

Laveen has a strong relationship with the community in which we reside.

Students participate in a number of service projects throughout the year ranging from neighborhood cleanups to fundraising for organizations like the Arizona Humane Society and UNICEF.

We partner with several local community groups to perform activities that benefit Laveen families. The Laveen Lions Club conducts the annual Laveen Parade, hearing and vision screenings for our students, and a penny war and canned food drive to provide holiday meals and gifts for our families. CrossWalk Church members collect, wash, and sort gently used uniforms for our students and conduct a food drive to feed upwards of 150 Laveen families at Thanksgiving.

The Laveen District comes together twice a year to host a winter and spring festival for the whole community.

In turn, the community has shown enormous support to our schools. Through bond and override elections, that have been overwhelmingly supported by our voters, we are able to provide modern school facilities, new curriculum, a computing device for every one of our students, and several specialty programs such as Free Full Day Kindergarten.

Together, we are making Laveen a great place to live.

Our Community



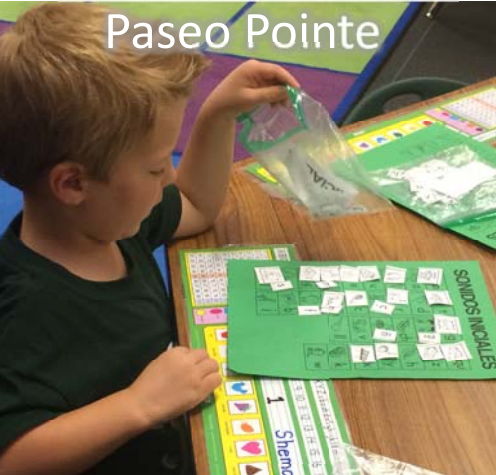
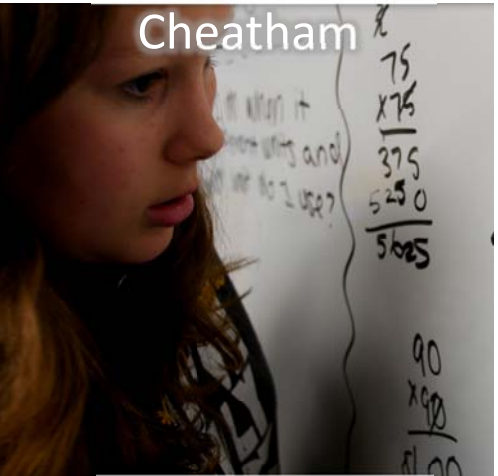
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Laveen Elementary School District
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Laveen Elementary School District

Located at the base of South Mountain in the southwest valley, the Laveen Elementary School District serves 7,000 students in grades kindergarten through eighth. In addition to providing a complete curriculum that is aligned to the Arizona's Academic Standards, we offer numerous educational, extracurricular, and enrichment programs to meet the needs of our students.



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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As the Laveen School District, we are honored and proud to be an integral part of the community and to be able to serve you in important and meaningful ways. Communities can't be great without successful schools, and schools can't be successful without the support of their communities. We appreciate your support and strive to be worthy of it by serving you well.

You, as a community member, have good reason to be proud of the Laveen Elementary School District schools and students. Each Laveen school offers a signature program that enhances the educational offerings by providing courses that not only pique students' interests but also prepare them for high school and beyond. These signature programs add to the strong curriculum provided at each of Laveen's eight schools.

Outside of the classroom Laveen students participate in afterschool sports including football, softball, soccer, basketball, and volleyball, and in clubs such as student government, chess, robotics, technology, and the arts. They also come together to serve their communities, participating in neighborhood cleanups and charitable fundraisers.

Our students, schools, and staff and programs have won numerous awards and have been recognized at the state and national levels.

Laveen is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. We are very pleased to be a part of what makes Laveen so great!



MISSION

The mission of the Laveen Elementary School District, with the support of parents and community, is to develop in our children the knowledge, skills, and character to achieve academic excellence, personal growth, and success in a safe, positive environment.

VISION

Neighborhood schools setting the standard for excellence in education using the tools of today to reach the goals of tomorrow.

