



**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 or email elizabeth.fleming.1@us.af.mil

Sincerely,

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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 K-8 School
(Information Below)

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

Palo Verde High Magnet School
1302 S Avenida Vega
Tucson, AZ 85710
Phone: (520) 584-7400
Fax: (520) 584-7401
<http://www.tusd1.org/paloverde/>

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.

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
<http://www.tusd1.org/borman>
Grades K-8th

Sonoran Science Academy
Charter Middle School
5741 East Ironwood Street
Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson AZ 85708
(520) 300-5699 office
<https://www.sonoranschools.org/>
Grades 6th-12th

Youth Sponsors

Youth ages 9-18 interested in connecting with other DMAFB preteens and teens may email 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 —8:30 am. Most school days end between 2:15—3:30 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 520-228-8206/8484 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 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 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 <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
<http://tusd1.org/>

Marana Unified School District

11279 W Grier Rd
Marana, AZ 85653
(520) 682-3243
www.maranausd.org

Amphitheater Unified School District

701 W. Wetmore
Tucson, Arizona 85705
(520) 696-5000
www.amphi.com

Sahuarita Unified School District

350 W. Sahuarita Rd. Bldg 10
Sahuarita, AZ 85629
(520) 625-3502
<https://susd30.us/>

Catalina Foothills School District

2101 E River Road
Tucson, AZ 85718
(520) 209-7500
www.cfsd16.org

Sunnyside Unified School District

2238 E Ginter Road
Tucson, AZ 85706
(520) 545-2000
<https://www.susd12.org/>

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

Flowing Wells School District

1556 W Prince Rd
Tucson, AZ 85705
(520) 696-8801
www.floatingwellsschools.org

Vail School District

13801 E. Benson Highway
Vail, Arizona 85641
(520) 879-2000
<http://www.vailschooldistrict.org/>

Joint Technological Education District

Central Facility & District Office
2855 W. Master Pieces Drive
Tucson, AZ 85741
(520)352-JTED (5833)
<https://pimajted.org/>

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/index.php/about-us/open-enrollment>

Flowing Wells Unified School District:

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

Marana Unified School District:

<https://www.maranausd.org/domain/184>

Tanque Verde Unified School District:

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

Tucson Unified School District Open Enrollment:

<http://tusd1.org/Information/Enrollment/Open-Enrollment>

Vail School District:

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

School Performance

Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has implemented a multifaceted approach to school letter grade determination and evaluating a school's individual progress.

The components for evaluating schools are as follows:

K-8

30% Proficiency (How many pass the AzMERIT for 3rd, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade)

50% Growth (How well does the school move students across levels of proficiency, etc.)

10% Proficiency & Growth of English Learners (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

20% Growth

10% Proficiency & Growth of English Learners (5% each)

20% College & Career Readiness Indicators (i.e. SAT, ACT, CTE skills attainment and AP)

20% High School Graduation Rates

Learn more about this system and view school ratings at:

<https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5b4399be1dcb250d04a44ee7>

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.

To perform a search on charter schools, please visit: <http://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 Officer (SLO) at Bldg 3200, Rm 116 or at elizabeth.fleming.1@us.af.mil. Visit: <http://www.schools.pima.gov/schools/private-schools>. There are school tuition organizations (STO’s) that can assist with scholarships. Also, see 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 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

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 School Liaison Officer, 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: http://www.schools.pima.gov/site/home_school_support.

Educational Scholarship Options

Scholarship Tuition Organizations (STO's)

Arizona state tax payers 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 tax payers who choose to donate their state tax dollars to a private school or to a specific student attending a private school utilizing a S.T.O., will receive a dollar for dollar tax credit when filing their annual state income tax returns.

The funding for STO's come from both individuals and corporate contributions. Special scholarships may be available for those identified as having a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Please see

<https://www.azed.gov/TaxCredits/SchoolTaxCreditsforIndividuals.aspx> for more details.

Additional information is available from the School Liaison Officer (SLO).

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 90% of the state funding that would have been received by the school the child previously attended.

What can the funds be used for?

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

To see if your child qualifies and/or obtain an ESA application, visit:

<http://www.azed.gov/esa/eligibility-requirements/>.

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

Contact ESA by:

- **Email:** esa@azed.gov
- **Phone:** 602-364-1969
- <http://www.azed.gov/esa/>

STO's and ESA's 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.

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 3rd-8th 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 <https://azreportcards.com/>. 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/

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/state-board-education/files/2012/11/item-4a-parcc-transition.pdf>.

Starting 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, all 50 states are members. Policy interpretation is open to local education agencies. For details please visit the following website: <http://www.mic3.net/assets/rules-2018-re-print-single-page-rev-19-jul-2018.pdf>

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

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)
www.militarychild.org

Military One Source
www.militaryonesource.com

Military Home Front
www.militaryhomefront.org

Niche School Ratings
www.niche.com/k12/search/best-public-high-schools

This is Tucson
<http://Tucson.com/findaschool>

Tutoring
<https://military.tutor.com/home>

U.S. Department of Education
<https://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 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

Educational and 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

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/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

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

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

Email: renaissance.academy.tucson@gmail.com

www.renaissanceacademyschools.com

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Local Special Needs Support Services - Exceptional Family Member Program Support

Autism Society of Pima County: <http://www.as-az.org/>

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

Tucson Alliance for Autism: www.tucsonallianceforautism.com

Arizona Autism Support: www.autismsupport.org/

Arizona Division of the Developmentally Disabled: www.azdes.gov/ddd

Arizona – Down Syndrome Organizations: www.globaldownsyndrome.org

Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome: www.sandsaz.org

Raising Special Kids: 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.

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.inova.org.

Military Child Education Program

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