SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 3!
REGISTRATION

Registration is now open at your local Dysart School District school. To ensure a smooth and complete transition to our schools, please note the following:

- Children must be 5 years old prior to September 1st to enroll in kindergarten, a parent or guardian must be present to enroll a child, and the registration packet (either obtained from your home school or online) must be completed and submitted. Please check that all forms have been completely filled out and signed in all appropriate places.

The following documents are required for registration:

- Child's original birth certificate
- Immunization records (for more information on locations for immunizations, please visit www.mcchip.org)
- Proof of residency (i.e., lease of purchase agreement, utility bill, etc.)
- Parent or guardian’s government issued photo ID
- Official withdrawal paperwork from previous school (if enrolling during the school year)

To ensure that your child receives the appropriate services, it is highly recommended that parents provide the following:

- Academic records and information from previous school
- Current individualized education plan (IEP)
- Existing 504 plan

For more information, including need-to-know items such as school boundaries, transportation, immunizations, and special education, please visit www.dysart.org.

School Supplies

Arizona law requires that public schools provide the supplies required for academic success. All materials required for a student's education are provided by the Dysart District. Please check with your K-8 school and your child’s teacher for an optional supply list before purchasing any supplies. If you have any questions, please contact your K-8 school.

Back to School

Meet Your Teacher

August 1, 2016 for all schools

- Ashton Ranch: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- Canyon Ridge: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- Cimarron Springs: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- Countryside: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Dysart Elem.: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- El Mirage: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- Kingswood: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Luke: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Marley Park: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Mountain View: 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.
- Parkview: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Rancho Gabriela: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Riverview: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Sonoran Heights: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Sunset Hills: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Surprise Elem.: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Thompson Ranch: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- West Point: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Western Peaks: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

High School REGISTRATION

Students must register and have their ID badges before the first day of school on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. For more information regarding the high school registration process, including any updates to the below information, please call the schools or visit their websites.

Dysart High School
11425 N Dysart Road, El Mirage, AZ 85335
Phone: 623-876-7500 • www.dysart.org/dhs

Freshman Orientation:
- August 1, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Open House:
  - August 1, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Shadow Ridge High School
10909 N. Perryville Road, Surprise, AZ 85388
Phone: 623-523-5100 • www.dysart.org/srhs

Freshman Orientation:
- August 1, 7:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Open House:
  - August 2, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Valley Vista High School
15550 N. Parkview Place, Surprise, AZ 85374
Phone: 623-523-8800 • www.dysart.org/wwhs

Freshman Orientation:
- July 28, 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Open House:
  - August 1, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Registration:
  - July 26-27 by grade level

Willow Canyon High School
17901 W. Lundberg Street, Surprise, AZ 85388
Phone: 623-523-8000 • www.dysart.org/wchs

Freshman Orientation:
- August 1, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Open House:
  - August 1, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Registration:
  - July 27-28, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sundown Mountain
23251 N. 166th Dr, Surprise, AZ 85387
Phone: 623-876-7250
www.dysart.org/sundownmountain

Open House:
- August 2, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
The Dysart Unified School District will hold Child Find Screenings for the 2016-2017 school year. Parents and guardians who have concerns about their children’s development may contact the district office at 623-876-7022 to schedule a free screening. Children must be at least 2 years and 9 months to be eligible for a screening and families must reside in the Dysart District. For information regarding screening children ages birth to 3 years old, please call the Arizona Early Intervention Project at 602-532-9960.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA, 2004) requires that public school agencies ensure that all children from birth through age 21 with delays or developmental disabilities are identified, located, and evaluated to receive the support and services they need. This includes all children living within the geographic boundaries of the school district, including children who are homeless or wards of the state, children with disabilities attending private schools, or those who are homeschooled. Public schools and the Arizona Early Intervention Program are responsible for “finding” eligible children and providing services needed for them to reach their developmental milestones or meet their educational needs.

Dysart Child Find Screenings address vision, hearing, motor, speech and language, cognitive and social skills. The time to complete a screening is approximately one hour and parents must be present with their children during the screening process.

