



# SUMMIT SCHOOL

NEXT GENERATION PRIVATE EDUCATION

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# WHY SUMMIT?

Summit reorganizes learning to equip students to rise to the challenges of the world they inherit. The innovation age economy requires that we rethink preparing students for a project-based world.

Academics are authentically rigorous when students apply new thinking skills--inquiry, analysis, research, creativity--and apply them in real-world ways.

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Our educators use project based learning to integrate the curriculum. By tapping into children's interests and giving them the opportunity to initiate, investigate, and apply their interests, learning becomes experiencing.

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Small class sizes mean your child will receive specialized instruction and individual attention.

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Our teachers are passionate experts in their field. Our experienced team also includes specialists in math, literacy, music, Spanish, science, visual arts, visual literacy, and physical education.

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Character building as well as social and emotional learning is integrated into every Summit classroom.

*"The goal of education isn't just to create smart students, but also to cultivate exceptional, kind people who will change the world and thrive in their personal lives."*

**—Mark Bistricky, Head of School**

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AT SUMMIT WE STRIVE TO ANSWER  
**"YES!"** TO EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS:

- Are our students not only mastering content, but also learning to use their own interests to grow their skills?
- Do our students collaborate with others as they communicate to solve real-world problems?
- Are our students developing a love of learning, sound decision-making ability, and social-emotional skills needed to thrive?





## SUMMIT BY THE NUMBERS



**NEARLY  
90%**

of Summit graduates qualify for High School Honors or Gifted classes.

**100%**

of Summit students participate in social/emotional learning.



### **95% PASSING RATE**

Summit 4th and 8th graders on Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) 2018 Science Test.

### **86TH PERCENTILE**

Summit 3rd-8th graders ranked nationally on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.



Average class size:

**16 STUDENTS**

**57%**

of Summit teachers have taught at Summit for at least ten years.



Named one of the

**TOP 4  
PRESCHOOLS  
10 YEARS IN A ROW**

by Ahwatukee Foothills News



**48%**

of Summit students benefit from the Arizona Private School Tax Credit program.



# SUMMIT PRESCHOOL

Summit School is one of the few Phoenix preschools accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our program is research-based, developmentally appropriate, and taught by educated and experienced teachers.

*Summit's child-centered preschool program is responsive to the skills, needs, and interests to each specific child in the classroom.*

Our teachers deliberately set up the environment, develop learning activities, and immerse the students in units of studies that are based on their observations of their students. Our program fosters growth in all developmental areas including social/emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, math, science, and social studies. Preschool students also participate in Spanish, music, library, and art classes taught by Summit Specialist teachers.

*Our preschool teachers average fifteen years of experience, with degrees and certifications in the early childhood field.*

Many of them present at local and national conferences, serve on NAEYC teams, and have mentored and coached other teachers.

Early childhood is a time for students to gain confidence in their abilities, to develop flexible approaches to learning, and to see the connections between all areas of their world. Our students enter kindergarten with confidence in their ability to reason, problem-solve, understand and contribute valuable ideas.



## PARENT TESTIMONIALS

"There aren't enough words to describe the magic in our preschool building. Both our daughters not only received an amazing early education, but they were given tools to help them grow as individuals. The teachers and support staff are so loving and kind and make each child feel like they can take on the world."

—The Lang Family

"Summit School is unlike any school we have ever seen! When we started looking for a preschool for our daughter, all we knew for sure is that we wanted to send her to a welcoming, loving environment with a strong emphasis on learning and challenging her to succeed. Summit School far surpassed all of our expectations and opened our eyes to incredible programs that we didn't even know we were looking for!!"

— Preschool Parent

# SUMMIT ELEMENTARY

Summit's elementary school program nurtures a community of students who show intellectual curiosity and social-emotional growth as they pursue their "personal best." Each child brings distinct gifts and talents, and Summit challenges each of them to achieve their full potential.

*Small class sizes allow our teachers to truly know their students.*

Our teachers fully support each individual child because they understand each student's academic needs, personality, learning styles, and their social/emotional areas of growth. Every child is known and valued and with that, learning possibilities are endless.

*Our elementary curriculum blends traditional and innovative practices, creating a balance of academic and authentic experiences that challenge students' thinking.*

Engaging students in complex real-life challenges through Project Based Learning gives them ownership of their learning and helps them understand and use their strengths.

Summit's expert teachers empower and support students. Three-quarters of Summit's elementary faculty have been with the school for more than ten years. All are passionate, well-educated, and committed to student learning. Math and Literacy Specialists supplement classroom instruction to challenge students to be their personal best in mathematics and reading.

Students are encouraged to widely participate in all subject areas including specialist-taught classes in Spanish, science, music, art/architectural design, computer science, library studies, and physical education.

