Insider's Guide
What kind of school is ASU Prep Digital?

ASU Prep Digital is an online school serving students grades K–12 anywhere in the world. We are part of ASU Preparatory Academy, an innovative network of PreK–12 schools started by Arizona State University. Our digital coursework and unique personalized support systems are designed to allow every student to thrive as a scholar and prepare for college, careers and life.
What type of students attend ASU Prep Digital?

We have all types of students from all around the world. Our students have the flexibility to work anywhere, on their own schedule and at their own pace.

Full-time Students
(Grades K–12)

Students taking four or more courses are considered full-time. ASU Prep Digital is an accredited Arizona school and we award high school diplomas to qualifying seniors.

Part-time Students
(Grades 6–12)

Students that take courses as a supplement to their traditional school or homeschool studies are considered part-time. Many attend local high schools and use the ASU Prep Digital courses as a way to get ahead and begin their accelerated path to university majors. Some work in classrooms as part of their school’s partnership with ASU Prep Digital. Others work on their own at home after school.
Why is it considered a college prep school?

ASU Prep Digital students of all ages are preparing for college, careers and life. As part of one of the largest and most innovative universities in the US, we offer students the opportunity to accelerate their path to a college major by taking concurrent university courses that earn them both high school and college credits. Students work with a Learning Success Coach from an early age to explore careers and plan their pathway.

This is not a credit recovery or GED program.

While ASU believes all students can be successful and is committed to surrounding them with the support needed to achieve their goals, this is a rigorous college-prep program. It is not designed for students who need to make up credits quickly or those seeking a GED. Students are not eligible to enroll after their 21st birthday.
What are the teachers like?

Our highly qualified online teachers are the driving force behind the learning experience at ASU Prep Digital. While many of our teachers have traditional classroom experience, most have been teaching in a virtual or hybrid model for many years and have vast knowledge of the technologies and teaching strategies unique to digital instruction.

Each student is assigned a teacher for each course to provide live instruction via video chat and one-on-one feedback via email, text, phone or video chat. Students enrolled in our university-level courses will also receive instruction from ASU faculty.

All students are also assigned a personal Learning Success Coach to help them stay on track and plan a path to college and careers.
What are the courses like?

The learning experience at ASU Prep Digital is very different from the remote learning many schools were forced into during the pandemic. We’ve designed our courses and instruction around a flexible virtual model. All the course materials are online, but students are asked to apply lessons to real-world situations, participate in lab sessions and collaborate with classmates and their community.

Live Lessons
Teachers conduct live lessons via video chat several times each week. These are interactive sessions that engage small groups of students in discussion and shared learning.

Self-Paced
Students will also work through online lessons at their own pace thanks to learning technologies that adapt to meet individual needs.

Hands-On Learning
Throughout the course, they will read materials, watch videos, play games, write papers, participate in discussions, create projects and apply knowledge in 3D discovery simulations.
How does ASU Prep Digital compare?

While the ASU Prep Digital experience has some similarities to the remote learning many schools experimented with recently, there are some major differences. Yes, the activities are online, but ours weren’t adapted from classroom lesson plans. Our curriculum team has tested the most effective online learning techniques with K–12 students over the last two decades and applied the proven tactics to create an engaging and efficient experience.

+ **Flexible** online platform works anytime, anywhere.
+ **Self-paced** model adapts to all learning styles.
+ **Adaptive technologies** personalize learning.
+ **Automated feedback** provides instant instruction.
+ **Live lessons** engage students in collaboration.
+ **Open framework** allows for revision and re-study.
+ **Personal Learning Success Coach** helps students stay on track.

### Student Performance

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*2022 Spring 2022 administrations of the AASA, MSAA, and ACT statewide assessments – azed.gov/accountability-research/data/

And when it comes to student performance, there is no comparison with other online schools.

We are part of the most innovative university in the country, so naturally we are focused on providing opportunities to help our young scholars thrive and accelerate their path to college and careers.
What is a typical day like for full-time students?

