



LITCHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOUNDARY REVISIONS COMMITTEE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Are the revised attendance boundaries determined?

Yes. The Governing Board unanimously approved the boundary revisions on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

How can I learn more about the boundary revisions?

Litchfield Elementary School District will mail notification and details about the revised attendance boundaries to families shortly.

Who was on the Boundary Revisions Committee?

The Boundary Revisions Committee was comprised of 14 parents, non-parents, Litchfield and Agua Fria District staff, and community leaders. A participatory process was used to gather community input. The Boundary Revisions Committee weighed key considerations, data, and all input from all stakeholders.

May I contact the Boundary Revisions Committee?

The work of the Boundary Revisions Committee is complete. You may email BRC@lesd.k12.az.us to provide feedback or to thank the Boundary Revisions Committee members for their volunteer service.

How do you know how many students are expected to move into our District in the coming years?

District staff members study a variety of factors to determine projected student enrollment. This includes talking with builders and land developers, examining lot sizes and housing prices, and keeping a close watch on development progress. We calculate .52 students per home.

How can the public better understand projected growth in our District?

Call Shelly Hornback, Director of Community Relations, at 623-535-6047 to learn more about projected growth and its related details.

Are portable classrooms an option to alleviate overcrowding?

The idea of using portable classrooms is always up for consideration on a school-by-school basis. Two of the biggest factors to consider are cost and space. Thanks to a strong history of outstanding community support, we have been fortunate to use new school construction to allow for the increased student enrollment in our growing District.

Will the boundary revisions reduce my child's class size?

Boundary revisions help balance school populations across the District so that no single school is unfairly overcrowded. For example, the boundary revisions are expected to ease the overcrowding that currently exists at Verrado Heritage Elementary School. The boundary revisions may or may not impact the class size in any given grade or at any given school. Specific work to reduce class size is more about the budget than it is about boundaries. Reducing class sizes requires hiring more staff to reduce the student to adult ratio. This was not the specific work of the Boundary Revisions Committee and may be addressed by the Governing Board at a later date.

What if our family doesn't want to change schools?

All families are welcome to apply for Open Enrollment at their preferred school. Visit the "Student Registration" department at www.lesd.k12.az.us to learn more about Litchfield's Open Enrollment process. The District will make every attempt to keep students whose boundaries were revised at their school of choice.

Does the District use boundaries to ensure diversity in schools?

Diversity is one of several factors, but is never the only factor, that is considered when establishing school boundaries. Other factors include projected growth, school capacity, and transportation.

What grades will be served at Belen Soto Elementary School?

Belen Soto Elementary School will serve kindergarten – 8th grades. Decisions about whether or not preschool and Extended Day services will be offered will be decided in 2019.

What curriculum and programs will be offered at Belen Soto Elementary School?

Decisions about staffing, curriculum, and programs will be determined in 2019.

Will Verrado Heritage Elementary School continue serving K-8th grades?

Yes.

Will Scott L. Libby Elementary School close?

No.