

January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you are aware, choosing the best place for your child to attend school is an important and personal decision! What you may not know is that over 1,200 parents choose one of our Avondale Elementary School District (AESD) schools as the perfect place for their child!

Our award-winning schools demonstrate passion and commitment for educational excellence each and every day. AESD continues to be a leader in public education as we guide every student to pursue a future without limits. As an **A-rated district**, all of our schools are ranked above average with scores outpacing neighboring districts and charter schools in state testing – AESD has grown more than the state average in reading and math for the seventh year in a row. Further accolades include six of our sites recognized by U.S. News and World Report for Best in Schools. As well, AESD was recognized as the West Valley’s Best of the Best and Best in the Desert in several categories to include Best School District, Best Place to Work, Best Preschool and Best Elementary School Teacher.

We know every child deserves an Avondale education. I invite you to complete your variance for the 2024-2025 school year. An application is attached to this message and additional forms are available in all school offices and on the district website. Thank you for choosing Avondale as your district of choice and look forward to future achievements through working together for the success of our children.

*Students who were enrolled in the school this year (2023-2024) and any sibling who would be enrolled concurrently with such pupils will receive preferential consideration for 2024-2025. Please complete one application for each child. **Applications are due at your school office on or before March 1, 2024 for preferential consideration.**

*If you are submitting the variance form electronically, please email the form to the school you would like your child to attend. Please see the email addresses below:

SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS LIST	
Avondale Middle School	amsregister@chooseAESD.org
Avondale Virtual Academy (AVIA), Grades 6-8	amsregister@chooseAESD.org
Centerra Mirage STEM Academy	cmregister@chooseAESD.org
Copper Trails School	ctregister@chooseAESD.org
Desert Star School	dsregister@chooseAESD.org
Desert Thunder School	dtregister@chooseAESD.org
Eliseo C. Felix School	efregister@chooseAESD.org
Lattie Coor School	lcregister@chooseAESD.org
Michael Anderson School	maregister@chooseAESD.org
Wildflower Accelerated Academy	wfregister@chooseAESD.org

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office at 623-772-5009.

Sincerely,



Dr. Betsy Hargrove
Superintendent

DH:jb

Encl: 2024-2025 Variance Form

Avondale Elementary School District #44

Open Enrollment/Variance/Attendance Application

2024-2025 School Year

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION FOR THE SCHOOL YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND

- APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2024 FOR PREFERENCE CONSIDERATION.**
- Schools will accept pupils throughout the school year as capacity allows. Pupils who are denied access due to capacity shall be informed that they are on a waitlist and will be notified when an opening occurs at the desired school site.
- Open Enrollment Policy as set forth in Governing Board Policy and A.R.S. 15-816 et seq. is available upon request.

Today's Date: _____

Student's Name (1 child per application)			
Last	First	Middle Initial	

Student's Date of Birth:	_____ / _____ / _____ Month / Day / Year
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Parent's / Guardian's Name			
Last	First	Middle Initial	

Work Phone		Home Phone		Email REQUIRED	
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Current Home Address				
Street	City	State	Zip	

The above-name child resides within the _____ School District.

PRESENT SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE

School		City	
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PLEASE MARK THE SCHOOL YOU ARE REQUESTING FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND AND GRADE LEVEL YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENROLLING IN

	SCHOOL NAME	GRADE LEVEL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Avondale Middle School	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Centerra Mirage STEM	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copper Trails School	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Desert Star School	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Desert Thunder School	

	SCHOOL NAME	GRADE LEVEL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eliseo C. Felix School	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lattie Coor School	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Anderson School	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildflower Accelerated Academy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Avondale Virtual Innovation Academy (6-8 Grade)	

Is the above-named child:

	Yes	No	Under investigation for consideration of disciplinary action from any school or district?
	Yes	No	Expelled from any school or district?
	Yes	No	Currently being considered for expulsion from another school or district?
	Yes	No	In compliance with conditions imposed by a juvenile court?
	Yes	No	In any special program? <i>(Such as IEP, Gifted, 504 Plan, ELL, etc.)</i> If yes, what type of program.

Information on Brothers and Sisters

Number of Brothers		Number of Sisters	
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Name	Date of Birth	Current School District

Avondale Elementary School District #44
Open Enrollment/Variance/Attendance Application

2024-2025 School Year

Reason for applying/transferring:

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO THE OPEN-ENROLLMENT PROGRAM:

1. An attendance application must be completed, submitted and approved prior to admission (one form per student).
2. Enrollment is subject to the capacity limit established for the school and/or its grade levels. Students who are denied access due to capacity shall be informed they will be placed on a waitlist and will be notified when an opening occurs at the desired school site.
3. APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE IS ON A YEAR-BY-YEAR BASIS.
4. Approval is on a first-come basis, with enrollment preference given to:
 - a. Pupils of persons who are employed by the District.
 - b. Pupils who were enrolled in the school the previous year (23-24) and any sibling who would be enrolled concurrently with such pupils. *
5. Transportation for the student is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. Providing false information on this form may result in the application being denied or admission being revoked.
6. If application is approved, student must follow all school/district attendance and handbook policies.

* If capacity is not sufficient to enroll all of these pupils, they shall be selected on the basis of the date and time of application.

The signatory affirms that the student will abide by the rules, standards, and policies of the school and the District if enrolled. I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Open Enrollment/Variance/Attendance Application. If submitted online, my consent may be executed by my electronic signature, typed in the signature box of the form, and my electronic signature shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature.

 Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

 Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date Received: _____ **Time Received:** _____
Is student currently attending this school on 23-24 Variance? Yes _____ No _____
Is student's Parent/Guardian an AESD employee? Yes _____ No _____
Quad student resides in? _____

School Principal's Action	
Approved	
Waiting List	List reason(s) for waitlist/denial (capacity or capacity of special program).
Denied	

Principal Signature _____ Date: _____

Superintendent's Action	
Approved	
Waiting List	Comments (capacity or capacity of special program):
Denied	

Superintendent Signature _____ Date: _____