

Spring 2019

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Dysart Unified School District

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT DYSART LATELY?

Since 1920, Dysart has been a proud part of our growing community. A lot has changed since then, and we are excited to share the new ways we are meeting community needs. Check out what's **NEW!** in Dysart today!



To better meet the needs of our growing community, the Dysart Unified School District is creating new schools and offering new courses, programs, and services in order to provide a wide range of supports for student success. We now have 25 schools serving more than 24,000 students, making us the 9th largest district in Arizona.

With a renewed focus on *Academics, Arts, and Athletics*, we are proud to offer schools that meet the needs of all students. At Dysart we even go beyond students to engage and collaborate with the community as a whole through various programs and events. Together we are working to build and support quality communities where children grow and thrive.

We are your community. We are Dysart.



Asante Preparatory Academy to open in 2019

Residents on the north side of Surprise have a new school in the neighborhood - Asante Preparatory Academy. Opening on August 6, Asante will offer students opportunities for acceleration by meeting each student at their current level and supporting their individual growth five days a week. Kindergarten will be offered as a free, full-day program. Preschool as well as before and after school care opportunities are also available.

Asante will offer a comprehensive array of courses to meet the needs of all students, including gifted and special education programs. Visual and performing arts as well as athletics and a variety of after school activities will be available for students to explore.

The school, formerly Desert Moon School that closed in 2014, is conveniently located at 23251 North 166th Drive in Surprise near Pat Tillman Boulevard and the Asante Community Park. To learn more or to enroll, call 623-523-8900 or visit dysart.org/Asante.

Dysart District Governing Board livestream now available

New this year, Dysart began livestreaming Governing Board meetings on our YouTube channel. The Dysart Governing Board has five members and typically holds meetings twice a month. Meetings are open to the public, and we welcome you to attend either in person or to watch virtually. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Dysart Education Center, 15802 N. Parkview Place in Surprise. To watch, learn more, or for a meeting schedule or agenda, visit dysart.org/GoverningBoard. **NEW!**

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DYSART BUDGET?

Visit dysart.org/budget to see how we fund everything from teacher salaries to transportation.





ACADEMICS

FOCUSED

At Dysart, we are working to offer innovative programs for all, including new classes and online curriculum, career and technical education programs, college-prep, and much more.

We are excited that each of our schools are developing new signature programs to respond to the needs of the community, and we're implementing new curriculum. In science, freshmen will now have multiple courses to choose from, and K-8 students will utilize a new book that focuses on the 5E Model of Inquiry. For social studies, classes will focus on what it means to be a civic, economic, geographic, and historically literate student. In English, curriculum will allow middle and high school students to delve deeper into writing pieces, and high school seniors will have the option of taking either contemporary or British literature.

Additionally, we have expanded our iSchool high school online course offerings, allowing students the flexibility to advance, catch-up, or explore subjects further. Dysart is proud to engage students in a variety of ways to provide meaningful learning opportunities for all.

NEW!



Growing Minds

PRESCHOOL



Growing Minds Preschool opens July 15

Growing Minds Preschool is a new option for the community that will open July 15, 2019. Available for children ages 2-5, the preschool will focus on core academic areas as well as the arts and athletics. Creative expression and physical play will be embedded in all activities with a hands-on learning experience that ensures children will love to learn and grow.

Half-day and full-day, fee-based options are available with year-round hours of operation, including school breaks, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Growing Minds Preschool experience will advance cognitive development and cultivate social and emotional development, building respect, resilience, teamwork, optimism, innovation, and self-esteem through positive interactions with classmates and teachers. The Creative Curriculum will follow the Arizona Early Learning State Standards, allowing a child to initiate his or her own learning experience.

Growing Minds Preschool will be located at 17999 W. Surprise Farms Loop S. Surprise, AZ 85388, adjacent to Western Peaks Elementary School. Visit GrowingMindsPreschool.org for more information including details on tuition and registration.



Full Day Kindergarten

The big day is coming, and we're all smiles!