GOALS

Increase academic achievement as measured by student progress and growth on district and state assessments.

Enhance the safe, positive climate and culture at each site.

Attract, retain, and develop quality teachers and staff.

Ensure positive school/community relationships.

Maintain effective and equitable resources to support the mission and vision of the school district.

GOVERNING BOARD

Jill Barragan, President

Michele Anderson, Clerk

Louis Monteilh, Member

Susan Sanborn, Member

Isaac Serna, Member

The Governing Board typically meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Laveen Education Center, 5001 W. Dobbins.

Please visit our website for meeting dates, agendas, and minutes.



Lindsay Davis
4th Place
Arizona State Spelling Bee



Carlos Gaspar
I Can Do It Award
Council for Exceptional Children

Accomplishments

Laveen's schools, staff, students, and programs have been recognized at both the local and national levels. From academic excellence to art contests, Laveen is proud of our many accomplishments. Recent awards at the state level or higher are listed below.

SCHOOL AWARDS

- Vista del Sur, 2016 National Blue Ribbon Award, U.S. Department of Education
Vista del Sur, 2015 High Performing Reward School, Arizona Dept. of Ed.
Trailside Point, 2015 & 2016 Gold Achievement Award, Positive Behavior and Interventions Supports of Arizona
M.C. Cash School, 2014 A+ School of Excellence, Arizona Educational Foundation
Trailside Point, 2014 A+ School of Excellence, Arizona Educational Foundation

STAFF AWARDS

- Superintendent of the Year, Arizona School Administrators
Milken Educator Award
Rodel Foundation of Arizona Exemplary Principal Award
Rodel Foundation of Arizona Exemplary Teacher Award
Rodel Foundation of Arizona Aspiring Principal Award (2)
Higher Education Division's Outstanding Dissertation Student, Arizona School Administrators
Arizona FIRST Lego League Adult Coach/Mentor Award
S/P/N Excellence in Education Award, Alpha Delta Kappa

STUDENT AWARDS

- Arizona Spelling Bee, 4th Place
Academic Pentathlon, 2nd Place
AZ MESA Day Competition
Junior Achievement's Arizona Smart Money Challenge
"I Can Do It" Award, Arizona Council for Exceptional Children (3)
Arizona Special Olympics
Maricopa County Stormwater Pollution Calendar Art Contest
Children's Goal Setting Project
Regional Spelling Bee
Jeremy Jackrabbit Book Series Student Illustrators (6)
Valley Metro Cool Transit Art Contest
ASU's Martin Luther King, Jr. Art & Essay Contest (3)
Phoenix Suns & Southwest Airlines "Symbol of Freedom" Art and Essay Contest, Grand Prize
Grand Canyon State Games Essay Contest (2)

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

- Excellence in Financial Reporting, Association of School Business Officials Int'l
Excellence in Public Relations, Arizona School Public Relations Association



Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy
2016 National Blue Ribbon School
U.S. Department of Education



Dr. Bill Johnson
2016 Superintendent of the Year
Arizona School Administrators



M.C. Cash & Trailside Point Schools
2014 A+ School of Excellence
Arizona Education Foundation

EXCELLING IN TECHNOLOGY

Thanks to the support of Laveen’s community, the district is has a 1:1 student-to-computer ratio providing each student with a device that they can use daily. Students in Kindergarten and 1st grade use iPads; all other grade levels use Chromebooks.

The devices complement the district’s math, English language arts, and science curricula which have digital platforms, allowing students access to instructional materials and resources online. Arizona's academic standards require students to use technology and digital media to research, collaborate, and demonstrate their learning. All students have computer user accounts which can be accessed from both school and at home to share documents and projects with other classmates and the teacher.

In addition to student devices, Laveen’s classrooms are outfitted with a number of devices to support instruction including document cameras, speakers, projectors and SMART Boards. SMART Boards act as interactive whiteboards and allow students to manipulate the screen by touch, similar to that of a tablet. They help keep students engaged through physical participation in the lesson.

The increased technology was made possible by Laveen voters who approved a capital override in 2012, providing funds for computer purchases and support.



