We're ready for another great year! School starts Tuesday, August 6th.
## Welcome Back!

Join us for Meet the Teacher Nights, Open Houses, and Freshman Camps!

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<td>August 2 5:30pm - 7:00pm</td>
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| Ashton Ranch Elementary            | August 2 5:30pm - 7:00pm | New Principal - Angela Allen  
New Dean of Students - Jillian Strong |
| dysart.org/AshtonRanch             |                  |                                                  |
| Canyon Ridge School                | August 2 5:00pm - 6:30pm | Principal - Jill Hoppe  
Assistant Principal - Andrew Griesel |
| dysart.org/CanyonRidge             |                  |                                                  |
| Cimarron Springs Elementary        | August 2 5:00pm - 6:30pm | Principal - Ginger Richards  
Assistant Principal - Charleen Clark |
| dysart.org/CimarronSprings         |                  |                                                  |
| Countryside Elementary             | August 2 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Principal - Marciannne Hessler  
Assistant Principal - Michelle Hill |
| dysart.org/Countryside             |                  |                                                  |
| Dysart Elementary                  | August 2 5:30pm - 7:00pm | New Principal - Ashley Longoria  
New Assistant Principal - Guadalupe Alejos |
| dysart.org/DysartElementary        |                  |                                                  |
| El Mirage Elementary               | August 2 4:30pm - 6:00pm | Principal - Stephanie Scott  
Assistant Principal - Rick Haney |
| dysart.org/ElMirage                |                  |                                                  |
| Freedom Traditional Academy        | August 2 5:30pm - 6:30pm | New Principal - Connie Wolford                   |
| dysart.org/Freedom                 |                  |                                                  |
| Kingswood Elementary               | August 2 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Principal - Jeremy St. Germain  
Assistant Principal - Robin Hollowell |
| dysart.org/Kingswood               |                  |                                                  |
| Luke Elementary                    | August 2 5:30pm - 7:00pm | New Principal - Molly Gillett  
New Asst. Principal - Sarah Barkley Rosenthal |
| dysart.org/Luke                     |                  |                                                  |
| Marley Park Elementary             | August 2 5:00pm - 6:30pm | Principal - Jessica Felix  
New Assistant Principal - Kara Sehr |
| dysart.org/MarleyPark              |                  |                                                  |
| Mountain View School               | August 2 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Principal - Gail Miller  
New Assistant Principal - Amy Miles |
| dysart.org/MountainView            |                  |                                                  |
| Rancho Gabriela Elementary         | August 2 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Principal - Scott Kerr  
Assistant Principal - Michelle Ruff |
| dysart.org/RanchoGabriela          |                  |                                                  |
| Riverview School                   | August 2 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Principal - Stephanie Lawrence  
Assistant Principal - Cathie Sylvester |
| dysart.org/Riverview               |                  |                                                  |
| Sonoran Heights Elementary         | August 2 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Principal - Andrew Frazier  
Assistant Principal - Castonia McKnight |
| dysart.org/SonoranHeights          |                  |                                                  |
## Back to School!

Open Houses, and Freshman Camps!

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<td>Principal - Amy Hartjen Assistant Principal - Hannah Pacheco Assistant Principal - Sunny Resch Assistant Principal - Tyrus Timbrooks</td>
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<td>Principal - Michael Hawkins Assistant Principal - Arthur Greenway Assistant Principal - Matthew Kuffel Assistant Principal - Amanda Logan New Assistant Principal - Erin McRae</td>
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<td>Growing Minds Preschool</td>
<td>Register Today!</td>
<td>New Preschool Manager - Melissa Toscano New Lead Facilitator - Emily Kunzmann</td>
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REGISTRATION

The Dysart Unified School District would love to serve your child at one of our 25 schools! New student registration applications may be completed online at dysart.org/Registration.

Parents interested in the new Freedom Traditional Academy or enrolling in a school outside of their boundary school are invited to complete an open enrollment application at dysart.org/oe.

For more information, including need-to-know items such as school boundaries, transportation, immunizations, and special education, please visit dysart.org. For Meet the Teacher and Open House details, please view the school directory on the previous pages.

