



## **Davis-Monthan Air Force Base School Handbook**

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### From the School Liaison Officer

Welcome to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Our location in Tucson, AZ offers numerous education opportunities for students in grades K-12. As the School Liaison, my role is to enhance the educational transition for military children by providing information to military students and their families.

I also represent you in the community. I build relationships with local school districts, advocate for military children, and increase awareness of the needs of military children.

Please contact me for assistance, (520) 228-6040, DSN 228-6040, or email [elizabeth.fleming.1@us.af.mil](mailto:elizabeth.fleming.1@us.af.mil)

Sincerely,

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School Liaison Officer  
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## Arriving at DM AFB

Students in grades K-12 are eligible to attend TUSD schools while staying in temporary lodging. The neighborhood schools for base residents are listed below. Until your family has chosen a permanent home for your tour at DM, you will be considered a base resident for education purposes.

Borman Elementary School  
(Information Below)

Naylor Middle School  
1701 S Columbus Blvd  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
Phone: (520) 584-6800  
Fax: (520) 584-6801

<http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Naylor/>

Palo Verde High School  
1302 S Avenida Vega  
Tucson, AZ 85710  
Phone: (520) 584-7400  
Fax: (520) 584-7401

<http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/paloverde>

Students may also attend the charter middle school on base:

Sonoran Science Academy-DM  
(Information Below)

## Schools Located at DM AFB

The schools below are located on the installation. Students living on base may attend Borman K-8 School simply by registering in the office. Students living off base wishing to attend Borman K-8 must apply via Open Enrollment. Space is limited and application does not guarantee acceptance. Applications are available at the district website: [www.tusd1.org](http://www.tusd1.org).

Sonoran Science Academy-DM is a public charter school accepting students regardless of residence. Space is available on a first come, first serve basis.

Borman K-8 School  
Tucson Unified School District  
6330 Lightning Dr.  
Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson AZ 85708  
(520)584-4600 office  
(520)584-4601 fax

[www.edweb.tusd.K12.az.us/Borman/](http://www.edweb.tusd.K12.az.us/Borman/)

Grades K-8

*\*For the 2016-2017 school year, Borman is K-6 and will be adding grade 7 for the 2017-2018 school year and grade 8 for the 2018-2019 school year.*

Sonoran Science Academy  
Charter Middle School  
5741 East Ironwood Street  
Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson AZ 85708  
(520) 300-5699 office

[www.sonoranacademy.org/davis-monthan/](http://www.sonoranacademy.org/davis-monthan/)

Grades 6-12

## Youth Sponsors

Youth ages 9-18 interested in connecting with other DMAFB preteens and teens may email [DMyouthprograms@yahoo.com](mailto:DMyouthprograms@yahoo.com) before or after arrival. Receive a youth sponsor, information on upcoming events and ask questions about your new base and city.

## Registration Information

### Kindergarten

Students entering Kindergarten must have reached their **5th birthday** before **September 1st** of the year that they enroll. Many Kindergarten programs are half-day programs and before/after care is often available on site or contracted at another location. Contact the school of interest for more information.

### Length of School Day

School hours vary from school to school. Most school days begin between 7:45 —8:15 am. Most school days end between 2:15—3:15 pm. Many local schools exercise an “early release” day weekly or bi-weekly.

### School Choice

Many school districts in the Tucson area participate in open enrollment; allowing students to attend schools outside the geographical boundaries of their home schools and districts. Students must submit applications and space is limited. Transportation for students outside geographical boundaries is generally not provided. Contact the school of interest for applications and additional information.

### Before/After School Care

Many elementary schools offer onsite before and/or after school care. These programs are generally provided at a fee and space is usually limited. Contact the school your child will attend for more information. Before and after school care is also available for a fee on-base through School Age Program. Space is limited and prioritized by need. Call 520-228-8484 for more information.

## Document Checklist

It is recommended that you hand carry records from the previous school.