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Laveen recognizes that learning doesn’t just happen in the classroom. That’s why each school offers an abundance of activities to further engage our students. Some of the many clubs offered include: National Junior Honor Society, music, art, chess, student council, and drama.

All schools in the Laveen Elementary School District participate in the Intramural Sports Program. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to practice sports-specific skills, learn to play together as a team, and enjoy the thrill of competition in a safe, supervised environment. Athletics include: football, soccer, softball, volleyball, and boys & girls basketball.



ENROLLING IN OUR SCHOOLS

Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, parents of resident students may enroll their children in any Laveen school of their choice, regardless of where they live. Bus transportation is only provided to those students who live within designated transportation zones of their neighborhood school.

Parents wishing to register their incoming child(ren) should visit the school of their choice to complete the registration packet. Placement decisions are made in May for the upcoming school year.

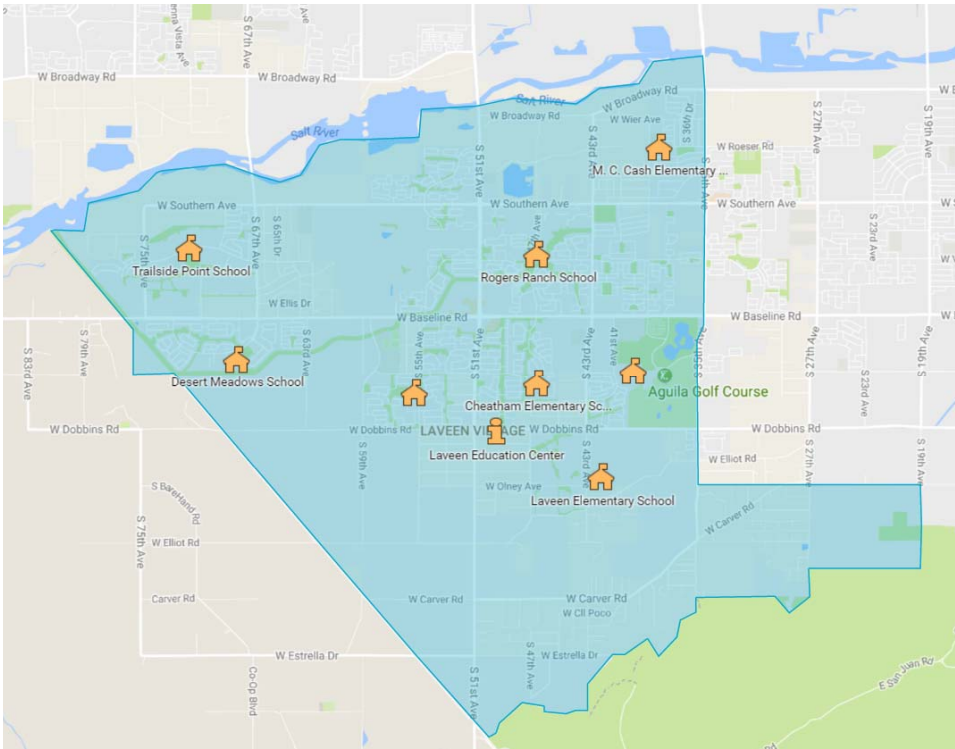
Placement is based on the following priorities:

- 1. Students enrolled the previous school year
- 2. Siblings of students enrolled
- 3. Students living within the walk or transportation zones of the school.
- 4. Children of employees
- 5. Students living within the district boundary and not included in any of the above categories
- 6. Students living outside the district boundary and not included in any of the above categories

Please note, Vista del Sur is an accelerated school and students must take an assessment prior to enrolling. Paseo Pointe is a dual language immersion (DLI) school. Incoming kindergarteners (beginning in 2017-18) must enroll in the DLI program. The program will roll up a grade level each year until it is K-8.

Laveen schools also accept open enrollment of non-resident (out-of-district) students on a space available basis.

