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# **School Liaison Program Handbook**



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# From the School Liaison Program Manager

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

I also represent you in the community, facilitating working relationships with local school districts, advocating for military children, and increasing awareness of the unique needs of military children.

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## Arriving at DMAFB

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 K-8 School**

(Information on page 5)

Students may also attend the charter middle/high school on base: Sonoran Science Academy-DM (Information on page 5)

### **Palo Verde High Magnet School**

1302 S Avenida Vega

Tucson, AZ 85710

(520) 584-7400

(520) 584-7401

[www.tusd1.org/paloverde](http://www.tusd1.org/paloverde)

### **Sabino High School**

5000 N Bowes Rd

Tucson, AZ 85749

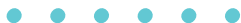
(520) 584-7700

(520) 584-7701

[www.sabinohs.tusd1.schooldesk.net](http://www.sabinohs.tusd1.schooldesk.net)

*\*\*The district currently provides a*

*courtesy bus to/from Sabino/DMAFB*





## Schools Located on DMAFB

The schools below are located on the installation. New students living on or off base may attend Borman K8 by registering at [www.tusd1.org/new](http://www.tusd1.org/new). Students living off base wishing to attend Borman K-8 are considered Open Enrollment. Space is limited and the application does not guarantee acceptance. For returning TUSD students, enrollment is available through the family's ParentVue account.

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  
(520) 584-4601  
[www.tusd1.org/borman](http://www.tusd1.org/borman)

### **Sonoran Science Academy**

Charter Middle/High School  
5741 East Ironwood St  
Davis-Monthan AFB,  
Tucson, AZ 85708  
(520) 300-5699  
Grades 6th-12th  
[www.sonoranschools.org](http://www.sonoranschools.org)

# Youth Sponsors

Youth ages 9-18 interested in connecting with other DMAFB preteens and teens may email [355FSS.FSFY.YouthCenter@us.af.mil](mailto:355FSS.FSFY.YouthCenter@us.af.mil) before or after arrival. Receive a youth sponsor, information on upcoming events, and ask questions about your new base and city.

## DAF Websites

DAF Child and Youth Programs website provides consolidated CDC, FCC, SAC, YP, and School Liaison programs and can be found at [www.dafchildandandyouth.com](http://www.dafchildandandyouth.com)

Families in need of childcare can create an account at [www.militarychildcare.com](http://www.militarychildcare.com)

DAF Exceptional Family Member Program provides families with direct access to decision-making information and resources. The DAF Family Vector website: [www.daffamilyvector.us.af.mil](http://www.daffamilyvector.us.af.mil) may be accessed using a Common Access Card (CAC).

## Registration Information

### Kindergarten

Students entering Kindergarten must have reached their *5th birthday* before *September 1st* of the year that they enroll. Kindergarten programs are half or full-day, 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 a.m. — 8:30 a.m. Most school days end between 2:15 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. Many local schools exercise an “early release” day weekly or bi-weekly. Many districts provide quarterly professional development days for teachers – “no school” days for students. See your district’s calendar for specific dates.



## **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 for 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 the School Age Program (SAP). SAP provides transportation to/from Borman K8, located on the base. Space is limited and prioritized by need. Call (520) 228-8206/8484 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 the chart in the school packet for requirements or in the below link.
- Legal proof of residence: Letter from housing, orders, settlement or rental contract, utility bill, etc.
- IEP: Individual Education Plan for a student with special needs/ disability OR 504 Behavior Plan. 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 [www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/immunization/index.php](http://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/immunization/index.php) - Child Care, School & College – Immunization Requirements & Forms – Guide to Immunizations Required for Entry for complete immunization chart.

