



LITTLETON ACADEMIES

frequently asked QUESTIONS



What does School Choice mean?

Once enrolled in the Littleton District, students have choices when registering for schools. Effective at the start of the 2016-17 school year, the District has a single attendance area which allows for families to request programs which may or may not be in the neighborhood schools. The idea is to empower students to select programs that they are excited about and offer interest based learning opportunities. The requests are filled based on capacity and wait lists are used so that students may transfer into a program in the event a seat becomes available.



Will the students be learning different things?

All of our schools will continue to offer a curriculum based on the State standards along with art, music, physical education, and technology. Some of our schools have decided to go a step further and offer focus choices. Instruction will center on more project-based learning, with work tailored to the specialty. Same curriculum with an added twist. **Arts, STEM, Leadership and Service** Programs now available.



How do I register for a program?

Students that are enrolled in the Littleton District complete registration request applications. If the desired program is at capacity, students are placed on a waiting list and parents are contacted during transfer windows when a seat becomes available at semester breaks.



How do the academies impact transportation?

Transportation for eligible students will be provided.



Can siblings choose different schools?

Absolutely. Families are encouraged to choose programs that best meet the needs of individual students.





Do I need to turn in enrollment documents?

You will not need all the enrollment documents if you are already a Littleton student. Shot records, birth certificates, identification and proof of address are only necessary to enroll new students in our District.



Where can I see the videos or more information about school choice?

Information is available in our web site www.littletonaz.org under enrollment.



How do variances work?

We no longer have internal variances. If students live within our boundary, they no longer need this special permission. Variances now apply to students living outside of the Littleton boundaries and will be granted based on program capacity.



What if I move into a neighborhood and the closest school is full?

All students that live within our boundaries will have a seat at one of the great Littleton schools that does have room. The same wait list will be used to log requests for students coming in requesting a program that is at capacity and families will be contacted if seats become available at the semester break.



Will there be Gifted, ELL or Special Education Programs at all schools?

There will be programs for exceptional learners at all schools.



What if my child is not happy at the school we chose?

Requests for program changes will be reviewed at the semester break using the wait lists. Parents will be contacted about the possible transfers and these transfers will be based on capacity at the time of review. Wait lists for each semester will be retired after the 10-day transfer window and a new one will be started each semester thereafter.



How does School Choice impact class size?

This model allows us to maintain amazing class sizes. It significantly limits the possibility of overcrowding classrooms because students are placed in a program based on seat availability. If there is not an open seat at the desired campus, students are placed on a wait list. Both parents and teachers are reporting satisfaction with this model that increases opportunities for individual attention.



What are the start times on each campus?

Please see the website for the current bell schedules. If adjustments need to be made to bell schedules, typically to improve transportation routes, new times will be announced as soon as they are board approved. There are currently no changes being proposed.





How does this impact before and after care?

Before and after care will continue to run on sites where there is enough interest to have a program. If child care is not offered at the site your student attends, your student can be transported to another campus that hosts this program.



Which grade levels will the District serve?

All campuses will serve students in grades K-8. In addition, the Littleton campus will host our preschool program.



What if I don't register?

Students who live within our boundaries and do not register run the risk of being moved to another program where there is capacity. Declaring your school choice during opening week gives families the best opportunity to be placed in the desired program.



Why is it important that I be in school starting on the first day?

There are many reasons to be in school each day and this year is no exception. If students want to ensure their seat in the program they chose, they need to be in class when school starts. Many programs have waiting lists and because we believe it is best to get students in the programs they want as soon as possible, we will be monitoring the wait lists and transferring students to unclaimed seats during the first ten days of school. That means, students could lose their spot if they do not arrive on time and will be placed on the bottom of the wait lists upon their return.



Where can I find additional information on this new and exciting initiative?

Please visit our website www.littletonaz.org, or any of the school websites. You can also check us out on Facebook or Twitter or sign up for our email messages via Constant Contact.

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