SCHOOL LOCATIONS



Enrollment Info

Laveen Education Center
5001 W. Dobbins
Laveen, AZ 85339
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Maurice C. Cash School
3851 W. Roeser
Phoenix, AZ 85041
602-237-9120

Cheatham Elementary
4725 W. South Mountain
Laveen, AZ 85339
602-237-7040

Desert Meadows School
6855 W. Meadows Loop East
Laveen, AZ 85339
602-304-2020

Laveen Elementary
4141 W. McNeil
Laveen, AZ 85339
602-237-9110

Paseo Pointe School
8800 S. 55th Avenue
Laveen, Arizona 85339
602-304-2040

Rogers Ranch School
6735 S. 47th Avenue
Laveen, AZ 85339
602-304-2030

Trailside Point School
7275 W. Vineyard
Laveen, AZ 85339
602-605-8540

Vista del Sur
Accelerated Academy
3908 W. South Mountain
Laveen, AZ 85339
602-237-3046

CHEATHAM

Dedicated to preparing students to be high school and college ready, Cheatham offers Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). AVID accelerates student learning by using research-based instruction and providing motivational learning. AVID is a philosophy that promotes the belief, “Hold students accountable to the highest standards, provide academic and social support, and they will rise to the challenge.” AVID teaches skills and behaviors for academic success, provides intensive support utilizing tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships, creates a positive peer group for students, and develops a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination. Students who are

part of AVID learn specific organizational skills and experience increased rigor in their core academic areas. They also participate in a variety of community service activities.



“I love that I can challenge them in so many ways and they are willing to take on those challenges and push themselves to do well.”

Haley Larson, Cheatham Teacher

DESERT MEADOWS

Desert Meadows’ vision is to have all students reach their academic and social potentials, with technology serving as a catalyst to learning. Meadows has created a computer science-focused learning environment where technology is used along with traditional learning strategies to keep students fully engaged. Teachers use Google Classroom to build assignments, ask questions, and create discussions for their students to access online. This also allows them to create a “flipped classroom” where students review the lesson online at home and complete projects and exercises in class with their peers. Desert Meadows students take notes digitally with Chromebooks and have access to safe email accounts. Middle school students use digital portfolios to set goals and show academic growth to their families. Technology is not only found in the core academic areas, but has been integrated in elective classes as well. Students are offered a technology class focused on using technology in the classroom and at home, iPads are used in music and art, and there are coding and media clubs that further promote the use of technology.

“Technology isn’t just a game; it is part of the students’ growth. They are looking at the material being taught and getting excited about it.”

-Steve Preis, Principal



SCIENCE

Discovery Education’s *Science Techbook* is completely digital, allowing the content to be continually refreshed. The curriculum engages students in authentic scenarios that reflect the practices of science and engineering in the real world using digital media and interactive virtual learning activities. It offers enrichment opportunities for advanced students to investigate science in greater depth while also providing intervention resources for struggling learners. *Science Techbook* meets both Arizona’s current science standards as well as the Next Generation Science Standards.



DEVELOPMENTAL PRESCHOOL

Laveen provides a preschool program for children with identified special needs. The preschool program provides early intervention/special education services to children, ages 3 (potty-trained) to 5, with qualifying developmental delays in the areas of hearing, vision, speech/language, cognitive, social, motor, and/or adaptive behavior. Preschool programs are designed to provide developmentally appropriate social, educational, and physical experiences that enhance the child as a whole. Eligibility is determined through formal assessment procedures. Preschool for children with special needs is provided at no cost.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special education is available for students found to be eligible for and in need of special education services. Laveen provides special education according to an individualized education program (IEP) which provides a free and appropriate public education. Families with preschool-aged children may have them screened for special education on scheduled dates throughout the year. The Student Services Department manages the services for special education and other areas related to student special needs.



GIFTED EDUCATION

Laveen Enrichment and Advanced Academic Pacing (LEAAP) is a program for students with superior intellect or advanced learning ability. LEAAP offers special instruction to help the student achieve at levels commensurate with his or her intellect and ability. Differentiated classroom instruction, acceleration into a higher grade, single subject acceleration or advanced placement/honor classes are some of the instruction this program uses.

