

## 11 Phoenix-area new schools and campus renovation projects

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### PENSAR ACADEMY

**Project:** Startup School

**Description:** Located in Glendale, Pensar Academy will offer space for 150 students in fourth through eighth grades. Capacity will increase to 300 in its second year and up to 400 in the third. Co-founder Sandy Zupetz said the academy is renting an existing structure for the first few years, with plans to purchase and renovate a building in downtown Glendale.

**Funding:** Grant funding from the Walton Family Foundation and the Arizona Charter Starter Schools Program

**Why was it needed?** “Pensar Academy opened in this community due to the urgent need and demand,” Zupetz said. She stressed the academy’s focus on project collaboration and science and technology.

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