardes' Signature Programs



Full STEAM Ahead

Regular STEAM activities begin in kindergarten and continue throughout Lower School and Middle School. Science, technology, engineering, arts, and math are combined with project-based learning to prepare future scientists, technology experts, engineers, artists, mathematicians, and more.



Create and Innovate in the Makerspace

Introduced at Pardes in fall 2018, the Makerspace is a dedicated space where students come to create, innovate, tinker, explore, and discover using a variety of tools and materials. Available for every student from kindergarten through eighth grade, this creative space provides grade-appropriate technology opportunities including coding, weblogs, green screen videos, 3-D printing, paper circuits, and invention kits.



Pardes Jewish Day School is more than a school; it is a community that supports our children with opportunities, friendships, and individual attention through small class sizes and dedicated teachers. We see our three children blossoming into great thinkers and leaders at Pardes.

— JACQUELINE AND PETER ROALOFS



Future Ready? You Bet!

Our vision of “Future Ready” means we provide students with the knowledge and tools necessary to be successful in today’s world. The landscape of 21st century learning encompasses unifying themes such as challenging academics, project-based learning, classrooms that extend beyond the walls of the school, digital technologies, and a global perspective. We help students feel secure and ready to tackle life in an increasingly complex world.



Many Ways to Thrive

Athletics? Fine arts? Service activities? Yes, yes, and yes! From our Middle School athletic teams, to our popular performing arts productions, to our school-wide involvement in community service, students build confidence, learn teamwork, hone skills of personal expression, and discover their strengths.



PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE: How the Pardes Experience Shapes Lives

*A Pardes
Jewish
Day School
graduate:*

Consider our graduates — hundreds since we opened our doors in 1993! While Pardes alumni are diverse in their gifts, abilities, and professional pursuits, they demonstrate a consistent record of achievement that underscores the benefits of their Jewish Day School education.



Jacob

Meet Jacob, a 2011 Pardes graduate who graduated from Harvard University in 2020. While his experiences in an academically rigorous high school and a gap-year study program in Israel have been rich and varied, he hasn't forgotten the exceptional start he found at Pardes Jewish Day School.

What does he recall about Pardes? →



Individual Attention

"I loved Pardes because it was the kind of place that truly treated each student as an individual. It did not matter how different we were; we all experienced a warm and nurturing environment that allowed us to become the best versions of ourselves."

Rich Friendships

"I loved my peers. From Reform to Conservative to Orthodox, born in America to born abroad, everyone came from such diverse backgrounds that we really learned so much from each other."

- is a critical thinker and communicator
- embraces a love of learning
- has a strong connection to his/her Jewish faith
- is a mensch: a person of integrity and honor

Passionate Teachers

"I've never met a collective group of professionals that shares such a deep passion for their work. They truly want every student that walks in their door to have a transformational experience..."

Connection with Jewish Identity

"Jewish Day School provides a unique opportunity to learn what it means to be part of a community. When so many people around us are struggling to find their place, graduates of Jewish Day Schools are already acutely aware of theirs."



Pardes alumni are accepted at the most competitive high schools, perform well in demanding honors and AP classes, earn merit scholarships to colleges and universities around the country, and enter diverse career paths such as medicine, law and engineering.



Pardes graduates matriculate to high schools that include:

AAEC PARADISE VALLEY

ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL

BROPHY COLLEGE PREPARATORY

CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL

DESERT MOUNTAIN
HIGH SCHOOL, IB PROGRAM

HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL

MAAYANOT YESHIVA
HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

NEW WAY ACADEMY

PARADISE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL,
CREST PROGRAM

PHOENIX COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

PINNACLE HIGH SCHOOL

RANCHO SOLANO
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

SAGUARO HIGH SCHOOL,
MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY

SHADOW MOUNTAIN
HIGH SCHOOL

SUNNYSLOPE HIGH SCHOOL

XAVIER COLLEGE PREPARATORY



Noah

“Being a Pardes student did not just teach me about Judaism in general; it taught me to love and be proud of my Judaism. The strong sense of Jewish identity that I cultivated throughout nine years at Pardes is one of the key factors that has led to my active role in the Jewish community today.”

Noah, Pardes 2015 and Chaparral High School 2019, is a sophomore at Vanderbilt University where he plans to double major in Mathematics and Economics with a minor in Business.



Leah

“My classmates were incredibly intelligent, which pushed me to grow without fostering a competitive atmosphere. Pardes also prepared me academically, setting me up to take honors and AP courses in high school which in turn set me up well for college.”

