

Creating positive choices for our schools and families...

Elite Performance Academy

Now Enrolling Grades 3-8

Q: What is unique about Chandler Unified School District's Elite Performance Academy?

A: The program will provide a personalized education program for 3rd-8th grade students who compete at a high level of activities outside of the school day.

Q: Who can apply to attend the Elite Performance Academy?

A: Any student in Grades 3-8 who partcipates in an associated or organized competitive program can apply for enrollment to Elite Performance Academy. An application form is available online at: www.cusd80.com/Domain/24

Q: How is this different than other programs?

A: Elite Performance Academy provides a high quality comprehensive instructional program for students in Grades 3-8 with the opportunity to transition to any of C.U.S.D.'s top performing high schools in the future and request an adjusted schedule. Elite Performance also recognzies the specific needs of student athletes by providing flexibility within instructional programs through our state-approved blended approach to instruction. Rigor and relevance will be met using online and site-based instruction.

Q: How is my child's schedule different? What are the advantages?

A: Your child will be taught in the same manner they are coached; instruction is delivered by highly qualified and caring content area teachers who individualizes instruction to support each student. Collaborative relationships with local area gyms, studios, centers, and associations will schedule practices for Elite Performance Academy students between 1:00-4:00 p.m. which are non-traditional practice times for parents and families. Our students will experience reduced stress associated with long hours of practice, as well as increased sleep which leads to better performance and quality learning.

Q: What happens when my child has to attend competitions?

A: Students attending Elite Performance Academy will receive a personalized education and experience allowing teachers to prepare for the times our students are involved in competitions, resulting in missed instruction. Elite Performance Academy's dedicated teachers understand the unique needs of student athletes and will ensure that students and parents do not feel like they are "missing out" on valuable instruction. At Elite Performance Academy, students will attend school with peers who have common schedules and interests; therefore, this type of collaboration with students and parents is the expectation and not the exception.

Q: What are the school hours?

A: Elite Performance Breakfast will be available from 7:00-7:30 a.m. in the Elite Cyber Café. Classes start at 7:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Elite Performance Lunch is available from 12:30-1:00 p.m. in the Elite Cyber Café. C.U.S.D. buses will transport students to their preferred practice facility at between 12:45-1:00 p.m. Students will arrive at their destination between arpproximately 1:00-1:15 p.m. based on the practice facility's location. Elite Performance Academy's staff works with the practice facility on a daily basis to ensure all students arrive at their location.

Q: Did you say C.U.S.D. will transport my child to our gym?

A: Yes, transportation from Elite Performance Academy will be provided after school to participating gyms, studios, and center locations. Parents can also choose to pick up their student at Elite Performance Academy.

Q: I know the program is designed for the student who is involved in performance outside of school 5 days a week, what if my child's schedule is three days a week?

A: The Elite Performance Academy will provide supervision for students through 3:15 p.m. daily to accommodate partial week performance practice schedules. We will need to know a consistent schedule as to when your child will be picked up at the Elite Performance Academy, Gym, Center or Studio. At 2:00 p.m. daily, The Bridge will be available for student in grades 7 and 8.

Q: Where is the program located?

A: Elite Performance Academy is located on the campus of Chandler Christian Church on Alma School Rd. and Germann Rd.: 1825 S. Alma School Rd. Chandler, AZ 85286.

Q: I am interested in the program but unsure if our gym/studio/center will provide practice times to accomdate the condensed schedule. What should I do?

A: Please contact your practice facility to confirm practice schedules.

Q: Will I be giving up my child's open enrollment placement at his/her current school if I submit an application to Elite Performance Academy?

A: No, you will not be giving up your child's place at his/her school until you come into Elite Performance Academy to register in June/July. It is important that you submit your child's application as soon as you can. All applications will be timestamped after May 25th.

Q: My child has practice scheduled 2-3 days a week. Is that okay?

A: Yes, on non-scheduled practice days, you will have the option to pick your student up after school at 12:30 p.m. or have them participate in our after school care until 3:15 p.m. We ask that you keep EPA's staff aware of all changes to your child's schedule.

Q: I would like to enroll my student athelte and their siblings at the same school. Is this possible?

A: Yes, you may submit applications for siblings. We are following district open enrollment guidelines on all applications.

Q: How can I obtain more information about other families in my area who are interested in carpooling?

A: The best way to get information is through your practice facility. Once students have completed the registration process, we will keep a list of parents who would like to organize and start carpooling efforts.

Q: What are owners and coaches saying about Elite Performance Academy?

A: "This is a game changer for parents, students, and education!"

"What an amazing opportunity for students and families!"

"The flexibility is perfect for our kids!"

"Finally, 'out-of-the-box' thinking that meets kids and families where they live!"

"The strong collaboration between school and activity will benefit our kids!"

"Transporting our kids is key- this will help so many busy families."

"The early start to school will be great for families who have to be at work. And transporting them after — well, that's one stop shopping!"

"Thank you for providing a unique and quality opportunity for students. Elite Performance Academy will allow families to have time together vs. mid-afternoon and late night practices."

"Love the opportunity to have Elites at our gym at 1:00 – much healthier for students and we are down between 1:00-4:00 because of traditional school times for our kids!"

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