We embrace **"WE"** over **"ME"** in the Summit community. Our Character and Respect Education Program (CARE) helps cultivate kindness and cooperation and provides a safe, responsible, and respectful environment for all.



## PARENT TESTIMONIAL

"Our daughters have been at Summit for 6 years and they have thrived. The teachers are not only great at engaging the kids and helping them learn things for themselves, but they genuinely care about their students. The academics are great, but what really sets Summit apart are the intangibles the kids learn everyday that will serve them well wherever they land: how to communicate in multiple different mediums to a variety of audiences, how to collaborate to create a variety of projects and products and solve problems, and how to conduct research and think critically. All in elementary school."

— Elementary Parent

# SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Summit Middle School equips students for high school and for navigating adolescence through a rigorous STEAM-based curriculum that develops both their intellect and character. Students master content in STEAM subjects, while developing 21st century skills like creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication in applying them to real-world situations.

*Our Middle School environment stimulates intellectual curiosity, independent thinking and creative problem solving.*

Students develop social and emotional skills to become secure, well-adjusted young people, prepared to make good life choices. Nurturing relationships with caring teachers and peers create a culture of safety and respect to support student growth.

*Middle Schoolers learn through rich and varied programs, including elective classes.*

Small class sizes allow experienced faculty members to know each student's potential and challenges. Close partnerships between teachers and parents help students achieve common goals and prepare them for success in high school and life.

Along with Summit's school-wide Character and Respect Education (CARE) program, Middle School students are equipped with skills and strategies from THINK6, our school's conflict resolution program.

Summit eighth graders participate in ROPES (Rite of Passage Experience) that challenges them to complete a project that stretches their comfort zone or explores a possible career path. Students find a community mentor, conduct research, and deliver a public presentation on the experience. Past ROPES projects include symphony conducting, firefighting, guitar building, and veterinary medicine.

Middle Schoolers also complete community service hours, helping them to gain insights into the needs of others and to see how they can benefit the world around them. Summit's last graduating class of 29 students completed more than 770 hours of service to the community.



## TESTIMONIALS

"Summit gave me a safe space to learn and grow into the person I am now. I first latched onto the idea of living in New York and working in the Arts while I was at Summit and I don't know if I would have actually made it to NYC without the support of Summit's amazing teachers, who gave me the confidence in my academics and my ambitions that I needed to make it happen. I'll never be able to thank them enough for their trust, their guidance, and their friendship! After Summit I went on to Xavier College Preparatory High School and American University in Washington, DC. I'm now living in New York, working at a non-profit theatre company that produces work on and off-Broadway."

– Summit Alumnus

"The amount of individual attention students receive is amazing. All teachers know all students as a whole person, not just a side that they show in a particular subject area. Middle school teachers are very aware of where each student is in terms of their academic achievement and readiness and willing to spend working with them during break or before/after school to ensure that students are appropriately challenged. It is our 7th year at Summit and I am confident that our daughter is receiving education that no other school in the area offers. We are extremely impressed and overjoyed with Summit School!"

– Summit Parent



# SPECIALS/ELECTIVES



SCIENCE



SPANISH



LIBRARY



MUSIC



TECHNOLOGY



VISUAL ARTS



PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION

## Middle School Electives

Sixth through eighth graders choose one elective per quarter to explore new interests and subject areas:

- Visual Arts
- Rock Band
- Culinary Arts
- Debate
- Speech and Debate
- Physical Education
- Coding and Game Design
- Robotics
- Theatre



## ATHLETICS

### FALL SPORTS

- Co-ed cross country (5th-8th grade)
- Co-ed flag football (4th-8th grade)
- Girls volleyball (4th-8th grade)

### WINTER SPORTS

- Varsity Basketball (6th-8th grade)
- JV Basketball (6th-8th grade)
- Elementary Basketball (4th-5th grade)

### SPRING SPORTS:

- Girls basketball (4th-8th grade)
- Co-ed golf (5th-8th grade)





## YOUR STUDENT'S HIGHEST POTENTIAL IS WITHIN REACH AT SUMMIT SCHOOL

### COME TOUR!

While this book can give you a feel for our community, educational philosophy, and curriculum, a visit to our campus allows you to see it all in action! The classrooms on our campus are full of curiosity, creativity, and collaboration. We encourage you to call or email our Admissions Office to schedule a tour today at 480-403-9506

Admissions@SummitSchoolAZ.org OR [book online](#).

### AFFORDABILITY

Summit School actively seeks students with academic promise and a range of talents, skills and interests to apply for admission. It is our desire that no child walks away from a Summit education for reason of cost. Our Tuition Assistance program (grades K -8), Quality First preschool scholarships, and the Arizona Private School Tax Credit program help make a Summit education a possibility for all families.

Visit [summitschoolaz.org/tuition-assistance](https://summitschoolaz.org/tuition-assistance) to learn more.

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