Dysart looks forward to providing each student an extraordinary school experience in the 2019-2020 school year.

Please note that in order to finalize registration the following documents may be required: a government issued photo identification; birth certificate; proof of residency; and immunization records.

DRESS CODE

Dysart Unified School District believes that there is a connection between student dress and academic success. As such, any attire that detracts from the learning environment is not acceptable. Students should dress in a manner that takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health and welfare of oneself and others.

Please note that dress codes may vary from school to school.
Dysart is proud to offer top-quality preschool programs that will help prepare your child to succeed in life. We offer innovative and educationally stimulating preschool programs that feature Arizona Early Learning Standards curriculum designed to help children develop skills in eight major content areas: Math, Science, Social Studies, Language and Literacy, Physical Development, Social and Emotional Development, Creative Arts, and Approaches to Learning. Our mission is to help your child achieve his/her full potential academically, socially, emotionally, and cognitively.

The four preschool options available to parents are Growing Minds (tuition-based), Developmental , Title I and Role Model (tuition-based).

The new Growing Minds Preschool offers a 12-month program that will be open Monday-Friday from 6am-6pm. There are full day and half day options for children ages 2-5 and all meals are included.

If you are the parent of a preschool child, or know of a preschool child with suspected developmental delays, residing within the boundaries of the Dysart Unified School District, you’re eligible for a free Child Find screening. Suspected delays may be evident in the areas of communication, cognition, behavior, physical, auditory, visual and/or sensory development. Free screenings and/or diagnostic evaluations help determine those children eligible for special education services. For details and a complete list of screening dates throughout the year, visit dysart.org/ChildFind or call 623-876-7022 and select option #2.
Dysart Nutrition Services ensures that our students have fresh, wholesome, and nutritious meal options to support their education and ensure they can remain focused in class. Lunch and breakfast are available at all Dysart schools. In addition to the daily entrees, salad bars and other food bar choices are available. Visit dysart.org/Nutrition for more information.

As part of the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs, all schools offer meals for free or at a reduced price to those that qualify. We encourage every district family to complete an application online. Only one application is required per family.

Meal payments can be made at the point of purchase with cash or check, or families may utilize SchoolCafe to prepay for meals online. Payments take 24 hours to post to student accounts. Account balances can be viewed on the website or with the SchoolCafe app (available on Apple or Google Play store).

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TRANSPORTATION

dysart.org/Transportation

Dysart’s Transportation Department is proud to transport students to and from our schools. Bus route information will be available near August 1.

**ELEMENTARY** - K-8 students who are residents within a school attendance area and who live more than a one-mile radius from school are eligible for transportation. Please note this is not applicable to Freedom Traditional School, since it is an open enrollment school.

**HIGH SCHOOL** - Ninth through twelfth grade students who are residents within a school attendance area and who live more than a one and one-half mile radius from school are eligible for transportation.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION** - Students with disabilities who require transportation, as indicated in their respective individualized education programs, are eligible.

CAREERS

dysart.org/Careers

Interested in being a Bus Driver or Aide? We’re always looking for great people to join our team. Learn more at dysart.org/Careers.
Dysart is proud to offer a wide variety of academic options to meet each of our student's individual needs. In addition, our schools are working on developing signature programs in response to community needs, which we will be sharing more details about soon.

Along with covering the standard subjects in elementary and middle school, students participate in the iExplore Lab where they learn digital citizenship and how to apply the design thinking process to solve problems. Students also have the ability to personalize their learning to master standards and skills.

Our high schoolers are able to delve deeper into careers of interest through our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. Advancement through honors or Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and college credit through dual enrollment are also available to give students a head-start on college.

**PARENT PORTAL dysart.org/ParentPortal**

The Parent Portal can be a great tool for parents to stay informed 24/7 about their child's academic progress. Grades, attendance, assignments, and more are viewable in real time online or via the app. Parents with multiple students in the district can even have a single login to access information for all of their children in one place. The Parent Portal makes it easy for parents to update their contact information to ensure the school and district have the most current information on file. The Campus app is available on iTunes, Google Play, and Amazon.

