

Mission Montessori Academy & Middle Years Program

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Subject: New Arizona Law – Water Safety and Swimming Lessons Initiative - HB 2019

We are writing to share important information about a new Arizona law, House Bill 2019 (A.R.S. 15-249.19), aimed at helping keep children safe in and around water.

Why This Matters

Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death among young children in Arizona. Many of these tragedies are preventable through early water safety education and swimming instruction. The new “Every Child a Swimmer” initiative makes it easier for families to access trusted resources to teach children vital swimming and water safety skills.

What the Law Requires

All Arizona school districts and charter schools shall:

Upon student enrollment, provide parents and guardians with a list of certified water safety and/or swimming lesson programs, as posted on the Arizona Department of Education website.

Our Commitment to You

In alignment with HB 2019, The Arizona Department of Education has compiled a list of Arizona water safety and swimming programs that meet the law’s requirements. This information can be found on the [Arizona Department of Education’s School Safety Unit webpage](#), for your convenience.

We encourage you to review these options and consider enrolling your child in a program that meets your family’s needs.

Together for Safety

By working together as a school community, we can help prevent water-related accidents and give every child the confidence and skills they need to stay safe around water.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep all children safe.

Sincerely,

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Direct Link: <https://www.azed.gov/wellness/water-safety-and-swimming-lessons>