- Student’s original birth certificate or certified copy
- Student’s Social Security Card
- Record of immunization. See chart in this packet for requirements.
- Legal proof of residence: Letter from housing, settlement or rental contract, utility bill, etc.

- IEP: Individual Education Plan for a student with special needs/disability. It is best if evaluations are within the last 12 months.
- Legal Documents if relevant. (i.e. court custody, adoption, foster, etc.)
- Records from previous school and/or, the correct address so that records may be requested by the gaining school.
- Document of recent physical within one year of entry date. Applicable to middle/high school age children for participation in sports teams.

**Immunization Requirements** Visit <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/immunization/index.php>

### **Tucson Area School Districts**

**Tucson Unified School District**

1010 E 10th Street  
 Tucson, AZ 85719  
 (520) 225-6000  
[www.tusd.k12.az.us/](http://www.tusd.k12.az.us/)

**Marana Unified School District**

11279 W Grier Rd  
 Marana, AZ 85653  
 (520) 682-3243  
[www.maranausd.org](http://www.maranausd.org)

**Amphitheater Unified School District**

701 W. Wetmore  
 Tucson, Arizona 85705  
 (520) 696-5000  
[www.amphi.com](http://www.amphi.com)

**Sahuarita Unified School District**

350 W. Sahuarita Rd. Bldg 10  
 Sahuarita, AZ 85629  
 (520) 625-3502  
[www.sahuarita.k12.az.us](http://www.sahuarita.k12.az.us)

**Catalina Foothills School District**

2101 E River Road  
 Tucson, AZ 85718  
 (520) 209-7500  
[www.cfsd16.org](http://www.cfsd16.org)

**Sunnyside Unified School District**

2238 E Ginter Road  
 Tucson, AZ 85706  
 (520) 545-2000  
[www.sunnysideud.k12.az.us](http://www.sunnysideud.k12.az.us)

**Continental Elementary District**

1991 E Whitehouse Canyon Rd  
 Green Valley, AZ 85614  
 (520) 625-4581  
<http://continentalesd.org/>

**Tanque Verde School District**

11150 E Tanque Verde Road  
 Tucson, AZ 85749  
 (520) 749-5751  
[www.edline.net/pages/TVUSD](http://www.edline.net/pages/TVUSD)

**Flowing Wells School District**

1556 W Prince Rd  
 Tucson, AZ 85705  
 (520) 696-8801  
[www.floatingwellsschools.org](http://www.floatingwellsschools.org)

**Vail School District**

13801 E. Benson Highway  
 Vail, Arizona 85641  
 (520) 879-2000  
[www.vail.k12.az.us/](http://www.vail.k12.az.us/)

**Joint Technological Education District**

Central Facility & District Office  
2855 W. Master Pieces Drive  
Tucson, AZ 85741  
(520)352-JTED (5833)  
[www.pimajted.org/index.html](http://www.pimajted.org/index.html)

**Open Enrollment/School Choice**

Some school districts offer Open Enrollment to families wishing to enroll their child or children in another school district or school that is not within their residential district boundaries. As a nonresident you may apply for enrollment into the district/school of choice. Each district handles Open Enrollment differently, so please visit each district's Open Enrollment website for specific instructions on how to apply. *Applying for the school or district of choice does not guarantee enrollment.* To ensure consideration for the school or district of choice, please follow the application procedures specific to each district. The following districts offer Open Enrollment:

**Amphitheater Unified School District:**

<http://www.amphi.com/Page/1221>

**Catalina Foothills Open Enrollment:**

[https://www.cfsd16.org/public/\\_distInfo/OpenEnrollment.aspx](https://www.cfsd16.org/public/_distInfo/OpenEnrollment.aspx)

**Flowing Wells Unified School District:**

<http://www.flowingwellsschools.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=344753>

**Marana Unified School District:**

<http://www.maranausd.org/index.aspx?NID=368>

**Tanque Verde Unified School District:**

<http://www.tanqueverdeschools.org/OpenEnrollment.aspx>

**Tucson Unified School District Open Enrollment:**

<http://www.tusd1.org/contents/distinfo/enroll.html>

**Vail School District:**

<http://www.vailschooldistrict.org/our-schools/registration-information/#1454604958106-ad259a8f-9597>

**School Performance**

Arizona uses a measure called AZLEARNS to evaluate a school's individual progress. Schools' achievement profiles are listed as: A, B, C, D and Failing.