## Tucson Area School Districts

### **Tucson Unified**

1010 E. 10th St  
Tucson, AZ 85719  
(520) 225-6000  
[www.tusd1.org](http://www.tusd1.org)

### **Amphitheater Unified**

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

### **Catalina Foothills**

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

### **Continental Elementary**

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

### **Flowing Wells**

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

### **Marana Unified**

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

### **Sahuarita Unified**

350 W. Sahuarita Rd., Bldg 10  
Sahuarita, AZ 85629  
(520) 625-3502  
[www.susd30.us](http://www.susd30.us)

### **Sunnyside Unified**

2238 E. Ginter Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85706  
(520) 545-2000  
[www.susd12.org](http://www.susd12.org)

### **Tanque Verde**

11150 E. Tanque Verde Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85749  
Central Facility & District Office  
(520) 749-5751  
[www.tanqueverdeschools.org](http://www.tanqueverdeschools.org)

### **Joint Technological Education**

2855 W. Master Pieces Dr  
Tucson, AZ 85741  
(520) 352-JTED (5833)  
[www.pimajted.org](http://www.pimajted.org)

### **Vail**

13801 E. Benson Hwy  
Vail, Arizona 85641  
(520) 879-2000  
[www.vailschooldistrict.org/page/welcome-center](http://www.vailschooldistrict.org/page/welcome-center)



# 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 outside 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:**

[www.amphi.com/Page/1221](http://www.amphi.com/Page/1221)

## **Catalina Foothills Open Enrollment:**

[www.cfsd16.org/about-us/open-enrollment](http://www.cfsd16.org/about-us/open-enrollment)

## **Flowing Wells Unified School District:**

[www.floatingwellsschools.org/experience\\_flowing\\_wells/open\\_enrollment](http://www.floatingwellsschools.org/experience_flowing_wells/open_enrollment)

## **Marana Unified School District:**

[www.maranausd.org/domain/184](http://www.maranausd.org/domain/184)

## **Sahuarita Unified School District:**

[www.susd30.us/families/enrollment/open-enrollment](http://www.susd30.us/families/enrollment/open-enrollment)

## **Tanque Verde Unified School District:**

[www.tanqueverdeschools.org/openenrollment](http://www.tanqueverdeschools.org/openenrollment)

## **Tucson Unified School District Open Enrollment:**

[www.tusd1.org/article-20221213-open-enrollment-magnet-application](http://www.tusd1.org/article-20221213-open-enrollment-magnet-application)

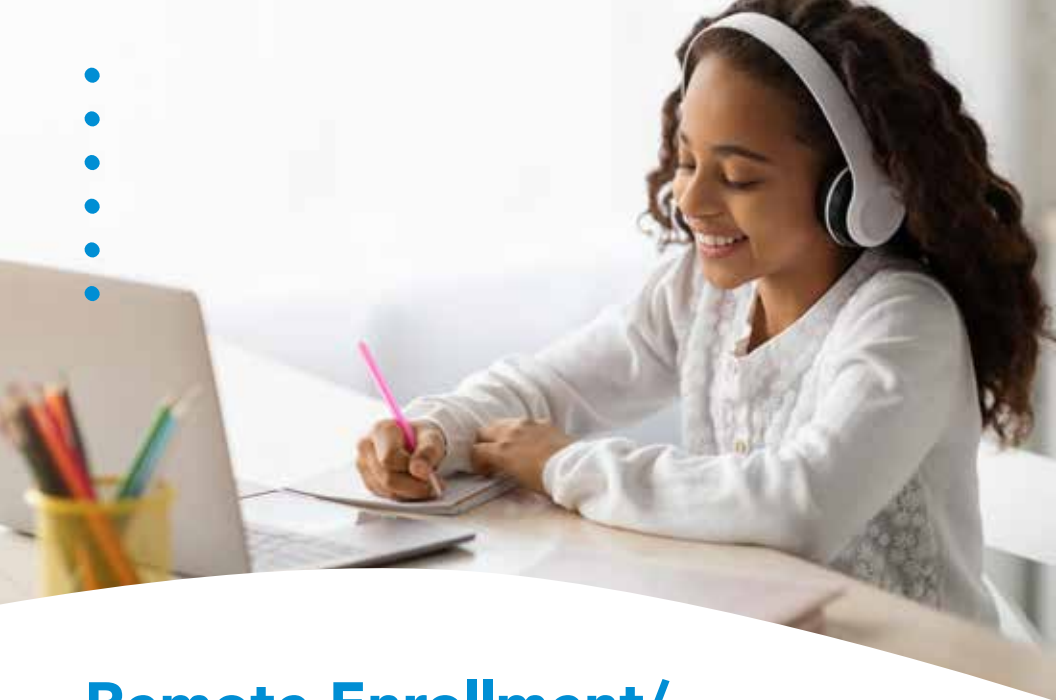
- TUSD currently provides a courtesy bus to/from Sabino HS to/from DMAFB.

