LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT · LRSD FORWARD · 2027–28

Parent Guide: Elementary School Closures

McDermott, Mabelvale, and Western Hills Elementary will close at the end of the 2026–27 school year. Your child will attend a new school in August 2027, chosen by your home address. This guide explains what will happen, when, and what you can do now.

Board vote: October 15, 2026 | **Registration window:** Nov. 9–20, 2026 | **New school year starts:** August 2027

Find your new school

Each closing school is paired with the school or schools that will receive its students. Where a zone is split, your letter will name the school for your address. All registration meetings start at **6:00 p.m.**

Current school (closing)	Principal	School phone	New school(s)	Registration meeting
McDermott Elementary 1200 Reservoir Road	Kameron Ervin	501-447-5502	Fulbright, Terry, Jefferson, or Bale Elementary (by address)	Mon, Nov. 2, 6:00 p.m.
Mabelvale Elementary 9401 Mabelvale Cut-off	Kelecia Glover	501-447-5400	Chicot, Otter Creek, or Watson Elementary (by address)	Wed, Nov. 4, 6:00 p.m.
Western Hills Elementary 4901 Western Hills Ave.	Pamela Freeman	501-447-6900	Bale Elementary; Williams Magnet Elementary for the autism program	Thu, Nov. 5, 6:00 p.m.
Missed your meeting?	Daytime make-up meeting for all three schools: **Tuesday, Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**, LRSD Student Services Building, 7915 Markham Street, Little Rock, AR 72205 (formerly Brady Elementary).			

Not sure of your zone? Staff will look up your address at your school's registration meeting, or call the Student Registration Office at 501-447-2950.

Your choices

All students, including those attending by TNT or alternate assignment, may **return to their zoned school**, **request a TNT** (Transfer, No Transportation) to another school, or **request a seat at Williams Magnet Elementary**. Make your choice at your school's registration meeting, at the Nov. 10 make-up meeting, or during the Nov. 9–20 window at your school or with the Student Registration Office by email, phone, or in person. Choices made this way bypass the regular

enrollment process. After Nov. 20, requests go through the normal process. TNT students do not receive district transportation.

What you can do now

- [ ] Make sure the school has your current address and phone number.
- [ ] Come to your school's registration meeting (Nov. 2, 4, or 5) or the Nov. 10 make-up meeting.
- [ ] Decide by Nov. 20 whether to stay with your zoned school or request a magnet seat or TNT.
- [ ] Plan to attend a spring tour (April–May) and the summer welcome meeting at your new school.
- [ ] Tell your child's teacher or counselor if your child is worried, has moved schools recently, or needs extra support.
- [ ] Keep this guide; contacts for every new school are on the back.

The year ahead

Oct 26, 2026 — **Your letter arrives**
It names the new school for your address, your school's registration meeting, and the Nov. 9–20 window. Principals and counselors also meet with students at school.
✔ **Your step:** Read your letter and talk with your child about it at home.

Nov 2, 4, 5 — **Registration meetings, 6:00 p.m.**
Meet the principal and counselor from your new school, look up your zone, ask questions, and make your school choice on the spot. Interpreters will be there.

Nov 10 — **Daytime make-up meeting, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**
Same information and on-site choice for any parent who missed their school's meeting. LRSD Student Services Building, 7915 Markham Street, Little Rock, AR 72205 (formerly Brady Elementary).

Nov 9–20 — **Registration window**
Give your choice at your school or to the Student Registration Office by email, phone, or in person without the normal enrollment process.
✔ **Your step:** Make your choice by Nov. 20.

Dec 18, 2026 — **Updated assignment letters**
Families who requested a change from their Oct. 26 letter receive a new letter confirming the 2027–28 school.

Nov–Apr — **Getting students and staff ready**
Counselors teach transition lessons in every grade. IEP and 504 meetings are scheduled. Staff learn where they will be placed.

Feb 12, 2027 — **Magnet acceptance letters**
Families who applied for a magnet seat at Forest Heights or Gibbs hear back.