Register today for full-day kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.
Learn more at dysart.org/kindergarten



At Dysart, we believe in the value of providing a wide variety of art programs for our students to explore their artistic and creative abilities. K-8 students receive art and music instruction, and band is offered in 5th through 8th grade. At the high school level, students have elective opportunities in visual and performing arts, including theatre, choir, instruments, and dance. Our award-winning programs are getting noticed across the state and our first Dysart Festival of the Arts for the community was a huge success. To learn more about our arts programs, visit dysart.org/arts.

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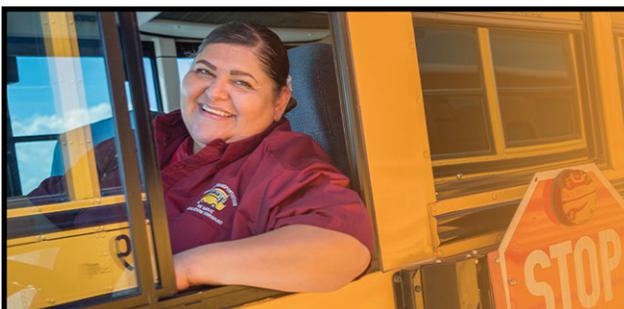
Innovation Academy provides student-centered approach

Are you looking for a new, innovative approach to your 6-8th grader's education? The Innovation Academy may be just what you need. It's a place where empowered learners create change by fostering empathy and developing solutions using the Design Thinking Process. Passions are discovered through exploration of innovative learning opportunities that promote social interactions. In this personalized learning environment the students move from a "one-style-fits-all" approach to student-centered learning.

How is the Innovation Academy different?

- One-to-one technology
- Students engage in decisions about the what, when, and how through the mastery of content and skills via project-based learning
- Teachers facilitate and mentor students who are engaged in integrated learning experiences
- Online learning resources with 24/7 access
- Blended, flipped, online, and project-based instructional strategies
- Incorporated entrepreneurship and leadership skills

The Innovation Academy is located at Western Peaks Elementary School at 18063 W. Surprise Farms Loop S., Surprise. Think this would be a good fit for your student? Learn more and enroll at innovation.dysart.org or contact 623-523-8777.



JOIN OUR TEAM

We're seeking passionate educators and support staff that demonstrate a love for learning every day!

Apply today at dysart.org/careers



Open enrollment available at Dysart schools

Did you know that through open enrollment students may apply to attend one of Dysart's great schools, regardless of where you live? Dysart has 25 school options to choose from - including a new traditional school, an Innovation Academy, Arts Academy, and Cambridge Program, amongst others.

Dysart schools offer top notch *Academic, Art, and Athletic* programs. We compete at the highest levels, and our students, teams, and teachers are winning awards locally and nationally. We are dedicated to providing a wide variety of opportunities to the community, including preschool, free full-day Kindergarten, before and after care programs, and camps during school breaks.

In the 2019-2020 school year, we will be introducing signature programs at each Dysart school. Each signature will be unique and allow the school to enhance the learning experience to better meet the needs of the students in our community. Contact your local school for more details.

Ready to enroll? Applications are being accepted for the 2019-2020 school year. Acceptance is based on available space, so apply today!
Enroll at dysart.org/OE.

Asante Preparatory Academy
Ashton Ranch Elementary School
Canyon Ridge School
Cimarron Springs Elementary School
Countryside Elementary School
Dysart Elementary School
Dysart High School
El Mirage Elementary School
Freedom Traditional Academy
Growing Minds Preschool
Kingswood Elementary School
Luke Elementary School
Marley Park Elementary School
Mountain View School
Rancho Gabriela Elementary School
Riverview School
Shadow Ridge High School
Sonoran Heights Elementary School
Sundown Mountain Alt. Program
Sunset Hills Elementary School
Surprise Elementary School
Thompson Ranch Elementary School
Valley Vista High School
West Point Elementary School
Western Peaks Elementary School
Willow Canyon High School

2019-2020 BOUNDARY CHANGES

NEW!