## **Vail School District:**

[www.vailschooldistrict.org/page/welcome-center](http://www.vailschooldistrict.org/page/welcome-center)

- Vail is the only district outside of DMAFB that provides a courtesy bus to the following schools: Cottonwood Elem, Desert Willow Elem, Mesquite Elem, Senita Valley Elem, Desert Sky MS, Rincon Vista MS, Andrada Polytechnic HS, Empire HS, Mica Mountain HS, Pantano HS, Vail Academy and High School.  
(\*subject to change)





## Remote Enrollment/ Advanced Enrollment

Arizona and California passed legislation with the Governor's approval, allowing for remote enrollment of military students. HB2107, section 15-823-01, *Admission of nonresident pupils: active military duty* states that residency requirements for school attendance are met if a parent of a transferring student is pending transfer to a military installation within the state on military orders. School districts shall accept an application for enrollment/course registration by electronic means, to include enrollment in a specific school or program. The military parent shall provide proof of residence within 10 days of arrival provided on orders. Parents may use temporary on-base billeting or lease of purchased home or apartment on/off base. This policy temporarily waives proof of residency requirements.

This statute requires districts to allow for remote enrollment, registration, and program application at the time that the process is open to the general student population. It does not provide priority or ability to enroll before other students. Districts have the option to "transfer" a student to the school within their "transportation boundary."

Contact your School Liaison with any questions or concerns.

# School Performance

Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has implemented a multifaceted approach to school letter grade determination and evaluating a school's progress. The components for evaluating schools are as follows:


## K-8

- 30% Proficiency (ASAA ELA and Math & MSAA English LA and Math)
- 50% Growth (How well does the school move students across levels of proficiency, etc.)
- 10% Proficiency & Growth of English Learners on AZELLA (English Learner Assessment) (5% each)
- 10% Acceleration Measures (i.e., inclusion of students with disabilities in general education, growth of subgroups, decreases in chronic absenteeism)

## High School

- 30% Proficiency (ACT ELA and Math & MSAA ELA and Math)
- 20% Growth (Subgroup Proficiency, Graduation Rate, Dropout Rate Improvements)
- 10% Proficiency & Growth on AZELLA (English Learner Assessment) (5% each)
- 20% Graduation Rate Improvement
- 20% College & Career Readiness (average CCR points for current year's seniors)
- Science AzSCI proficiency = up to 3% bonus
- ACT Aspire – 9th grade participation = up to 3% bonus

Learn more about this system and view school ratings at:  
[www.azsbe.az.gov/f-school-letter-grades](http://www.azsbe.az.gov/f-school-letter-grades)

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- *\*Note: Due to COVID-19, state standardized testing was placed on hold, preventing the update of letter grades across the state. SY 2020/2021 are the most current letter grades to date.*



# 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 may be provided. In the Tucson Unified School District, there are elementary, middle, and high schools with magnet programs. To learn more about these programs visit: [www.tusd1.org/magnet-programs](http://www.tusd1.org/magnet-programs).

