



**LITTLETON**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #65

# Frequently Asked Questions

## INFORMATION ABOUT ACADEMIES

### 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.

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, Financial Literacy and Service Programs are currently available.

### Will the students be learning different things?

### How do I register for a program?

Each year, the window to make requests is announced and families log into ParentVUE to select their program(s) for the next year. Typically, there is a School Choice night during which families can come in to learn about current offerings to help them decide which program to choose. Historically, almost all of our students get their first choice! Not to worry, but , we ask that families use their ParentVUE account to make their selections quickly when the window opens. IF you are new to our District, you will create a ParentVUE account when completing the online enrollment and you will be asked which school is you would like your children to attend.

Transportation for eligible students will be provided. Each year, transportation boundaries are reviewed, then changes are recommended and brought to the Governing Board.

### How do the academies impact transportation?

### 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.

Information is available on our website at - [www.littletonaz.org](http://www.littletonaz.org) - under the enrollment link.

**Where can I see the videos or more information about School Choice?**

**How do variances work?**

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

All students that live within our boundaries will have 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.

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

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

There will programs for exceptional learners at all schools.

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

**How does SchoolChoice impact class size?**

This model allows us to maintain amazing class sizes. It helps us manage classrooms like most districts cannot 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 at another school while on a wait list. Both parents and teachers are reporting satisfaction with this model that increases opportunities for individual attention.

If adjustments need to be made to start times they will be announced as soon as they are board approved. Note-from time to time, transportation demand may require adjustments to school bell schedules.

**What are the start times on each campus?**

**How does School Choice impact after school care?**

The Boys and Girls Club runs a program conveniently located on the District Office property. Club members from all academies can ride a designated bus to the club and participate in activities until parents arrive to pick up. For additional information about the Boys and Girls club, please check their website. <https://www.bgcaz.org/club/littleton-club-at-underdown-learning-center-avondale/>

All campuses currently serve students in grades K-8. In addition, the Littleton campus is home to our preschool program.

**Which grade levels will the District serve?**

**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.

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 list upon their return.

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

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

Please visit our website [www.littletonaz.or](http://www.littletonaz.or), or any of the school websites. You can also check us out on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or sign up for our email messages via Constant Contact.