



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. Four 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.

How do I register for a program?

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

How do the academies impact transportation?

Transportation will be impacted; however, now that students are registered in programs, we are working on routes for next year and expect to have information out to parents at the end of this school year.

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 and proof of address are only necessary to enroll new students in our District.

Where can I see the videos about school choice?

The videos are 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 as seats become available.

 **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.

 **What are the new start times?**

Start times will be announced as soon as transportation details are finalized.

 **How does this impact before and after care?**

These programs will continue to run on sites where there is interest.

 **What grade levels is the new Art School going to have?**

The new Fine Arts Academy will service a limited amount of students in grades K-7. This determination was based on interest and requests for this program.

 **What if I don't register?**

Students who live within our boundaries and do not register will be placed in a program that has capacity.





Why is it important that I be in school starting on July 27th?

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 here 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. From there you can also check us out on Facebook or Twitter or sign up for our email messages via Constant Contact.

