

Final List of Schools Closing in 2025-2026

The Board of Trustees held a final meeting regarding the closures, consolidations, and redesigns of our schools. The Board made the incredibly difficult decision to close six school sites, consolidate three, and redesign three. This was not a decision made lightly — it followed extensive discussions, considerations, and a heartfelt acknowledgment of the deep impact it would have on all of ARUSD. Below are the schools approved for closure, redesign, and consolidation:

Effective for the 2025-2026 school year:

School Closure, Redesign, or Consolidation	Welcoming School
Sylvia Cassell Elementary School - Closure	All Students: Attend Aptitud
Horace Cureton Elementary School - Closure	All Students: Attend Lyndale
A.J. Dorsa Elementary School - Closure	All Students: Attend Hubbard
Donald Meyer Elementary School - Closure	All Students: Attend Hubbard
Joseph George Middle School – Closure	Students Attend: Sheppard OR Ocala
Renaissance Academy at Fischer (RAF) – school closure and program consolidation with Renaissance Academy at Mathson (RAM)	All Students: Attend Renaissance at Mathson RAF will close and will not retain its CDS code. Program will continue at RAM. If students opt not to continue in Renaissance model, they may attend Ocala
Aptitud Academy – Redesign	Grades TK - 5: Continues at Aptitud Grades 6 - 8: Attend Ocala
Cesar Chavez Early Learning Center – Redesign	Ages 0 - Pre-K: Continues at Chavez Grades TK/K: Attend San Antonio Elementary

Hubbard Media Arts Academy – Redesign	Grades TK - 5: Continue at Hubbard Grades 6 - 8: Attend Ocala
Ben Painter Elementary School – Consolidation	All Students: Attend Sheppard (consolidated to include former Painter site) • Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program and Structured English Immersion Program will continue at Sheppard but will retain their CDS code • Grades TK - 2: Continue at former Painter site • Grades 3 - 5: Attend Sheppard with adequate separation • Alum Rock Educator's Association retains separate agreements for Painter and Sheppard
Learning in an Urban Community with High Achievement (L.U.C.H.A.) – Consolidation	All Students: Attend San Antonio Elementary • L.U.C.H.A. Program will continue at San Antonio but will retain their CDS code.

Effective for the 2026-2027 school year:

School Consolidation	Welcoming School
Adelante Dual Language Academy (Adelante I)	Adelante (At former Renaissance at Fischer Site)
Adelante Dual Language Academy II (Adelante II)	Adelante (At former Renaissance at Fischer Site)