MATH

Arizona’s College and Career Ready Standards require students to demonstrate a deep understanding of math and develop strong critical thinking skills. Laveen’s recently adopted mathematics curriculum includes McGraw-Hill’s *My Math* for Grades K-5 and *Glencoe Mathematics* for Grades 6-8. These programs are aligned to Arizona’s standards and have a digital platform giving students the ability to access resources, activities, and other online tools. Advanced coursework including high school level algebra is offered at all schools.



CHILD NUTRITION

Proper nutrition is important for growing bodies and growing minds. As part of the National School Lunch program, your children are guaranteed a healthful breakfast and lunch that are rich in whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and we provide free breakfast to all of our students before school each day. Lunch is \$2.10. Families may qualify for free or reduced lunch prices.



FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

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

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Arizona’s College and Career Ready Standards for English Language Arts call for an integrated approach to teaching reading, writing, language, speaking and listening. Laveen strives to promote literacy across all of the content areas, exposing students to a rich balance of fiction and nonfiction texts. Students read selections from a wide range of text types and integrate research, writing and media skills through the use of student technology devices. Recently adopted curriculum includes McGraw-Hill’s *Reading Wonders* for Grades K-3 and Pearson’s *Reading Street* for Grades 4 and 5 and *Common Core Literature* for Grades 6-8.



BEFORE/ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Kids Klub program offers carefully planned, well-supervised activities for children in grades kindergarten through sixth. 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. Camps are also offered during extended breaks. Kids Klub is licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

LAVEEN SCHOOL

Laveen Elementary School is a leadership academy that strives to educate and empower all of its students to do their personal best by making positive, effective, and responsible choices. They do this through providing leadership opportunities in all aspects of academics and activities. Laveen Elementary uses the “Leader in Me” program to support that mission and also to help realize their vision of creating lifelong learners that are equipped and prepared to better the world around them. This program helps improve academic engagement, comprehension, and performance by strengthening individual work habits and improving social interactions. It improves student performance and supports academic success by fostering the qualities of independence, interdependence, and renewal.



“They have high expectations here. They know you can do better than you probably know you can do. They help you get to the best of your abilities.”
Zoe Jones, Student

MAURICE C. CASH

Using a blended learning model, M.C. Cash combines teacher directed instruction and computer based instruction to address the needs of all students. As part of this model, students have access to a variety of additional digital programs including Stride Academy — an engaging online learning program customized to accelerate learning in English Language Arts and Math by providing supplemental online practice, tutoring help, and intensive intervention. Additionally, students in Grades 3-7 participate in Achieve3000, a cloud-based, literacy program that provides daily instruction for non-fiction reading and writing that is individualized for each student’s reading level.

M.C. Cash has also adopted Kids at Hope, a framework designed to engage entire communities to support success for all children, no exceptions. It is a belief system based on the following three universal truths: Children succeed when they are surrounded by adults who believe they can succeed, no exceptions; when they have meaningful and sustainable relationships with caring adults; and when they can articulate their future in four domains: Home and Family, Education and Career, Community and Service, and Hobbies and Recreation. The entire Cash campus works together to create an incredible environment to ensure students are successful.



“At M.C. Cash, your child will be surrounded with role models, with optimists, with motivated teachers, with people who care.”
-Maria Pilar, Parent

PASEO POINTE

Paseo Pointe School offers a dual language immersion (DLI) program in Spanish. Students receive instruction in two languages following a 50/50 model in which participating students spend half of their day in a classroom where teaching and learning are done in English, while the other half of the day is done in Spanish. Research shows students who develop two or more languages have certain cognitive advantages. They do as well or better than their peers in English-only programs.

Originally offered to students in kindergarten and first grade in 2016-17 the program will add a grade each year, eventually being available to all K-8 students. In 2017-18, DLI will be provided to all kindergarten students. In addition, first and second graders may also enroll in the DLI program based on available space. Students in other grade levels receive Spanish language instruction.

