

District Offered Programs & Services

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students who reside within the district boundaries and live within a school's transportation zone may be bused to school. Families are asked to register their child for bus transportation annually.

www.laveenschools.org/transportation

BEFORE/ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Kids Club offers carefully planned, well-supervised activities for children in Grades K-6. Activities are designed to not only interest your child, but also foster his/her emotional well-being and social, physical, and critical thinking skills. Activities include games, sports, hands-on science, arts and crafts, and music. Time is set aside for homework assistance and snacks are provided. Kids Club is licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services. Day camps during school breaks are also available. www.laveenschools.org/kids-club

CHILD NUTRITION

Proper nutrition is important for growing bodies and growing minds. As part of the National School Lunch program, students are guaranteed a healthful breakfast and lunch that are rich in whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. Breakfast is provided at no charge before school to all students. Lunch is \$2.50. Families may qualify for

free or reduced-price (\$0.40) lunches. Parents are invited to join their child for lunch. Note: Fees may be waived for all students depending on federal grants/waivers. www.laveenschools.org/child-nutrition

SCHOOL SAFETY

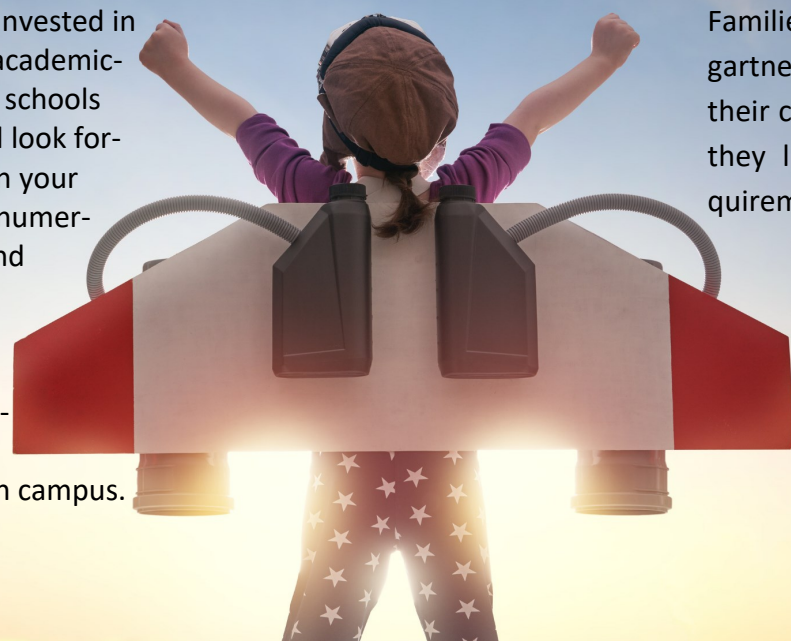
All Laveen schools conduct a number of drills each year including fire alarm, lockdown, and bus evacuations. All visitors must check in at the office. Visitors must provide a photo ID in exchange for a visitor's badge. Your ID will be returned to you when you return the visitor badge and check out. www.laveenschools.org/school-safety

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Laveen schools utilize several methods for communicating with parents. SchoolMessenger, the auto-dialer system, informs parents/guardians of student absences, school happenings, and other important information. It uses voice, text, and email. Please make sure your child's school has your current contact information on file. Flyers and newsletters are emailed through the Peachjar platform, providing thumbnail images of publications for download. Peachjar flyers are also maintained on the school's website for 30 days. Each Laveen school has a website and social media pages. All teachers maintain a classroom website.

Parent Involvement

Children whose families are invested in their school perform better academically and emotionally. Laveen schools view parents as partners and look forward to you being involved in your child's education. There are numerous ways in which parents and guardians can get involved including family nights, parent/teacher associations, and volunteering in the classroom. Families must follow visitor requirements while on campus.



Enrolling

Families may enroll their kindergarten in any Laveen school of their choice, regardless of where they live. Some enrollment requirements may apply.

Registration packets are available online at www.LaveenSchools.org or in the school's front office.

Mission: Kindergarten

**LAUNCH YOUR
CHILD INTO A
SUCCESSFUL
ACADEMIC
CAREER.**

www.LaveenSchools.org/kindergarten

All Laveen schools offer a free full-day academic kindergarten program.