The Governing Board approved boundary changes to Asante Preparatory Academy, Kingswood, Luke, Mountain View, Parkview, Rancho Gabriela, and West Point beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

Learn more at dysart.org/boundaries



A volleyball player in silhouette is shown from the side, reaching upwards with both hands towards a volleyball. The ball is in the upper center of the frame, featuring the Wilson logo and 'NCAA' and 'SRHS' text. The background is a bright, sunlit outdoor setting with blurred greenery and colorful confetti falling from the top. The overall mood is energetic and celebratory.

ATHLETICS

are on the rise

Dysart athletic teams are winning in the top, most competitive divisions in the state. We have talented, award-winning coaches, and our students are getting athletic scholarships to universities around the country. Dysart is home to a preseason softball All-American and a National Federation of State and High School Associations Coach of the Year.

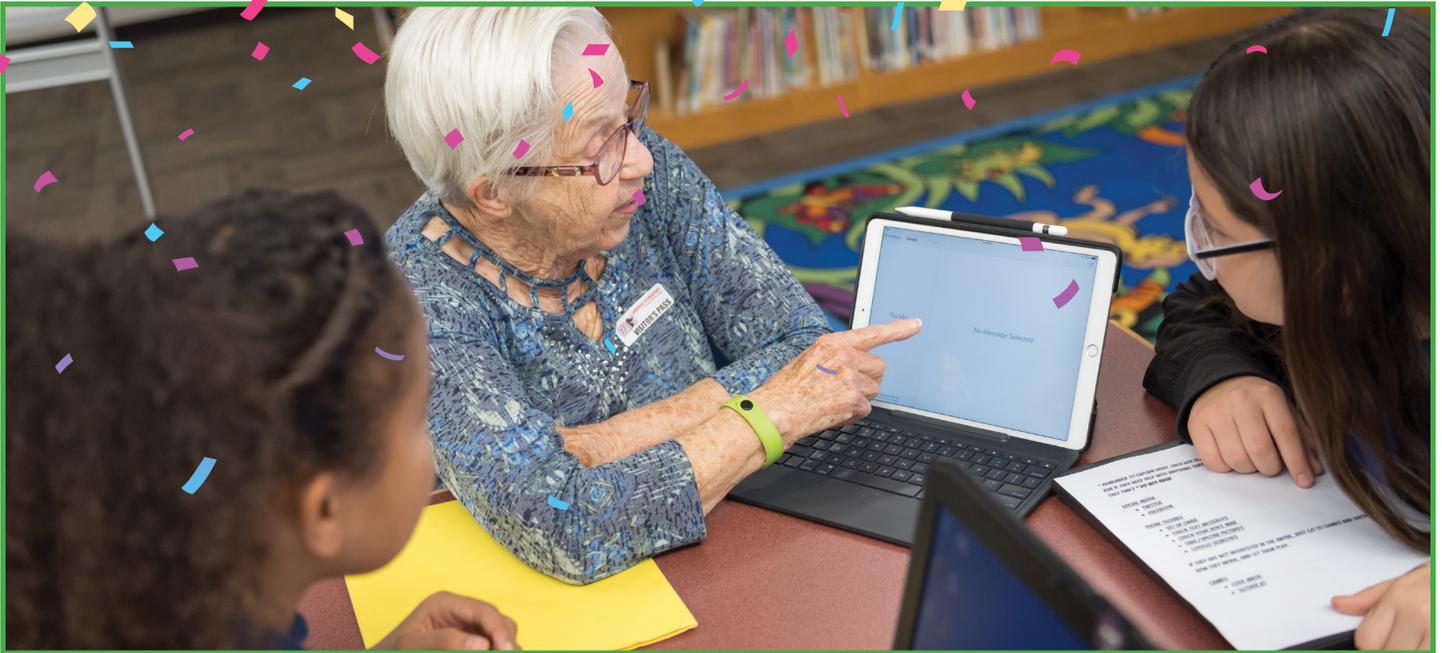
We are proud to offer such a wide array of athletic options from middle school sports through high school.