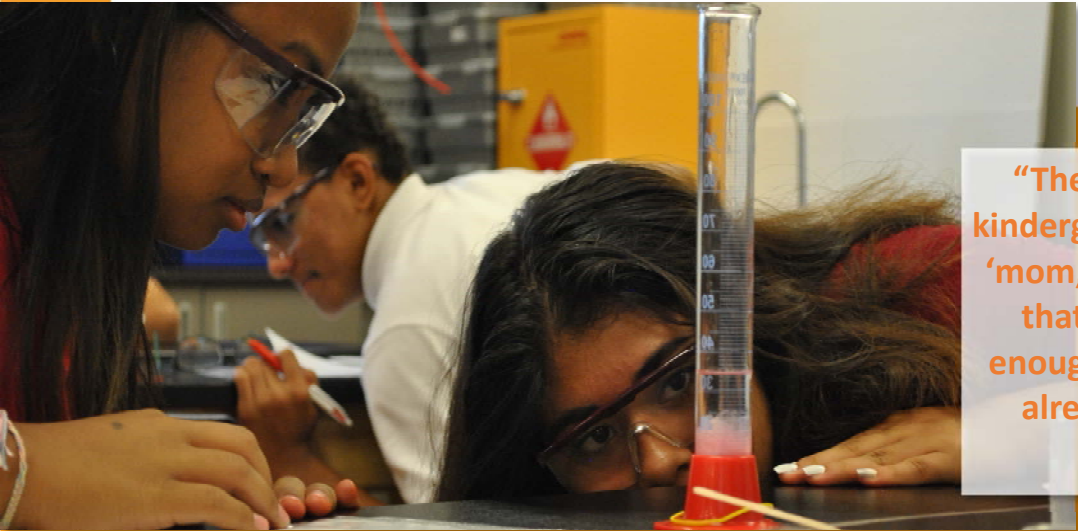


“I think it’s going to give them an edge. It’s going to be huge for them. In today’s world you need to speak two languages.”
-Maggie Jolly, Parent

ROGERS RANCH

STEM education focuses on academic programs that combine science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in meaningful, hands-on, inquiry-based learning environments. Rogers Ranch students are immersed in learning activities that incorporate these concepts as they foster 21st Century skills such as critical thinking, information literacy, and collaboration and investigate solutions to real-world problems. STEM topics are integrated into all subject areas including social studies, art, music, and physical education. While Rogers Ranch is STEM-focused, students will continue to develop literacy skills, frequently writing and utilizing informational text related to STEM topics.

Rogers Ranch School’s facilities feature a fully equipped Paxton—Patterson Action Lab. Here, students rotate through different modules of STEM activities such as aerodynamics, clean energy mechanisms, and forensics. Lessons are computer-based, hands-on, open-ended, and focus on problem solving.



“There’s been times when my kindergartner came home and says ‘mom, this is how it works.’ I love that by the time they are old enough to need technology, they already know how to use it.”
-Liz Fritts, Parent

Signature Schools

TRAILSIDE POINT PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Studies show that students who are involved in the performing arts tend to be better students and achieve better academically. For this reason, Trailside Point has created a number of performing arts classes from which students may choose. More than 50% of their students are involved in a specific performing arts class besides general music. Classes offered include: ukulele, choir, percussion ensemble, beginning and advanced guitar, beginning and advanced orchestra, beginning and advanced band, drama, set design and production, Readers Theatre, broadcasting, and speech and debate. Since implementing the performing arts classes, the school has seen students shine. Students who are otherwise quiet or withdrawn have opened up and gained confidence from being on stage.

"Performing Arts is the seed that helps them discover what they love and what's naturally a part of them. Trailside Point helps them learn and grow from that. "
-Jackie Lee Meryhew, Parent



VISTA DEL SUR ACCELERATED ACADEMY

Vista is an accelerated school where students work a grade level ahead in mathematics and English language arts. Science and social studies are on level, but accelerated at a faster pace as well. Students who demonstrate academic aptitude in mathematics are able to take high school level algebra and geometry. Middle school students also take high school level Spanish. Students taking high school level courses have an opportunity to take Phoenix Union High School District’s qualifying test which determines their placement for the following year. Because of its accelerated pace, students must take an assessment prior to enrolling. Parent involvement at Vista is high as parents are expected to volunteer a minimum of seven hours each year.



"We want our kids to be challenged so I love the accelerated program, we really appreciate the fact that it's an option in this district."
-Steve Wardell, Parent