



Diamond Ranch Academy

like your child. unique, one of a kind

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1. The Real Life Transition Program™



A core belief of Diamond Ranch Academy (DRA) is that struggling teens have simply reversed many of life's principles of successful living by accepting society's trend to justify and minimize personal behavior.



To counter this trend, we believe personal accountability and responsibility are vital principles for a foundation of successful living. It is out of this belief that an incredibly simple and effective program was created. We call it The Real Life Transition Program™.

This program integrates and reinforces individual accountability in all aspects of student life.

The Real Life Transition Program™ incorporates a sophisticated therapeutic *Milieu* using a well refined “token economy”. This includes a peer-participant judicial system complete with citations, fines, and appeals. In addition, money earned by the youth is commensurate to their academic performance which can be indicative of real life. Students learn the value of money management, work ethic, and independence which cultivates self worth.

This unique atmosphere becomes the catalyst for *“Healing Families One Youth at a Time.”*



2. Therapy

Therapy in a Safe, Supportive, Empathetic Environment

Diamond Ranch Academy has created a unique and sophisticated therapeutic *milieu* that uses a well refined “token economy”.

This approach integrates and reinforces individual accountability in all aspects of student life.

A skilled, licensed therapist is provided to each student to facilitate the change process.

In conjunction with the therapeutic *milieu*, students will participate in individual, family, and group therapy.

Our therapists are committed to providing a safe, supportive environment which allows the healing process to take place.





3. Academics

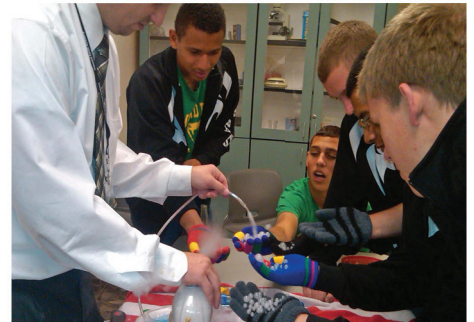
Academics & Special Education

Diamond Ranch Academy (DRA) is accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools and the Utah State Office of Education.

Credits earned at DRA will transfer to schools, colleges, and universities throughout the United States and internationally.

At DRA, we utilize a personalized system of instruction that promotes student ownership in the learning process.

With the support of certified teachers in a traditional classroom setting, students leave DRA having gained knowledge, skills, and confidence. This empowers him towards academic achievement and becoming a lifelong learner.



Special Education



Through our Special Education Department, we are compliant with federal IDEA 2004 regulations.

We administer academic placement, assessments, and manage existing IEP's (Individual Education Plans). DRA also provides programs for career planning and vocational studies.



4. Athletics

Competitive Athletics

Competitive athletics are an important part of the Diamond Ranch Academy experience. Boys and girls are given the opportunity to participate in individual and team sports.

Through this experience students develop and improve individual talents and abilities and learn valuable lessons regarding teamwork, sportsmanship, respect, and humility.

Students come to appreciate the value of hard work and dedication as they see their efforts result in success experiences and self-confidence.

- ✓ Track and Field
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Wrestling
- ✓ Baseball
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Golf





5. Clubs & Activities

Not all students attending Diamond Ranch Academy choose to participate in sports.

Clubs and Activities provide an opportunity for students to nurture their talents in a supportive, healthy environment.

Diamond Ranch Academy employs professional staff with expertise and knowledge in specific areas to assist students in honing their skills and confidence.

Students participating in clubs and activities are able to share their talents with the student body and may compete with other schools in their preferred disciplines.



- ✓ Drama
- ✓ Craftsmanship
- ✓ Speech & Debate
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Music
- ✓ 4H
- ✓ Chees
- ✓ Weightlifting
- ✓ Outdoors
- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Media (Photography & Video)



6. Equine Therapy & Small Animal Care

Methods that enhance the learning process

In addition to traditional therapeutic modalities, Diamond Ranch Academy also provides students with experiential approaches that are non-threatening and very effective.

The Equine Therapy and Small Animal Care programs are used in conjunction with traditional therapy to enhance the learning process. These hands-on approaches are full of symbols and metaphors which become the catalyst for student learning.

Therapists at the ranch are skilled in integrating these experiences into a therapeutic process which provides constant feedback and support to students.



As students work with and care for the animals, they are engaging in lessons of personal responsibility which allow the healing process to take place.

During this process, they forget themselves and look to serve others.



7. Career Planning & Life Skills

Career Planning, Living Skills and Psycho-education

Diamond Ranch Academy offers a Career Planning and Living Skills curriculum designed to help students identify interests and abilities which benefit them in and out of the classroom.

Students learn valuable career and life skills such as: study methods, problem solving strategies, work place skills, career exploration, effective ways to apply and interview for jobs, appropriate communications, and leadership roles.



Students are also introduced to specific vocational skills and exposed to hands-on experience in a variety of occupational fields, achievement and becoming a lifelong learner.



In conjunction with Career Planning and Living Skills, students participate in Psycho-educational groups that promote emotional health and interpersonal insight. These groups work in connection with Individual, Family, and Group therapy to assist the healing process.



8. Parent Support

Parent Support, Seminars & Workshops

At Diamond Ranch Academy we are sensitive to the void that takes place within a family when a student is enrolled in the program. We also acknowledge that long-term changes within the student are requisite on having well equipped, knowledgeable parents. This is why we are committed to assisting parents through this process on behalf of their child.

Diamond Ranch Academy provides seminars and workshops throughout the year in helping parents understand their role in this process.

Topics covered during the workshops/seminars include but are not limited to: program philosophy, therapeutic processes, parental expectations, boundaries, unresolved guilt, and parenting roles.



At these meetings parents have the opportunity to connect with program staff including the parent coordinator/advocate who will assist them throughout the duration of the program in coordinating visits and answering questions as they arise.

No one will ever love your child as much as you do, however, these people come a close second. You can trust them with your most valuable treasure: that child who has lost his/her way for the moment.

For over 35 years I have worked intimately with young people who have made life choices that seriously impact them and their families negatively. These are good kids and good parents who have lost their way and simply need to realign who they are and what they want their lives to be about in order to build successful lives. No program today does a better job with this process than **Diamond Ranch Academy**.

People find a reason to rise out of their limited lives because they find a possibility, a hope that they can finally win. This powerful program offers the belief in a process that works-a place where kids and parents can commit to “doing their work” and creating success for themselves and those they love most. No one will ever love your child as much as you do. However, these people come a close second. You can trust them with your most valuable treasure: that child who has simply lost his/her way for the moment. Every action they take has a principled foundation. You will never regret this painful, yet ultimately freeing decision. **I can't recommend them highly enough.**

-Taylor Hartman, PhD
Bestselling author of *The People Code*

