



National Archery in the School Program

Arizona Game and Fish Department

A physical education curriculum entitled, Archery: "On Target for Life" was introduced by the Arizona Game and Fish Department in 2003.

This program is a physical education curriculum designed to teach Junior Olympic Archery Development-style target archery in 4th- 12th grades. The core content covers archery, history, safety, techniques, equipment, mental concentration, and self-improvement. In addition, the curriculum provides interesting and creative possibilities for integration with core content in social studies, mathematics, visual arts, history, and English/language arts. Before presenting the 2-week archery course, teachers undergo a 8-hour Basic Archery Instructor training program.

Students shoot at bullseye targets placed before an arrow resistant net in their gymnasium or other enclosed space. Equipment used is state-of-the-art and designed to fit every student. Thanks to support from the archery industry, the \$4,800 equipment "kits" can be purchased by schools for \$2,400. Schools may also be placed on a waiting list to receive a loaner equipment kit.

TEACHERS REPORT

- Students are enthusiastic about learning archery
- Students behavior and attendance is improved on archery days
- Students that historically resist PE class are eager to participate in archery
- Students who excel in archery class are not only the stereotypical athletes

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