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**News From Amphi** 

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## **Open Enrollment for Amphi STEM Elementary School Starts Sept. 6**

**Tucson, AZ** - Amphitheater Public Schools will begin the open enrollment process for its new elementary (K-5) school specializing in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) on Tuesday, September 6 for the 2017-18 school year.

This school, located at 825 W. Desert Fairway Dr. in Oro Valley, has no neighborhood attendance boundaries and students from every area are eligible to apply for Open Enrollment. Due to the competitive nature of the open enrollment process, parents who want a STEM-focused education for their student(s) are strongly encouraged to apply for enrollment early in the process. The school has been designed to hold 500 students in grades K-5, or roughly 80-90 students per grade level.

- September 6: Open enrollment begins for STEM Elementary School
- October 14: Open enrollment closes

All instruction at the new school will incorporate some facet of science, technology, engineering and math concepts, and the Scientific Method and the Engineering Design Process will be consistent themes throughout the learning experience. The school will provide a well-rounded education in reading, writing, social studies as well as instruction in art, music and physical education, which are all essential components of a quality elementary education.

Seven Parent Information Nights have been scheduled at various sites throughout the district for parents to learn more about the new school, ask questions, meet the principal, etc. A complete schedule of these dates and locations and the open enrollment forms can be found at: www.amphi.com/STEMschool.

Once the initial open enrollment window closes on October 14, enrollment figures will be reviewed to determine if a second open enrollment window is warranted. The district will begin to notify families of their enrollment status shortly thereafter. — more —

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## **Process for Open Enrollment:**

- Complete the Open Enrollment application at www.amphi.com/STEMschool (or pick up a copy at any Amphitheater elementary school).
- Completed applications can be delivered or mailed to the district office at the Wetmore Center (701 W Wetmore Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705), M-F from 7:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
- The Open Enrollment application can also be dropped off at any Amphitheater elementary school and the schools will submit via intra-district mail to the Wetmore Center.
- All applications will be time stamped upon receipt at the Wetmore Center for consideration priority.

## About Amphitheater Public Schools

Named for the five chains of mountains that surround the city of Tucson like a "beautiful natural amphitheater," Amphitheater Public Schools has a long history of excellence dating back to 1893. Today, the District consists of 20 campuses and nearly 14,000 students. Amphitheater Public Schools offer a demanding and rigorous curriculum. Our educators focus on ensuring students develop the skills necessary for success in higher education as well as in today's workplace, including creativity and innovation, critical thinking, communication and collaboration. Learn more at <u>www.amphi.com</u> or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/AmphitheaterPublicSchools) or Twitter at @AmphiSchools.

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