Leah, Pardes 2010, graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Arizona Honors College in 2018. She attended on a Flinn Scholarship, awarded to the top 20 high school students in Arizona. Leah works at a science policy think tank in Washington, D.C.

STUDENT HEALTH *and* WELLNESS

We care deeply about the overall health of our students. Supporting their physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being has a direct impact on academic achievement and provides lifelong benefits. The following priority areas help us ensure that every child at Pardes is able to thrive.



CARING CULTURE

A safe and positive school culture promotes a strong sense of belonging. Students learn the importance of community through our strong emphasis on Jewish Values.

RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM

Responsive classroom is an evidence-based model that enhances student achievement, allowing them to develop critical skills for working together, expressing emotion, navigating conflict, and problem-solving.

STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Students receive explicit instruction in social and emotional skill building. This is not a single subject area, but integrated into every class at Pardes. Teachers help students foster productive relationships, show empathy toward one another, and communicate effectively.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY

Each Middle School student at Pardes receives continual support and mentorship from a designated advisor. This faculty member helps to ensure the student's academic progress and also guides the student through everyday challenges and supports his/her social and emotional well-being.

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

Our full-time School Counselor is always ready to provide support, collaborating with students, teachers and parents when things get stressful or challenging at school or at home. Part of our comprehensive Student Support Team, the Counselor works closely with our full-time School Nurse and our Coordinator of Learning Resources.

HEALTH & SAFETY

We take every precaution to ensure each child's health and wellness. Hygiene is a top priority at our school, and there are numerous measures in place to minimize the spread of illness on campus.

— COVID-19 —

HEALTH *and* SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Pardes Jewish Day School has taken numerous steps to create a safe and healthy environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. This not only minimizes the spread of illness, but prevents absences and enhances learning for all. Our students, faculty, and staff view health preservation as an important way to live out our core values.



Simple Home Screenings

Before coming to campus, parents will screen their children for signs of illness. If the student is well, a parent signs off via our app. If symptoms are present, the student may participate in their classes virtually as long as needed.



Touchless Temperature Screening

All staff and students have their temperature checked each morning before entering the school. Anyone with a temperature over 100 degrees will need to return home for the day.



Prioritizing Hand Hygiene

Hand cleaning stations have been added throughout campus and students will have designated times for proper washing. Touchless sanitizer machines are also available.



A Thoughtful Campus Design

We have reconfigured our classrooms and common spaces to ensure students can avoid crowded spaces. Outdoor learning and lunch periods will be held as weather permits to provide fresh air and additional space for physical distancing.



Rigorous Cleaning Processes

The Pardes campus will be deep cleaned each night after school. Throughout the day, high-touch areas will be disinfected with an EPA-grade cleaner. All teachers and staff will have ample cleaning supplies available.



Flexibility for Families

Our investments in classroom technology make the transition to virtual learning seamless. Whether due to illness, a health condition, or other family circumstances, Pardes students can easily continue to be active participants in their classes from home.

Contact Us Today

It would be our pleasure to address your questions and concerns! To learn more about our school's commitment to health and safety, contact **Lauren Kreisberger** at **480-462-2527** or **admissions@pardesschool.org**.

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST



Wondering how to apply to Pardes Jewish Day School?

We'll happily guide you every step of the way!

ALL APPLICANTS

- Schedule a virtual tour**
Schedule Online: pardesschool.org
Or Call: (480) 991-9141
- Complete online application**
Oct 1 - Dec 15:
No application fee during this period!
After Dec 15:
Non-refundable \$95 fee



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KINDERGARTEN

- Pre-K teacher submits an electronic recommendation form.*
- Applicants will attend a virtual “playdate” in December or January, or later in the year for subsequent applicants.

GRADES 1-8

**Recommendation forms are sent directly to the teachers upon completion of the online application. The recommending teacher returns the form directly to Pardes via email.*

Please consult with our staff for students who were homeschooled or did not attend preschool.

- Students applying for entry in grades 1-4 need one recommendation* from their current classroom teacher.
- Students applying for grades 5-8 need both a Language Arts and a Math teacher recommendation form.*
- Parents submit a signed Transcript Request Release Form (downloadable from the Pardes website) to your child’s current school.
- Students will spend some time at Pardes virtually to have an opportunity to see classes in action. Admission assessments and student interviews will be conducted virtually.

READ MORE



ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

OCT 1ST | NOV | DEC 15TH

DEC 16TH | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY 31ST

JUN 1ST | JUL | AUG 31ST

EARLY DECISION ENROLLMENT

OCT 1ST – DEC 15TH

▶ *No application fee during this period!*



OPEN ENROLLMENT

AFTER DEC 15TH

▶ *\$95 non-refundable application fee.*



SPECIAL CONSIDERATION APPLICATIONS

JUN 1ST – AUG 31ST

▶ *It's not too late to join the Pardes family!*

- \$95 non-refundable application fee.
- Applicants considered based on availability.



