

Mesa Public Schools Defining the Future Initiatives

High School Grades Reorganization:

Grade levels at junior high schools and high schools will be reconfigured in two phases. Phase I (2010-2011) involves the transfer of 9th grade students from feeder junior high schools to Dobson, Skyline, and Westwood high schools. Phase II (2011-2012) completes the transition by transferring 9th grade students from feeder schools to Mesa, Mountain View, and Red Mountain high schools.

To accommodate students in specific boundary areas of Brimhall, Fremont and Kino junior high schools affected by Phase I changes, for the 2010-2011 school year the district is implementing 9th Grade Bridge programs at Mesa and Mountain View high schools for current 8th grade students residing within specific boundary areas of those junior high schools.

Summit Academy:

A K-8 International Baccalaureate studies program, now called the Summit Academy, will be established on the Hendrix Junior High and Frost Elementary campuses, which adjoin one another. Students in grades K-3 will attend classes at Frost Elementary, while Hendrix Junior would be home to grades 4-8.

Franklin at Alma Elementary School:

A K-8 Franklin back-to-basics will be offered at Alma Elementary School. The Planning and Boundary Design Advisory Committee have established new elementary school attendance areas for the current Alma neighborhood. Current Alma Elementary students are invited to continue to attend the K-8 Franklin School, or parents may request open enrollment at another school. The Franklin program will begin with grades K-6 and expand to grades 7-8 over the subsequent years.

The Eagleridge Enrichment Program and the K-6 Mesa Distance Learning Program will also be relocated to Alma Elementary School.

Mesa Education Center:

Powell Junior High School is being transformed into the Mesa Education Center. The Planning and Boundary Design Advisory Committee has established new junior high attendance areas for the current Powell neighborhood. Both the Crossroads Program and the East Valley Academy program will be offered as distinct and separate offerings at the Center. In addition, the district's Community Education Department will offer classes for community members in areas such as computer literacy and parent education. The administration is working with community organizations and agencies to offer additional programs and services at this location.

Expansion of the Jordan Early Education Classes:

Students currently attending the Early Education Center (Country Club & Main) will join other students in the early childhood program currently available at Jordan Elementary School.

Transfer of McKellips Middle School Students:

Students in grades 7-8 at McKellips will relocate to Riverview High School, and students in grades 4-6 will be transferred to the RISE Program at Brimhall Junior High School.

Relocation of Montessori Programs:

The K-6 Montessori program currently at the Sunridge Learning Center will be relocated to Pomeroy Elementary School. This is similar to the current Montessori school-within-a-school programs at other elementary schools in the district. In addition, Montessori students currently at Mendoza Elementary School will be transferred to Bush Elementary School.