## **Charter Schools**

Charter schools are publicly funded schools that operate independently of public school districts. Each school has its mission or vision but is required to meet state standards. Charter schools are open to all students but may impose class size caps. They typically do not provide transportation. To perform a search on charter schools, please visit [www.ade.az.gov/charterschools/search](http://www.ade.az.gov/charterschools/search)

## **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. Military families are eligible to apply for school tuition scholarships. A list of area private schools is available from the School Liaison Office at Bldg 3200, Rm 116, via e-mail at [elizabeth.fleming.1@us.af.mil](mailto:elizabeth.fleming.1@us.af.mil) or visit: [www.schools.pima.gov/schools/private-schools](http://www.schools.pima.gov/schools/private-schools). An "Affidavit of Intent for Private School" (listed on the above link) is required within 30 days of attending, however, check with

the private school for assistance and details. There are school tuition organizations (STOs) and state Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) that can assist with tuition. Also, see the Educational Scholarship Options section listed on page 9 of this handbook.

**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 credits 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:

- Arts & Design
- Business Education
- Computers & Media
- Industrial Technologies
- Education
- Hospitality
- Human Services
- Science & Engineering

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

**Virtual Learning**

Several school districts provide virtual learning/distance learning opportunities for students. Numerous charter schools offer full-time online curricula. For a list of local virtual academies, visit the School Liaison Office, Bldg 3200, Rm 116.

**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 [www.schools.pima.gov/site/home\\_school\\_support](http://www.schools.pima.gov/site/home_school_support)

# Educational Scholarship Options

## **Scholarship Tuition Organizations (STO's)**

Arizona state taxpayers are allowed to donate a percentage of their state tax dollars through a variety of Private School Tuition Tax Credit programs to support K-12 students attending Private/Parochial schools with tuition scholarships. Arizona taxpayers who choose to donate their state tax dollars to a private school or to a specific student attending a private school utilizing an S.T.O. will receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit when filing their annual state income tax returns.

The funding for STOs comes from both individual and corporate contributions. Special scholarships may be available for those identified as having a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Please see [www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits/SchoolTaxCreditsforIndividuals.aspx](http://www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits/SchoolTaxCreditsforIndividuals.aspx) for more details. Additional information is available from the School Liaison Program Manager.

## **Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA)**

ESA is an account administered by ADE that is funded by state tax dollars to provide educational options for qualified Arizona students. By opting out of the public school system, parents can seek a range of alternative educational services, such as private school or home-based education, to tailor an individualized educational plan that is best for their child.

An Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) is an account similar to a checking account with parents receiving approximately 90% of the state funding that would have been received by the school the child previously attended or current reside (military members). As of September 2022, ESA is available to 1M+ students in Arizona through the Universal Application.

## **What can the funds be used for?**

- Tuition and fees at a private school
- A private online learning program
- Educational therapies or services
- Bank fees charged for the management of an ESA
- Testing Fees
- Curriculum
- Tutoring services



To see if your child qualifies for or to obtain an ESA application, visit [www.azed.gov/esa/eligibility-requirements](http://www.azed.gov/esa/eligibility-requirements)

For more information, The Arizona Department of Education's website [www.azed.gov/esa](http://www.azed.gov/esa) answers a series of *frequently asked questions*.

**Contact ESA by:**

- [esacallcenter@azed.gov](mailto:esacallcenter@azed.gov)
- (602) 364-1969
- [www.azed.gov/esa](http://www.azed.gov/esa)

*STOs and ESAs cannot be used at the same time or year.* They can, however, be alternated. For example, An STO may be used one school year and the ESA the next school year.

Homeschool families may take the ESA with them when they PCS as long as they maintain Arizona residence (own property), continue to homeschool, or utilize online private school. Cannot be used to pay for any private brick-and-mortar schools. Contact the School Liaison for details, and explanation.

# Gifted Education, Advanced Placement (AP)

## **Gifted Education**

All public schools are required by Arizona law to identify and provide services for gifted learners. Each district provides its own “evaluation” mechanism and model to service K-12 students. Screening is at no cost to families. Gifted education may be offered through an inclusive classroom or “pull out” program. Which program provided is determined by the school and will vary based on student evaluation outcome.

Details may be found at [www.azed.gov/gifted-education](http://www.azed.gov/gifted-education).