There is no such thing as a typical day for ASU Prep Digital students because it all depends on their age, learning style, personal preferences, extracurricular activity schedule and mood. Our elementary program has scheduled live time with the teacher each day, while the middle and high school courses vary.

Some students prefer to focus on one subject a day, while others mix it up and work on all their courses. Some students build their day around the live lesson schedule for their classes, while others like to focus on projects first. That’s the beauty of this flexible program. Sleep until noon, stay up late, practice your sport six hours a day—it’s all up to you.

Explore a day in the life of several students in these
How do students make friends and socialize at an online school?

Social and emotional learning is an important aspect of education, and we take great care to curate experiences that help our students thrive beyond academics.

**New Student Orientation**
We want all students to be comfortable and confident in school, so we spend the first week helping them get to know their peers, teachers and Learning Success Coaches as well as the technologies, course materials, and processes. This is a great chance to meet new friends and make plans for a path to success.

**Class Time Socializing**
While each grade and subject is different, all of our teachers make time for fun during the live online sessions. It’s a great way to warm up the video chat and get everyone comfortable. Activities can include open discussions, sharing your favorite pet on camera or recalling stories from the weekend.

**Clubs**
We have dozens of clubs for every grade level, and students are encouraged to start something new based on their interests. While the lineup is changing all the time, our current clubs include interests in drama, gaming, writing, books, diversity, student government, veterinary science, fitness, design, math, Amnesty International, mental health and more.

**Activities**
Our events calendar is packed with activities for students and families. From virtual game days and real-world family field trips to movie nights, contests and student performances, there are opportunities to socialize and celebrate each week.

**Athletics**
The flexible schedule of ASU Prep Digital is perfect for students needing to train for soccer, golf, tennis, rodeo, dance, etc. And while we don’t have our own teams, many districts will allow our full-time students to participate in team sports at their local school.
Become part of Arizona State University

The best part of being an ASU Prep Digital student is having access to the resources of the university ranked #1 in innovation (ahead of MIT and Stanford) by U.S. News and World Report for the last seven years.

For elementary and middle school students, this means learning how to prepare for college, while exploring future majors and careers.

Once in high school students can take college courses, accelerate toward college majors and potential careers and even get a sense for ASU campus life through optional summer camps and internships.

Many of these university-level courses can also be taken as concurrent credit, earning you both high school and college credit at the same time. This saves students time and money when they get to college.

Four college courses are included per year for all full-time ASU Prep Digital students. (Full-time students who are AZ residents do not pay tuition, and college courses are included in the tuition for out-of-state students.) And because ASU is a top-tier, Research 1 university, the college credit earned will transfer almost anywhere. This is not the case with all dual-enrollment programs.
How much does it cost?

Arizona students can attend the ASU Prep Digital full-time program tuition-free. We also have tuition-based options for Arizona part-time students and students from across the U.S. and around the world.

There are many factors that influence tuition rates, so please contact us for a personalized quote. ASUPrepDigitalAdmissions@asu.edu

When is enrollment?

Right now! You can enroll in an online high school course anytime throughout the year. Full-time high school and university concurrent enrollment happens at the beginning of each semester.

How do I enroll?

Or schedule a call and one of our admissions advisors will answer all your questions, walk you through the process and help you collect the documents you’ll need.
Why do families love ASU Prep Digital?

Hannah
“I love the sense of community at ASU Prep Digital. I've made some great, supportive friends that I'll cherish beyond high school.”

Naijae
“Taking concurrent courses is an opportunity to invest in your future and learn about college before you get there.”

Alexis
“Switching to ASU Prep Digital was one of the best decisions I've ever made.”

Olivia
“Our teachers are extremely willing to help and will go above and beyond to make sure we are succeeding, both in and out of school.”

Margaret
“Thanks to ASUPD, I can work on school on my time and at my pace. I've never been happier!”

Rachel
“ASU Prep Digital allows me to become the best version of myself: unique and educated.”
Have more questions?

Or contact an admissions advisor.
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