Entering Kindergarten

All nine Laveen schools provide a full-day academic kindergarten program. Just like students in Grades 1-8, all kindergartners receive lessons within the core subject areas that are aligned to state standards.

By enrolling your child in Laveen's kindergarten program, you are preparing them for a successful academic career—one that is built on a foundation of proven strategies that engage even the youngest of learners.

Students who are five years old by August 31 of each year may enroll in Kindergarten. Children who reach age five by December 31 may be tested and accepted based on level of readiness. There is no fee to attend.

IMMUNIZATIONS

State law requires all students to have up-to-date immunizations, or a valid exemption, in order to attend school.

DRESS CODE

All Laveen students must adhere to the district's dress code which includes solid white, navy, or light blue shirts with collar; solid navy blue or tan khaki pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers; and closed-toe shoes.

STUDENT IDS

All students are issued a student identification badge which must be worn on campus. In addition to identifying the child as a Laveen school student, badges are used in the cafeteria line, as bus passes, and as the school library card.



Core Curriculum

The Laveen Elementary School District provides its students a well-rounded education that includes English language arts, math, science, social studies, visual art, music, and physical education. In addition, our schools offer specialized electives aligned to their signature programs; (e.g. STEM, Performing Arts, Spanish).

Laveen's curriculum programs are aligned to state standards and include differentiation to meet the various learning needs of students.

Reading, math, and science have a digital platform. This allows students to access the material any time and also engage in videos, photographs, and interactive tools.

Special area classes including art, P.E., and music are offered to all students.

Thanks to the support of our local community, Laveen is able to refresh curriculum materials regularly. We are proud of our ability to provide updated curriculum in the following areas.

MATH

My Math – Built around the Standards for Mathematical Practices, *My Math* engages students with focus, coherence, and rigor. The program has an intuitive lesson format and digital tools to develop customized content for students that encourage real-world problem solving and hands-on activities.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (READING)

ReadyGen – This is an integrated and well-balanced approach to reading and writing instruction. Students read authentic literary and informational texts that, coupled with teacher-led activities, drive learning and motivate readers.

Spalding – This is a supplemental phonics program to strengthen foundational skills.

Instruction focuses on reading, writing, speaking, and listening in response to authentic texts.

SCIENCE

Discovery Education – A digital program that provides exciting multimedia, virtual, and hands-on labs built on the 5E model (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate). Students engage in active investigations of phenomena through questioning, modeling, data collection, and analysis allowing students to generate evidence of sense-making.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The History and Social Science Standards for Kindergarten are embedded in the English Language Arts curriculum.

Student Supports

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Each school has a health office run by a health associate. Two RN's oversee the health offices and rotate through the schools. Laveen is fortunate to have counseling and psychology support within our schools. Counselors address students' academic and social/emotional development needs. Additionally, they address the needs of all students through culturally relevant prevention and intervention programs. Psychologists have expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior and help children succeed.

CLIMATE & CULTURE

Laveen believes it is the right of every student to be educated in a positive, safe, and caring environment. These traits maximize student achievement, foster student personal growth, and help a student build a sense of community that promotes positive participation as citizens in society. Laveen's schools implement a number of measures to create a positive climate and culture.

ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM

Laveen recognizes the linguistic and cultural diversity of all students and offers programs designed to meet the needs of students acquiring English. The English Learner Program supports these students with English Language Development in order to help students achieve English proficiency and ultimately meet or exceed grade-level academic standards. We focus specifically on developing skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing, and grammar. Students receive Individual Language Learner Plans and participate in structured English immersion classrooms.

GIFTED EDUCATION

Laveen's gifted education program provides services for students with superior intellect or advanced learning ability who require differentiated educational programs and/or services beyond those normally provided by the regular school program to achieve at levels commensurate with the child's intellect and ability. Because not all gifted students are alike, program modifications for gifted students are sufficiently varied and flexible so as to provide challenging learning experiences and appropriate resources.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special education is available for students found to be eligible for and in need of special education services. The school provides Special Education according to an individualized education program (IEP) which provides a free and appropriate public education. Screening for preschool aged children is available on scheduled dates throughout the year.