**ANNUAL STUDENT UPDATE** - New this year, parents can now complete the Annual Student Update on the Parent Portal.
FINE ARTS dysart.org/Arts

Arts are an integral part of a well-rounded education, and Dysart is dedicated to providing a wide variety of options to our students. Arts education has been proven to improve critical-thinking skills and self motivation.

Our K-8 students all receive general music and visual art instruction. Band becomes an option starting in 5th grade. For high school students, dance, theater, and multiple instrumental music courses are available.

• General Music (K-8)
• Visual Arts (K-12)
• Vocal Music (high school or after school at K-8)
• Instrumental Music (grades 5-12)
• Dance (high school, grades 5-8 at West Point)
• Theater (high school, grades 5-8 at West Point)
Dysart students are given the opportunity to participate in district sports beginning in middle school. Our sports programs are highly competitive, and our coaches are among the best. Participation in sports helps teach our students discipline, sportsmanship, leadership, citizenship, and confidence, and promotes physical well-being and pursuit of excellence.

To participate in high school athletics, students must create an account at RegisterMyAthlete.com, provide medical and insurance details, and get an annual physical.

**COMPETITIVE CLASSES**
This year, Dysart will be the first West Valley district to offer athletic classes for high school students competing in after-school sports (baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, spiritline, volleyball) to help students hone their athletic skills and abilities during the school day. Students will be able to engage in strength and conditioning, analyze film, and study their sport with the team. An honors option will also be available.

**SPORT OFFERINGS**
**Middle School:** Baseball, Basketball, Cheer, Cross Country, Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball (Girls)

**High School:** Badminton (Girls), Baseball, Basketball, Cheer, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Spiritline, Swim & Dive, Tennis, Track & Field, Sand Volleyball (Girls), Volleyball, and Wrestling
## 2019-2020 Calendar

**First Day for Students** - Aug. 6  
**Labor Day** - Sept. 2

- **K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences** - Oct. 10-11  
  (½ days for K-8)

- **Fall Break** - Oct. 14-18  
  **Veterans Day (Observed)** - Nov. 11  
  **Thanksgiving Recess** - Nov. 27-29

- **High School Final Exams** - Dec. 19-20  
  (½ days for high school)  
  **Early Release** - Dec. 20 (½ days K-8)

- **Winter Break** - Dec. 23 through Jan. 3

- **School Resumes** - Jan. 6  
  **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** - Jan. 20

- **K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences** - Feb. 13-14  
  (½ days for K-8)  
  **Presidents Day** - Feb. 17

- **Spring Break** - Mar. 16-20  
  **Spring Holiday** - Apr. 10  
  **Graduation Day** - May 15 (½ day for HS)

- **High School Final Exams** - May 20-21  
  (½ days for high school)  
  **Last Day for Students** - May 21  
  (½ day for K-8)

### K-8 Quarter End/Days
- **October 4** - 43 Days  
- **December 20** - 46 Days  
- **March 13** - 48 Days  
- **May 21** - 43 Days

### High School Semesters End/Days
- **December 20** - 89 Days  
- **May 21** - 91 Days

Students are dismissed early every Monday beginning Aug 12 to provide time for teacher professional development.

**Governing Board Approved October 24, 2018**  
**Revised, Governing Board Approved 5/22/19**
The safety and security of our students is our highest priority. Our schools and district regularly plan and practice responses to ensure we are prepared for emergencies.

We encourage you to talk to your child and review some basic safety tips:

- Remind your children to be careful and aware of their surroundings at all times.
- Know when and how your child will arrive and depart from school, and with whom.
- Report any suspicious activity or persons to administration and/or police.
- Talk to your child about strangers. Discuss what to do if approached by a stranger who wants to have a conversation or offers them something or a ride.
- Have a discussion about the importance of immediately sharing information that could be considered threatening to our community with a parent or school staff.
- If your child is online, make it clear to them that social media threats and rumors should never be forwarded or shared, because doing so impedes police investigations.

School safety issues or concerns should be reported to school administrators or anonymously through our Safe Schools Hotline at 623-876-7009 or dysart.org/SafeReport.