## **Advanced Placement (AP)**

Enrollment in AP courses allows a student to take college courses while in high school. Students must receive a minimum score of “3” on a 1–5 scale final AP exam to earn college credit. More information may be found at [www.azed.gov/advanced-placement/faqs](http://www.azed.gov/advanced-placement/faqs).

# Testing and Graduation Requirements

## **Arizona Statewide Testing**

Arizona’s Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) measures student performance in English language arts (ELA) and math and the AzSCI assesses learning in science. The AASA is administered in 3rd-8th grades and the AzSCI is administered in 5th, 8th, and 11th grades. Assessment tools for high school include ACT Aspire in 9th grade and ACT in 11th grade. Updated AASA, AzSCI, ACT/ACT Aspire Assessment Information, along with testing calendars may be found at: [www.azed.gov/assessment](http://www.azed.gov/assessment).

Arizona state law – Move On When Reading requires a student not to be promoted from 3rd to 4th grade if the student is “reading at a much lower level than is expected of a 3rd grader”. More information may be found at: [www.tusd1.org/article-20230127-assessment-information-for-parents](http://www.tusd1.org/article-20230127-assessment-information-for-parents).



You may view your school's Report Card test results at [www.azreportcards.azed.gov](http://www.azreportcards.azed.gov) Click on "Current School and LEA Report Cards" and use the dropdown menu to select the school's name. Then click on "Get Report Card." Select the "Assessments" tab to find data for each tested subject.

**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. [www.azed.gov/standards-practices/high-school-graduation-information](http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/high-school-graduation-information).

As of 2017, HB 2064 requires high school graduates to pass (60/100) a multiple-choice civics test.

**Summary of High School Graduation Credit Requirements as of 2023:**

Subject	Credits (minimum)
English or English as a Second Language	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
History & Social Science	3 credits
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education	1 credit
Locally Prescribed Courses	7 credits

*\*Individual districts may require additional credits and/or graduation requirement*

**Mathematics**

(1) Three credits containing course content in preparation for proficiency at the high school level on the statewide assessment and aligned to the Arizona Mathematics Standards for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. These three credits shall be taken beginning with the ninth grade unless a student meets these requirements before the ninth grade.

(2) The requirement for the third credit covering Algebra II, may be met by, but is not limited to the following: a math course comparable to Algebra II course content; computer science, career and technical education and vocational education, economics, science and arts courses as determined by the local school district governing board or charter school.

(3) The mathematics requirements may be modified for students using a [Personal Curriculum](#).



### **Science**

(4) Three credits of science in preparation for proficiency at the high school level on the statewide assessment.

### **History and Social Science**

(5) History and Social Science will minimally consist of one credit of American history, including Arizona history; one credit of world history/ geography; and one-half credit of government and one-half credit of economics.

### **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, extra-curricular activities, Advanced Placements (AP), and age of student enrollment. Currently, all 50 states are members. Policy interpretation is open to local education agencies. For details, please visit the following website [www.mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/MIC3-Rules-Book-WEB.pdf](http://www.mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/MIC3-Rules-Book-WEB.pdf)

## **Impact Aid**

At the beginning of each school year, your child’s school may send home a federal Impact Aid survey card or e-mail 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 or respond to the e-mail when it is presented.



## Online Education Resources

**National Military Family Association (NMFA):**  
[www.militaryfamily.org](http://www.militaryfamily.org)

**Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC):**  
[www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)

**Military One Source:**  
[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

**My Schools Tucson (School Options in Tucson):**  
[www.myschoolstucson.org/school-options-in-tucson](http://www.myschoolstucson.org/school-options-in-tucson)

**Niche School Ratings:**  
[www.niche.com/k12/search/best-schools](http://www.niche.com/k12/search/best-schools)

**Operation Homefront (Backpack, Toy Drive, Home Meals Events):**  
[www.operationhomefront.org](http://www.operationhomefront.org)

**Tutoring:**  
[www.military.tutor.com/home](http://www.military.tutor.com/home)

**U.S. Department of Education:**  
[www2.ed.gov/about/top-tasks.html?src=rn](http://www2.ed.gov/about/top-tasks.html?src=rn)