Apr–May 2027	**School tours** Each receiving school offers tours with classroom visits and time to meet teachers and counselors. Dates and sign-up are available from your new school's designated contact (see back). ✔ **Your step:** Tour your new school with your child.
May 2027	**Open houses, handoffs, and farewells** A family open house at each new school. Teachers and counselors from both schools share each child's strengths and supports. Each closing school holds its own farewell with yearbook pages and a keepsake for every student.
May–Jun 2027	**Records move; bus routes shared** Routes are set once assignments are final and sent to families.
Summer 2027	**School welcome meetings** Meet your child's teachers and front office, walk the building, and learn arrival, dismissal, and bus routines. Dates will be shared by each school. ✔ **Your step:** Attend with your child.
Aug 2027	**First day of school** Greeters at the door, lunch buddies, and extra staff at dismissal. Every child is greeted by name, knows where to go, and goes home with at least one friend and one adult they trust.

Your new school's designated contact

Reach out for tour dates, sign-up information, and questions about the move.

Receiving school	Receiving students from	Designated contact	Phone	Email
Bale Elementary	Western Hills, McDermott	Lakisa Vaughn Student Success & Family Engagement Coordinator	501-447-3651	lakisa.vaughn@lrsd.org
Chicot Elementary	Mabelvale	Adrienne Hawkins Counselor Brittany Martinez Bilingual Home School Advisor (Spanish speaking)	501-447-7024 —	Adrienne.Hawkins@lrsd.org Brittany.Martinez@lrsd.org
Fulbright Elementary	McDermott	Lauren Foot Counselor	501-447-4706	lauren.foot@lrsd.org

Jefferson Elementary	McDermott	Beverly Burel Attendance Secretary Robin Cupul Front Office Secretary	501-447-5000 501-447-5003	Beverly.Burel@lrsd.org Robin.Cupul@lrsd.org
Otter Creek Elementary	Mabelvale	Malorie Turner Counselor	501-447-5804	Malorie.Turner@lrsd.org
Terry Elementary	McDermott	Lyana Snow Attendance Secretary Andrea Brooks Counselor	501-447-6503 501-447-6504	Lyana.snow@lrsd.org Andrea.brooks@lrsd.org
Watson Elementary	Mabelvale	Sara Sanders Social Worker Christopher Jackson Principal	— 501-447-6800	sara.sanders@lrsd.org chris.jackson@lrsd.org
Williams Magnet Elementary	Western Hills (autism program)	Laura Acklin Principal's Secretary Aundra Easter Attendance Secretary	501-447-7152 —	laura.acklin@lrsd.org aundra.easter@lrsd.org

Extra support for your child

Special education and self-contained programs

Programs move with their teachers and assistants wherever possible. Classrooms and sensory materials are set up over the summer. Your family gets a private tour, a spring IEP meeting to confirm services, transportation, and schedule, and a named contact at the new school.

IEPs and 504 plans

Plans are reviewed with your child's current teacher before the year ends so supports are in place on day one. The Special Services department's committee is determining placement for self-contained classrooms at closing schools; Special Services staff will contact each parent about the plan for support at the new school.

Families who speak Spanish or another language

Translation support will be available for all letters and at every meeting. If your child is in a biliteracy program, we will explain how it continues.

Magnet students

If you live in a closing school's zone but attend a magnet school, your magnet seat is not affected.

Students making a second move because of closures

If this is your child's second school change because of a closure or consolidation, tell your counselor. Your child will get a counselor check-in this year, a named adult at the new school before the first day, and follow-up during the first weeks.

The first day

Greeters at arrival, lunch buddies and staff-led recess games, staff at every bus and car line at dismissal, and a short end-of-day feelings card the counselor reads that afternoon and follows up on the next morning.

Questions? We're here to help.

SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Student Registration Office
Andre Williams and Trayce Young
LRSD Student Services Building, 7915 Markham Street, Little Rock, AR 72205 (formerly Brady Elementary)
501-447-2950 · sro@lrsd.org

TRANSITION QUESTIONS

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YOUR SCHOOL

Your principal and counselor
McDermott 501-447-5502
Mabelvale 501-447-5400
Western Hills 501-447-6900