Once your student has enjoyed their Shadow Day on campus and we have received their Teacher Recommendation Form(s) and Transcript Request Release Form (where applicable), their admissions application file will be complete. It's that easy! We will make an admissions decision within ten business days for applications submitted during Early Decision or Open Enrollment.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS
Pardes admits qualified students of any race, national and ethnic origin, or sexual orientation to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Pardes does not discriminate on the basis of race, national and ethnic origin, or sexual orientation in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Think You Can't Afford a Private Jewish Day School?

THINK AGAIN!

We're all about making a world-class education *affordable* and *accessible*.



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Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders.*



The key to this amazing opportunity is the **Jewish Tuition Organization (JTO)** which provides scholarships to students in local Jewish day schools. Pardes families can work to offset as much tuition as possible through JTO Programs. The Arizona Private School Tuition Tax Credits allow state taxpayers to redirect a portion of their Arizona income taxes to organizations like the JTO.

Make Pardes a Reality for Your Child!

You Have Options:



Needs-Based Scholarship



Taxpayer-Recommended Scholarship



Apply for a Needs-Based Scholarship

Everyone should apply! Many applicants are surprised to learn that tuition assistance is available for a wide range of income levels.

STEP 1

Submit your confidential online financial aid application form at TADS.com, an outside assessment organization.

TADS applications may be submitted starting January 15. They require a small processing fee.

Applications submitted after April 15 will receive awards based on **JTO** money still available.

Check the box that sends the application to the **JTO**.

Submit your assistance application as early as possible, even if your tax return hasn't been filed — then upload the needed documentation as soon as it's complete.

STEP 2

Support the JTO before you file your Arizona state taxes. There's no additional cost to you, as you'll receive a dollar-for-dollar credit towards your Arizona state income tax.

Visit www.donations.jtophoenix.org to contribute, and be sure to select the **Pardes School Fund** for your contribution in the "Optional Recommendation" section.

READ MORE





Apply for a Taxpayer-Recommended Scholarship

Whether or not you receive needs-based funds from the JTO, you can still use taxpayer-recommended funds to help offset your out-of-pocket tuition expense.

HOW THIS HELPS YOU:

You get the benefit of the tuition assistance, and your benevolent friends will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against their Arizona income taxes. It's a win for everyone!

HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

Ask Arizona taxpayers — your friends, neighbors, family members, and coworkers who are not currently supporting the **JTO** — to recommend your child at Pardes with their tax credit dollars.

To receive taxpayer-recommended awards, you will need to complete a short application available on the **JTO** website.

For More Information

Contact **Patti Evans**, Chief Financial Officer at Pardes, to learn how to qualify for other needs-based awards. She'll work to understand your circumstances and craft the best options for your family.

Reach her at pevans@pardesschool.org or by phone at **480-991-9141, ext. 107**.

2020-2021 Tuition: \$16,590 per student

Payment plans and family discounts are available.

Tuition for the following school year is set by the Board of Directors and announced each January.

"We never thought a private Jewish day school education was even an option, until Pardes showed us how to make it a reality. As parents of a first grader, we are already amazed by Pardes's commitment and dedication to the students. The teachers have challenged our daughter in the greatest of ways, ways that she is completely unaware of. Without a doubt, we made the right choice for our daughter, our family, and our peace of mind."

- SARAH AND JOSHUA KATZ



Good Things to Know About

PARDES JEWISH DAY SCHOOL



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“Pardes”

Hebrew for orchard

*This is a place where
your child can flourish.*



ARIZONA'S LARGEST
K-8 Jewish Day School



EDUCATING STUDENTS
Since 1993



GRADES SERVED:
Kindergarten – 8th



ACADEMICS



8:1 STUDENTS/TEACHER

39

OF TEACHERS

292

STUDENTS
2020 - 2021 School Year



FUTURE READY
21st Century Success Skills



HEBREW AND SPANISH
Classes

STUDENT LIFE



KOSHER LUNCH
available for purchase



DAILY RECESS
for all grades



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL
LEARNING
Responsive Classroom and Advisory

PARDES
ATHLETICS

16 | 7

TEAMS | SPORTS

FINE ARTS



VISUAL | THEATER | MUSIC

We invite you to experience
PARDES JEWISH DAY SCHOOL
IN ACTION!

Schedule your tour today:
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