# Special Education

While federal laws remain the same throughout the United States, timelines, interpretation, and service delivery vary at both state and district 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 the 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 aged 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);  
(520) 225-6610 (K-12)
- **Vail:**  
(520) 879-2082 (age 3-5);  
(520) 879-2052 (K-12)
- **Sahuarita:**  
(520) 625-3502, Ext 1011
- **Sunnyside:**  
(520) 545-3670 (age 3-5);  
(520) 545-2094 (K-12)
- **Flowing Wells:**  
(520) 696-8836
- **Amphitheater:**  
(520) 696-6420 (age 3-5);  
(520) 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



**Educational and Childcare Alternatives for Children with Special Needs:**

**Child & Family Resources, Inc.**

Helps families find quality childcare based on the child’s age, personality, special needs, and geographic area. Search for services via phone or the Internet.

2800 East Broadway Blvd  
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

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

**Angels in Autism/  
Horses with Wings**


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

(520) 820-3650  
[angelsinautismaz@gmail.com](mailto:angelsinautismaz@gmail.com)  
[www.angelsinautismllc.com](http://www.angelsinautismllc.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)



**Educational and  
Childcare Alternatives  
for Children with Special Needs**  
*(continued):*

**Renaissance Academy**

A school for children with disabilities: autism, emotional/behavioral disabilities, learning disabilities, and other diagnoses. Any child 6 – 18 (22 if you have an IEP) is welcome to apply to the Renaissance Academy Tucson. We specialize in helping students with disabilities, but the small classes and highly qualified staff can be beneficial to any student.

(520) 549-5800

[renaissance.academy.tucson@gmail.com](http://renaissance.academy.tucson@gmail.com)

[renaissanceacademyschools.com](http://renaissanceacademyschools.com)

**Autism Academy for  
Education and Development**

Provides education to students with autism, Kindergarten – 12th grade. The student will learn academic content along with Music, Art, PE, Life Skills and Technology. They provide low ratios, allowing them to maximize the individual attention and needs of each student.

(520) 204-1611

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

**Arizona  
Autism Charter  
Schools, Inc.**

Tucson campus services students with autism or those who learn differently in grades 6 – 12. The program is grounded in the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to help students overcome behavioral and communication challenges. They offer STEAM and project-based learning to help students prepare for potential jobs and careers. As a charter school, it is FREE to attend – no ESA required.

(520) 372-0660

[www.autismcharter.org/enrollment](http://www.autismcharter.org/enrollment)





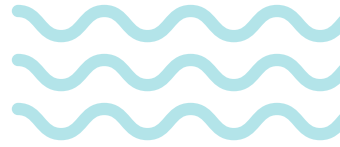
## Local Special Needs Support Services - Exceptional Family Member Program Support

- Autism Society of Pima County:  
[www.as-az.org](http://www.as-az.org)
- AzEIP (Blake Foundation):  
(520) 325-6495
- Tucson Alliance for Autism:  
[www.tucsonallianceforautism.com](http://www.tucsonallianceforautism.com)
- Arizona Division of the Developmentally Disabled:  
[www.azdes.gov/ddd](http://www.azdes.gov/ddd)
- Arizona – Down Syndrome Organizations:  
[www.globaldownsyndrome.org](http://www.globaldownsyndrome.org)
- Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome:  
[www.sandsaz.org](http://www.sandsaz.org)
- 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 assists educators and service providers to meet the needs of parents and encourages them to work with parents as equal partners.

(877) 230-7467  
PINS@azed.gov  
[www.cpfamilynetwork.org/  
resources/resources-guide/  
arizona-parent-information-  
network/](http://www.cpfamilynetwork.org/resources/resources-guide/arizona-parent-information-network/)



## 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, a resource library, and more.

(520) 324-3152  
[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.

(253) 565-2266  
[www.wapave.org/specialized-  
training-of-military-parents-  
stomp/](http://www.wapave.org/specialized-training-of-military-parents-stomp/)





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