We invite the community to come out and enjoy a game with us to support our students. Schedules are posted on our website at dysart.org.

NEW!

**in 2019-2020:
Athletic Classes
Available**

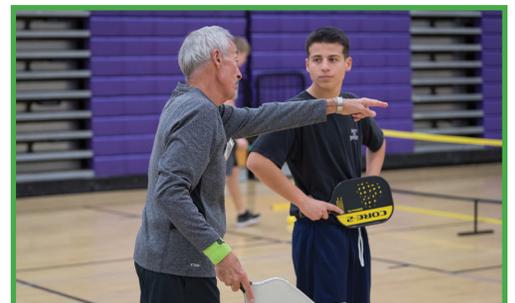
Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, Dysart will be offering athletic classes for high school students participating in after school sports. This will give athletes additional opportunities to practice and further hone their skills and abilities.



Dysart values community involvement

The Dysart Unified School District is committed to working with our community to give students hands-on opportunities that benefit the community and enhance the educational experience. Whether hosting a food, clothing, or blood drive, volunteering, or performing at community events, our students and staff are making a difference and giving back to the community that supports them.

In addition, Dysart proudly partners with many organizations in a variety of ways to create additional educational experiences and supports for our community. We welcome volunteers on our campuses and love it when our students have internship opportunities at local businesses. In-kind donations such as books, supplies, or even musical instruments are always appreciated, along with Arizona Education Tax Credit donations that can be used for extracurricular activities.



We need your help! To volunteer, partner, or request volunteers for a community project, visit dysart.org/CommunityEducation or call 623-876-7920.



Support Fine Arts, Athletics, and Enrichment in Dysart Schools

Learn more at dysart.org/TaxCredit

Dysart offers education programs, opportunities to the community

Dysart's Community Education department provides many unique programs and opportunities for the greater community. Beginning this summer, Dysart will be offering Drivers Education, Growing Minds Preschool, Sports Camps and Clinics, Den Club, Summer Camp, and a new community-based program for adults, Dysart Delivers. Providing quality educational programs helps to support a healthy, safe, and economically viable community, where the impact of successful students and schools extends well beyond the walls of a school campus.

'DYSART DELIVERS' INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

Dysart Delivers is a new interactive workshop, offered quarterly, where the community can learn more about the district. Dysart Delivers will take participants inside the internal operations of the district, providing a unique opportunity for the community to see how they can get involved and support our schools, as well as how Dysart can further support and improve the quality of life in our community.

NEW!

ELEMENTARY FIELD ACCESS

We are excited to open our elementary fields and playgrounds to the community when school is not in session thanks to a partnership with the City of Surprise. Outside-only gate access will be provided to the campus beginning next school year. Indoor facilities and restrooms will not be accessible. Please enjoy the use of the fields, we simply ask that you leave the grounds clean and treat the facilities with respect. Please note that on occasion we rent out our facilities, so access may not be available during rentals.

NEW!

For more information on Community Education programs, visit dysart.org/CommunityEducation or call 623-876-7920.

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A **NEW!** choice for traditional education in the west valley

Dysart is proud to offer a new traditional education choice for the 2019-2020 school year. Freedom Traditional Academy will be focused on a disciplined, back-to-basics approach that is rooted in history and citizenship. This is reflected in the daily structure that will include flag ceremonies as well as a uniform policy.

Freedom Traditional will offer a well-rounded approach for all K-8 students - from strong core academics, to advanced offerings with high school credit, as well as arts, including orchestra and band. A unique offering is Spanish language instruction for all grade levels.

Freedom is an open enrollment school, so anyone can apply to attend, whether they live within the Dysart boundaries or not. Interested in learning more or enrolling your child? Call 623-523-8350 or visit dysart.org/freedom today!



FREEDOM
TRADITIONAL ACADEMY