The components for evaluating schools are: AZMERIT for 3rd, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade); Schoolwide Academic Growth by Ethnic Sub Groups and by growth for the special populations of SPED and ELL (language limited students); Graduation/Dropout rates (HS); and the reclassification of ELL students.

Learn more about this system and view school ratings at:

[www.ade.az.gov/azlearns/azlearns.asp](http://www.ade.az.gov/azlearns/azlearns.asp)

## **Additional Education Options**

### **Magnet Schools**

Magnet Programs focus on a particular discipline and require participation in specialized courses. Students must apply to attend, and if accepted, transportation is provided. In the Tucson Unified School District, there are elementary, middle and high schools with magnet programs. To learn more about these programs visit: <http://www.tusd1.org>; follow links to “Schools” then “Directory,” and select “Magnet Programs” from the list.

### **Charter Schools**

Charter schools are publicly funded schools that operate independently of public school districts. Each school has its own mission or vision, but is required to meet state standards. Charter schools are open to all students, but may impose class size caps. A list of area schools is available at the A&FRC.

For more information visit: <http://www.ade.state.az.us/charterschools/Info/>.

### **Private Schools**

Private schools are privately funded and tuition based. Schools may specialize in a certain area such as college prep, arts, religion, values, etc.... Scholarships are often available. A list of area private schools is available at the A&FRC. There are school tuition organizations (STO’s) that can assist with scholarships. Visit: [http://www.arizonaschoolchoice.com/EDU\\_PSS.html](http://www.arizonaschoolchoice.com/EDU_PSS.html).

### **Joint Technological Education District**

The Pima County Joint Technological Education District provides rigorous career and technology education programs for eligible students, grades 9-12. Students simultaneously earn college and high school credit and the opportunity for industry certifications. Programs and classes are offered at high schools in each school district and at the JTED Central Learning Facility. Classes and programs are offered in the following areas:

- Agricultural Education
- Business Education
- Education Professions
- Industrial Technology Education
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Education
- Health & Community Service Careers
- Marketing, Media & Information Technology Education

For course listings and information contact: Ph: (520) 352-JTED (5833), [www.pimajted.org/schools](http://www.pimajted.org/schools)

### **Virtual Learning**

Several school districts provide virtual learning/distance learning opportunities for students. There are numerous charter schools that offer full time online curriculum. For a list of local virtual academies, visit the A&FRC.

### **Home Schooling**

Home Schooling is instruction provided at home by parents, tutors or home school cooperatives. Parents should inform themselves completely about time commitments, curricula, relevant state laws and available resources. Mandatory requirements regarding homeschooling vary by state.



In Arizona, an Affidavit of Intent, stating that the child is home schooled, must be filed with the county school superintendent within thirty days of the beginning of home instruction. Upon ending home instruction in Arizona, the county school superintendent must be notified within thirty days of the termination of instruction in the state. Children between the ages of six and 16 are required to receive instruction in the state of Arizona. To obtain a copy of the affidavit and the full requirements for homeschooling in Arizona, visit: [http://www.schools.pima.gov/site/home\\_school\\_support](http://www.schools.pima.gov/site/home_school_support) .

## **Testing and Graduation Requirements**

### **Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS)**

AZMERIT (Arizona’s Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching) tests, adopted in November 2014, are administered in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades and in high school based on courses enrolled. AZMERIT results provide educators and the public with information regarding the progress of Arizona's students toward mastering Arizona's reading, writing and mathematics Standards.

