

Globe Education Center

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Guiding Educational Choices

Globe Education Center: serving individuals, not numbers

The Globe Education Center (GEC) offers more than a “second chance” for students. It offers a commitment that goes beyond test scores and focuses on student success. With the belief that every student can learn, Gila County School Superintendent Linda O’Dell founded the Globe Education Center in 2005. Since then, more than 100 students have received their high school diploma from GEC.

Principal Vajra Miller embodies the same philosophy that all students can learn when given the proper support. “It’s a fresh start when you come to an alternative school. I like to present to students the opportunities related to a fresh start,” she says.

When students return from the summer break next month, they will discover that the school has also been given a “fresh start”. Over the summer, a number of “home-improvements” were made, from fresh coats of paint to the creation of an area that will soon become the school’s garden. In addition to campus improvements, GEC students will be riding in a brand new bus equipped with air conditioning and state-of-the-art safety features. Another change this year will be the introduction of a self-contained junior high class serving grades 7-8.

When it comes to GEC, students are always at the core. Building relationships with the individual students plays a major part in student academic success. Students are encouraged to set career goals and discuss potential obstacles and difficulties with academic advisors. Moreover, GEC’s learning environment enables students to recognize their strengths and talents and put them to use in a diverse team. Small class size further fosters student diversity and creates a unique community in which no one is lost in the crowd.

“An alternative school is different than a high school,” Miller explains. “GEC is the perfect in-between of a homeschool setting and a traditional high school. Students receive both traditional classroom instruction as well as computer-based individual learning.”

Despite being an alternative school, GEC offers its students high-interest social and extra-curricular activities as well as service learning projects made possible through partnerships with various community organizations and the Gila County Schools Office. “I am big on creating experiences for students,” Miller states. She looks forward to continuing to build relationships with students by providing stability and continuity in school leadership. She says that the caring staff of GEC plays a huge role in accomplishing this goal. “The staff’s commitment to the individual students goes above and beyond what would be typical at a traditional school.”

For more information on enrollment at the Globe Education Center, contact Mrs. Vajra Miller, principal, at 928-425-7800, by email to vajramiller@gmail.com or in person at 439 S. 4th Street (former East Globe School) in Globe.