PRESCHOOL
Preschool is available for students age three to five years old at select sites. Certified teachers teach the academics–based program to prepare children for kindergarten. Preschool programs are designed to provide developmentally appropriate social, educational, and physical experiences that enhance the child as a whole. Preschool is tuition-based. www.laveenschools.org/preschool

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 tested and accepted based on level of readiness. There is no fee to attend. www.laveenschools.org/kindergarten

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. 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 $2.40. Families may qualify for free or reduced lunch prices. www.laveenschools.org/child-nutrition

BUS TRANSPORTATION
Students who reside within the district boundaries and live within a school’s transportation zone may be bused to school. Students attending Estrella Foothills and Vista del Sur may utilize bus transportation from any of the Laveen schools. www.laveenschools.org/transportation

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. www.laveenschools.org/gifted-education

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. www.laveenschools.org/student-services
About our Program

Laveen Elementary School is a “mindful school,” named a 2019 Exemplary Title 1 School by the Arizona Department of Education, and awarded the 2018 Arizona School Board’s Golden Bell Award for the most promising school program of the year.

Mindfulness is about developing mental and emotional strength in children. As our students become more mindful, they develop the knowledge and attitudes needed to thrive in a world of increasing complexity, uncertainty, and exponential change. Laveen Elementary School strives to educate and empower all of its students to do their personal best by making responsible choices that positively affect their mind, body and spirit.

Components of the Laveen mindfulness program include: weekly yoga sessions before school for students and families, teachers trained in mindful breathing techniques, a mindful “reset room” for students, and school counselors trained by mindfulness.org. In addition, “Second Step,” a social-emotional learning program equipped to help children thrive, is offered at all grade levels each week.

At Laveen Elementary School we inspire growth and maturity from the “inside out” by cultivating awareness, resilience and compassionate action.

Core Curriculum

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 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.

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. Laveen adopted new ELA curriculum in 2020 that includes Savvas ReadyGen for Grades K-5 and McGraw-Hill StudySync for Grades 6-8. Both programs feature traditional and digital learning platforms.

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. A combination of interactive features, videos, photographs, and audio recordings are used to create an inquiry-based learning format. 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.

SOCIAL STUDIES
The Arizona Social Studies Standards build across grade levels in a progression of knowing and applying concepts aligned to history, government, geography and economics. Discovery Education’s Social Studies Techbook was implemented in the 2017-18 school year and is used in Grades 5-8. Using a digital platform, Social Studies Techbook offers engaging videos, photographs, and interactive maps.

ELECTIVES
In addition to art, P.E. and music, Laveen offers electives in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Students in Grades 3-8 can take electives in engineering, coding, or robotics. There are also STEM enrichment opportunities such as LEGO Engineering Club and STEM Club.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT
In addition to the academic experience Laveen students receive, there are also several opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities. Student Council, Piano Club, Art Club, and intramural sports are among the activities in which our students can participate.

TECHNOLOGY
Thanks to the support of Laveen’s community, the district has a 1:1 student-to-computer ratio providing each student with a device that they can use daily. The devices complement the district’s core curriculum which all have digital platforms, allowing students access to instructional materials and resources online. Arizona’s academic standards require students to use technology to research, collaborate, and demonstrate their learning. All students have user accounts which can be accessed from both school and home to share documents and projects with other students and the teacher.

“As our students become mindful leaders, they will develop the knowledge and attitudes needed to thrive in a world of increasing complexity, uncertainty, and exponential change.”

-Dr. Robert Coplinger, Principal

REGISTRATION
Laveen is a school of choice and does not have attendance boundaries. Families may enroll in Laveen regardless of where they reside. Laveen also accepts students that reside outside the district boundaries, space permitting.

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