You may view your school’s AZMERIT test results at <http://www.azed.gov/research-evaluation/school-report-cards/> Click on “Current School and LEA Report Cards” and use the dropdown menu to select the school name. Then click on “Get Report Card”. Select the “Assessments” tab to find data for each tested subject.

### **AIMS**

Arizona’s Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Science is a Standards based Assessment that measure student proficiency of the Arizona Academic Content Standard in Science. It meets federal requirements for student assessment. It is administered in the spring to students in grades 4, 8, and high school. For more information visit [www.azed.gov/assessment/](http://www.azed.gov/assessment/)

### **AIMS Reciprocity**

A.R.S. 15-701.01 (A)(3) allows high school students who transfer from out-of-state into an Arizona public school to be exempt from the AIMS graduation requirement if the student “has successfully passed a statewide assessment test on state adopted standards that substantially equivalent to the state board adopted academic standards.” A state’s high school test used for No Child Left Behind school accountability is an acceptable test for AIMS Reciprocity.

*High school students transferring into Arizona public schools are responsible for providing official documentation of test results for AIMS Reciprocity purposes.*

### **Transition from AIMS to PARCC (Common Core Standards)**

In December 2012, the State Board of Education adopted a plan to transition from AIMS to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). To view the transition plan, please visit their website at <http://www.azed.gov/standards-development-assessment/files/2013/01/item-2-aimes-parcc-transition-table.pdf>.

Beginning in Spring 2015, students will take the PARCC English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics exams. Beginning in 2016, if available, PARCC exams scores will be incorporated as a percentage of course grades for courses with standards being assessed. The specific courses

and percentages have yet to be determined by the State Board of Education. Beginning in 2017, the graduation requirements will be based entirely on completion of the minimum course of study and competency requirements, which will incorporate the PARCC exam results.

### **Graduation Requirements**

For a complete list of Arizona state graduation requirements, visit the website below. Students should be prepared to provide documentation of credits earned, either with school records or contact information for the previous school. <http://www.azed.gov/hsgraduation/>

### **The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

This document addresses issues facing military connected children as they relocate across state lines. It allows the laws of the “sending” state to apply to transferring students from military families in the schools of the “receiving” state for such policies as graduation requirements, Advanced Placements (AP), and age of student enrollment. Currently, 28 states (including Arizona) are members. Policy interpretation is open to local education agencies.

### **Impact Aid**

At the beginning of each school year, your child’s school may send home a federal Impact Aid survey card to be completed by a parent or guardian. The Impact Aid Program is designed to assist local school districts with a large enrollment of federally connected children by providing federal funding. Please complete and return this form to the school when it is presented.

## **Online Education Resources**

National Military Family Association

(NMFA)

[www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org)

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

[www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)

Student Online Achievement Resources

[www.SoarAtHome.org](http://www.SoarAtHome.org)

DoD Website for military families

[www.usa4militaryfamilies.dod.mil](http://www.usa4militaryfamilies.dod.mil)

Standards & Poors

Select link “America’s Best High Schools”

[www.schoolmatters.com](http://www.schoolmatters.com)

Military One Source

[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

Military Home Front

[www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil)

## Special Education

While federal laws remain the same throughout the United States, timelines, interpretation, and service delivery vary at both state and districts levels. Upon arrival, or home purchase/lease, contact your school district's Special Education (sometimes Student Services) Department to receive information on the location and delivery of services.

### **Eligibility and Screening:**

Birth-Age 2: Services provided by Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)

Age 3-5 (not Kindergarten): Services provided by school district of residence.

K-Age 21: Services provided by school in which the child is enrolled. If the child is in a private school, contact the district in which the private school is located. If the child is homeschooled, contact the district of residence.

