



# SUMMIT SCHOOL



**INNOVATIVE TEACHING. EXPERT EDUCATORS. THRIVING STUDENTS.**

**[www.SummitSchoolAZ.org](http://www.SummitSchoolAZ.org)**

# WHY SUMMIT?

Summit energizes 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 thinking skills like inquiry and analysis in creative, real-world ways.*

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Our educators use project-based and student-centered 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.

02

Small class sizes mean your child will receive specialized instruction and individual attention. Our kindergarten through middle school classrooms are capped at 18 students.

03

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

04

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

*"A Summit education is exceptional. Our students are not only learning content, but they are also growing into self-confident, problem-solving, young citizens. At every level, students are encouraged to express their learning needs and their interests."*

**—Dr. Stephanie Nardi, Head of School**

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## An education that goes beyond academics

- Summit students are not only mastering content, but also learning to use their own interests to grow their skills.
- Enrichment opportunities include theater, culinary, STEAM projects, and language.
- Summit students develop a love of learning, sound decision-making ability, and the social-emotional skills they need to thrive.





## SUMMIT BY THE NUMBERS



Average class size:

**16 STUDENTS**

**1/3**

of Summit teachers have taught at Summit for at least ten years and many over twenty years.



Summit students in kindergarten through grade 8 average 2 grade levels ahead in reading, and 3 grade levels ahead in math.

**88%**

of Summit kindergarteners exceed national norms in early literacy.



Named

**Best Private School**

by Ahwatukee Foothills News



**74% EXCEED NATIONAL NORMS** for reading in grades 1-8.

**84% EXCEED NATIONAL NORMS** for math in grades 1-8.



**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). In addition, Summit Preschool has a Quality First Five Star Rating. 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 of each specific child in the classroom.*

Our teachers intentionally set up the environment, develop learning activities, and immerse the students in units of study that meet the needs and interests of our 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.

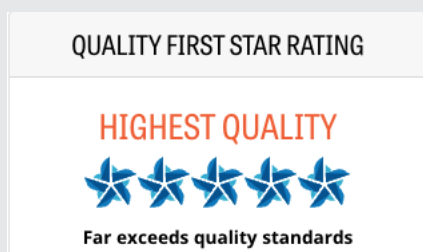


*"Summit School is unlike any school we have ever seen! When we started looking for a preschool for our daughter, all we knew for sure is that we wanted to send her to a welcoming, loving environment with a strong emphasis on learning and challenging her to succeed. Summit School far surpassed all our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

– Preschool Parent

*"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 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.

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

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.

Summit's expert teachers empower and support students. All are passionate, well-educated, and committed to student learning. Math and Reading 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, technology, 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.



*"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 every day 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 while 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.

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.

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.



*"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 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**

*"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



ENRICHMENT

## Middle School Electives

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

- Visual Arts
- Rock Band
- Drone Flight School
- American Sign Language
- Japanese
- Physical Education
- Advanced Spanish
- Robotics
- Theatre



## ATHLETICS

### Season 1

**Co-ed cross country**  
(4th-8th grade)

**Girls' basketball**  
(4th-8th grade)

### Season 2

**Boys' 7x7 football passing league**  
(6th-8th grade)

### Season 3

**Girls' volleyball**  
(4th-8th grade)

**Co-ed flag football**  
(4th-8th grade)

### Season 4

**Boys' basketball**  
(4th-8th grade)

**Co-ed golf**  
(5th-8th grade)





# Sabrecat Athletics

## Student Experience

**The Summit School athletics program promotes school pride, citizenship, and matches our academic excellence. We take great pride in developing our student athletes for their future success.**

### **WHAT IS UNIQUE?**

**Focus on physical, mental, emotional, and social development**

**ALL inclusive program**

**Qualified coaches certified under the Positive Coaching Alliance**

**Leadership, team building, and community service opportunities**

**Encourages a lifelong commitment to a healthy lifestyle**







## 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 or [Admissions@SummitSchoolAZ.org](mailto:Admissions@SummitSchoolAZ.org)



### 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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