



**Desert Star
offers an
education that**



**engages
the whole child**

**integrates
art, music
and movement
into a classical
academic education**

**deeply respects
children**

**nurtures
an enthusiasm for learning**

**motivates
children intrinsically**

**reinforces
a child's connection
with nature**

**provides
active and
creative learning**

**fosters
healthy social
development and
community
building**



The Desert Star Community School Mission

The mission of Desert Star Community School is to provide an education that considers the needs of the whole child, develops the full diversity of human intelligence within each individual, and instills a life-long love of learning. Our purpose is to inspire and empower students to reach their full academic and creative potential so they may lead fulfilling, purposeful lives and make a positive contribution to the multi-cultural society and world community in which they live.

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**A Waldorf-
Inspired
Charter
Elementary
School**



*where education is considered
a journey - not a race*

At Desert Star students are prepared to enter adulthood with:

Self Discipline, Independence,
A Mastery of Analytical Faculties,
as well as a Reverence and Wonder for
Nature's Wisdom & Beauty.

Effective learning flourishes in an environment that honors and respects the wonder of childhood. In this age of pervasive media and technological influences, Desert Star offers a healthy, balanced approach that draws upon both age-old traditions and cutting edge research to determine how to best teach children and meet their needs. The Waldorf approach of “head, heart and hands” allows children to integrate and retain what they learn through experiential, multi-sensory and emotionally engaging learning experiences. The educational methods and curriculum are designed to invigorate the mind intellectually, engage the heart and work actively with the hands and body throughout the day.



Desert Star Now Shines at its Lovely New Home in Cornville!

In the fall of 2007 the school opened its doors at a new three acre site in Cornville, Arizona in the heart of the Verde Valley. Amid vistas of Sedona and the high desert, existing original structures were built using natural and recycled materials found locally. This land is the perfect setting to bring our curriculum to life. The property borders State land and offers space for the school to grow to its full potential over time. Under the clear blue skies, children feel connected with the natural cycles of life and there's plenty of space to play and plant organic gardens.

Desert Star Community School offers a Waldorf-Inspired curriculum, enhanced by Howard Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligences. The teaching methods meet the needs of the whole child by engaging them on many levels: cognitive, physical, social, emotional as well as the creative-imaginative. Desert Star's educational program places a special emphasis on academic learning, sustainable environmental stewardship and provides a variety of multicultural experiences.

The school has designed a program to meet Arizona state educational standards through an innovative approach that is experiential, child-centered, meaningful and imaginative. Desert Star is a progressive Waldorf methods school rooted in the educational philosophies of Rudolf Steiner.