Children with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) who transfer into Arizona from another state, will receive a free appropriate public education (including services comparable to the services described in the existing IEP) until the receiving school conducts an evaluation for eligibility for special education in Arizona, or determines that such an evaluation is unnecessary; and develops, adopts, and implements a new IEP, if appropriate.

### **Exceptional Education Contact Numbers by School District:**

Each local school district provides services for eligible children age 3-5 through the Child Find program. Contact your home district for more information on instruction and services available.

- TUSD: (520) 232-8314 (age 3-5); 225-6610 (K-12)
- Vail: (520) 879-2082 (age 3-5); 879-2052 (K-12)
- Sahuarita: (520) 625-3502, Ext 1011
- Sunnyside: (520) 545-3670 (age 3-5); 545-2094 (K-12)
- Flowing Wells: (520) 696-8836
- Amphitheater: (520) 696-6420 (age 3-5); 696-5230 (K-12)
- Catalina Foothills: (520) 209-7714
- Marana: (520) 682-4782
- Tanque Verde: (520) 749-5751, Ext 202
- Continental Elementary: (520) 625-4581

## **Childcare Alternatives for Children with Special Needs**

### **Child & Family Resources, Inc.**

Helps families find quality child care based on child's age, personality, special needs, and geographic area. Search for services via phone or internet.

2800 East Broadway Boulevard

Tucson, AZ 85716

(520) 325-5778

[www.ChildFamilyResources.org](http://www.ChildFamilyResources.org)

### **Easter Seals/Blake Foundation**

Home to the Children's Achievement Center and provides support with Arizona's Early Intervention Programs (birth to age 2yrs 11 mos).

(520) 325-5778

330 N. Commerce Park Loop Suite 100

Tucson, Arizona

<http://www.easterseals.com>

### **Angels in Autism**

Provides support and care for children with autism spectrum and sensory disorders ages three and up.

(520) 820-3650

[www.angelsinautismaz.com](http://www.angelsinautismaz.com)

### **The Abbie School**

Established by the Arizona Center for Autism in 2013 and is for scholars with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Inclusive Special Education/A Place to Be Yourself

520-300-6103

[www.abbieschool.org](http://www.abbieschool.org)

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## Local Special Needs Support Services

Autism Society of Pima County: [www.tucsonautism.org](http://www.tucsonautism.org)

AzEIP (Blake Foundation): (520) 325-6495

Tucson Alliance for Autism: [www.autism.web.arizona.edu/](http://www.autism.web.arizona.edu/)

Arizona Autism Support: [www.arizonaautismsupport.org/](http://www.arizonaautismsupport.org/)

Arizona Division of the Developmentally Disabled: [www.azdes.gov/ddd](http://www.azdes.gov/ddd)

The Down Syndrome Connection: [www.dsconnection.com](http://www.dsconnection.com)

Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome: [www.sandsaz.org/index.htm](http://www.sandsaz.org/index.htm)

Raising Special Kids: [www.raisingpecialkids.org](http://www.raisingpecialkids.org)

### Parent Information Network Specialists (PINS)

Arizona Department of Education/Exceptional Student Services

PINS are consultants who provide on-site and phone consultation, training, resources, and information and referrals to support parents of special education students. PINS assist educators and service providers to meet the needs of parents and encourage them to work with parents as equal partners. Contact: Kathy Gray-Mangerson: (520) 572-0896.

### Pilot Parents

Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona provides a wide variety of programs to support families of children with disabilities. Programs include: peer-to-peer support, training, resource library and more. Phone: (520) 324-3152. Website: [www.pilotparents.org](http://www.pilotparents.org).

### STOMP (Specialized Training of Military Parents)

STOMP is a federally funded Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs. The staff of the STOMP Program are parents of children who have disabilities and have experience in raising their children in military communities and traveling with their spouses to different locations.

Regional Office Phone: (520) 458-7911. Website: [www.stompproject.org](http://www.stompproject.org).

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