Volunteering in Dysart schools

Each of us has the power to initiate change and improve the lives of others. Regardless of your background or area of interest, we are always looking for motivated, compassionate parents and community members to join Dysart as volunteers. Whether you have an hour, a morning, or a day, spending time in a classroom better a child’s education. Every volunteer’s efforts truly enrich the lives of the community we serve. Share your gifts with our students while teaching them the benefits of helping others. Let us help make your volunteer experience fulfilling. Please visit www.dysart/volunteer or call 623-876-7875 to learn about the numerous volunteer opportunities that exist in K-12 classrooms, libraries, offices, sports programs, and early childhood development programs. More than 2,400 volunteers generously gave 48,158 hours of their time and talents to Dysart schools during the 2015-2016 school year.

2016-2017 Meal Prices

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We’re on Instagram!

Follow us @DysartUSD and explore the images and stories that make Dysart great! Step inside the classroom, check out exciting opportunities, and get inspired by 21st Century learners!

#WeAreDysart

Not an Instagram user? Follow us on your social media platform of choice!

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The Arizona State Decathlon Championship is a grueling athletic event consisting of ten track and field events over a two-day period. This is the most physically demanding event for athletes and a supreme test of mind and body, challenging the person’s character, attitude and determination along with their physical abilities. The decathlon is impossible to ‘tame’ because nobody has ever achieved the perfect score. For that to happen, an athlete would have to place first in every event. At the 2016 State of Arizona Decathlon Championships, Willow Canyon senior Grant Carpenter did something amazing. Not only did he win the competition by more than 400 points to become the first Dysart District athlete to be named the best all-around athlete in the state, but he did it without placing first in a single event. This incredible feat is indicative of the heart and determination of Dysart athletes as they continue to persevere and reach greatness. Additional Willow Canyon sports shined bright with five state qualifiers in wrestling, all team recognitions for the Wildcat baseball team, and section championships in boys tennis and girls soccer.

Dysart High School had a standout year that started with a strong 7-3 regular season by the varsity football team. The team made it to the playoffs for the first time since 1994. In the spring, the 4x400 track team won the Arizona Division II State Championship with an incredible and unexpected victory. Additionally, the boys soccer team had an undefeated regular season and made it to the final four in the state playoffs. The boys basketball and baseball teams reached the second round of the state playoffs. Dysart High also had state qualifiers in track, girls cross country, swimming, wrestling, and tennis.

The spiritline qualified and placed at state and nationals.

Shadow Ridge High School’s Destiny Cazares laid it all out on the mat as she was named the 2016 state champion in girls wrestling. The championship was followed with two state champion runner up recognitions in the boys 100 meter dash and boys tennis. Software, tennis, 5-girl stunt cheer, and boys basketball all qualified for state tournaments. The girls volleyball team set a new precedent and qualified for state for the first time.

The Valley Vista High School Monsoon continued the legacy of success in girls basketball with the team making the final four in the state tournament. Sophomore Taylor Chavez made Monsoon history when she was the first Valley Vista athlete to be named to the 1st Team All Arizona for girls basketball. Valley Vista’s pomline rocked Arizona in 2016 by winning the state championship and competing nationally. Track had 20 state qualifiers with Cole Riddle taking 2nd place in the state meet and 1st place in the pole vault at the Meet of Champions. Boys baseball made it to the second round of the state playoffs while girls golf had an amazing 10-1 season.

In addition to seeing students break barriers on the field, 2015-2016 saw excellence in the classroom as well. At Valley Vista High School, more than 120 students received the AIA Voie Coy Award which recognizes athletes who obtained a 3.5 or higher grade point average. Willow Canyon High School lead the state with 14 members of the football team named to the Arizona All-Academic Football Team. Jared Stangler of Willow Canyon was recognized as one of the ‘Top 33’ for the National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award.

This academic and athletic success will allow dozens of Class of 2016 graduates from all four high schools to attend college with scholarships in a variety of sports. With the achievements of the past year, Dysart Unified School District is looking forward to another successful athletic year in 2016-2017 where student athletes will flourish on and off the field.

Follow all the action online!

monsoonathletics.org
dhsathletics.org
stallionathletics.org
wchswildcats.org
Personalized learning continues to be a driving force for the Dysart Unified School District. Starting this school year, Dysart will launch yet another option for students who are looking for a technology-rich education through the Innovation Academy at Western Peaks Elementary School. This personalized learning environment will allow students to utilize digital learning tools in a project-based environment where instruction is paced to student needs, modified to address learning preferences, and tailored to the interests of each learner.

