

Mesa Arts Academy – Families

What's Staying & What's Coming

What's Staying (SY25–26)	What's Coming (SY26–27)
Same trusted teachers and staff	AMS will ensure opportunities for all MAA staff.
Small-school feel and caring culture	AMS will continue our strong family-school relationships. They want to retain the best of MAA.
Tuition-free charter school	Still tuition-free under AMS
MAA school operations and after-school Boys & Girls Club (on campus)	Opportunities for full-day care from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (AMS early morning program, school and Boys & Girls Club on one campus)
Breakfast and lunch provided by school; and then snack and dinner with BGCAZ	All meals included: breakfast, lunch with AMS, and then snack and dinner with BGCAZ.
Some classes will be moved into the Club due to construction.	Brand-new 2-story school building with AC, bathrooms, and learning labs.
Some portables will be used this year; some will close this year.	No more portables – all students in modern classrooms.
Normal drop-off and pickup routine continues.	Dedicated drop-off lane for quicker, safer morning and afternoon transitions.
Arts and enrichment programs continue. Boys & Girls Clubs provides arts enrichment for members.	AMS will develop new programs; AMS plans to continue arts opportunities. Boys & Girls Clubs will continue to provide arts enrichment for members.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the school transitioning?

Our school will join the Academies of Math and Science (AMS) network in Fall 2026 to expand opportunities for students and improve facilities. AMS shares our mission and will invest deeply in our children's future.

What's happening to the portables?

The current portable classrooms are over 30 years old. We are removing two of them now to begin construction on a brand-new building that opens in Fall 2026. The remaining portable classrooms will be closed and removed before the 2026-2027 school year.

Where will students learn during construction?

Some classes will temporarily move into the Boys & Girls Club building on campus. These spaces will be adapted for learning and supervised by our MAA staff.

What will the new school include?

A two-story, state-of-the-art building; air-conditioned classrooms and restrooms; new playground and field; dedicated car line/drop-off area; and space for 400 students.

Will this cost families anything?

No. Mesa Arts Academy and AMS are tuition-free charter schools. The Boys & Girls Club remains just \$60/month and includes programming, snacks, and dinner.

What are the new school hours?

For this year, the school hours remain the same. Next year, in Fall 2026, students can attend AMS Early Learning from 7:00 AM and Boys & Girls Club through 7:00 PM. Your child will be safely cared for from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on the same campus in school year 2026-2027.

Will my child's teachers stay?

There are no changes to staffing this year. AMS will ensure opportunities for all MAA staff members and will encourage them to apply for 2026-2027 roles. AMS' preference is to employ MAA staff who align with their culture, skills, and mission expectations.

Will the school still feel like MAA?

Yes. We are working closely with AMS to preserve the spirit and culture of MAA — our creativity, warmth, and deep relationships with families. They want to keep what's best of the Mesa Arts Academy!