The Innovation Academy will utilize a strong foundation of core education instruction through the use of new century skills and innovative learning strategies. In creating a competency-based environment where students master concepts, students will apply lessons and skills by engaging in real-world, authentic problems and learning strategies to become independent and innovative thinkers. These strategies are the keys to an ever-changing world focused on student knowledge and the ability to work creatively to find solutions in society and the workplace.

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Parent Portal

Have questions about your child’s academic performance? Want to know about assignments, grades, attendance, and events at their school? Download the Infinite Campus Parent Portal today. The Parent Portal is a tool for you to stay informed and engaged in your child’s education by tracking your student’s progress in real time. The secure Parent Portal provides parents and guardians a single login to access information for multiple students.

Features include 24/7 access to student data including attendance, grades, assignments, schedule, contact information, and assessment scores. The portal makes information quick and easy for families on the go by providing announcements, reports, and the ability to send and receive messages from the school and district.

Setting up the portal is easy. Go to www.dysart.org/parentportal to set up your new account today.

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Career Technical Education (CTE) continues to be the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry, and contributes to America’s leadership in the international marketplace. While the programs are changing with industry and community needs, CTE in the Dysart Unified School District prepares students to enter the workforce with the academic and vocational skills needed to compete successfully in the job market.

Looking to go into the healthcare industry, we have you covered. Video production? Walk onto the set at Willow Canyon. Want to redesign a skyline? Build it with Shadow Ridge’s Architectural program. CTE students achieve academic excellence through authentic, hands-on, career-focused learning.

There are currently 17 different programs of study available at the four high schools. Students in their senior year have the opportunity to participate in CTE Student-Business Internship Program, which provides an in-depth, work-based environment to gain experience aligned with CTE programs.

Dysart also offers 21 programs of study through Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC). West-MEC builds upon Dysart’s CTE programs and focuses on hands-on learning, leadership development training, and industry certification to help prepare today’s students for tomorrow’s careers.

### Dysart Unified School District No. 89
#### 2016-2017 CALENDAR

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Governing Board Approved June 3, 2015
Revised February 3, 2016

Learn more about authentic, hands-on programs at dysart.org/cte
Emergency Response Guide for Parents

The Dysart Unified School District has a detailed emergency plan which has been developed in collaboration with our local law enforcement and fire-medical agencies to respond effectively and efficiently to any situation. Should a critical or emergency situation arise, the appropriate response will be initiated. Please be advised that students WILL NOT be released during any emergency response. For more info visit www.dysart.org/safety

Evacuation
An Evacuation is initiated when there are conditions inside the school building that could be unsafe. Students and staff evacuate the buildings and assemble at predetermined outside locations. An off-site evacuation may be necessary depending on the incident. District officials will coordinate busing of students to an off-campus location. Information on student reunification will be sent out by the district automated phone, text, or email system.

Modified Lockdown
A Modified Lockdown is initiated when there may be a danger outside of the buildings or off campus. Students and staff are moved (or remain) in classrooms and perimeter doors remain locked, including the front office. Classroom instruction continues as normal, and necessary movement can occur within a building. Law enforcement will typically notify administration when the ‘All Clear’ can be given.

Lockdown
A Lockdown is initiated when there may be an immediate threat or hazard near or on the school campus. Students and staff are moved (or remain) in classrooms and sit away from doors or windows, which are locked and covered. Classroom activities cease until the incident concludes. The office will be closed and phones will not be answered.

Shelter in Place
A Shelter in Place is initiated when students and staff need to be inside the building for safety. During Shelter in Place, students and staff are moved (or remain) in their classrooms and normal classroom activities continue until the incident concludes. The front office is unlocked and open for anyone seeking shelter. Shelter in place is used to provide protection against the outdoor environment, such as weather.

Parent-Student Reunification
Parent-Student Reunification is a process where parents will be asked to pick up their children from school or an alternate location in a formalized, controlled release. The goal of reunification is that all students remain safe while in the school’s care until they are reunited with families. Students will be released ONLY to parents/guardians or other adults who are listed as emergency contacts and who present a picture ID such as a driver’s license, military ID, or passport. Please make sure all emergency contacts are updated and accurate.