

4 WAYS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA

STEP 1: DO ONLINE RESEARCH FROM YOUR OWN HOME.

Certainly, this is perhaps the easiest step to take and might help give you a snapshot or birds-eye view of the school - but there are many things that will be hard to see and determine without actually going a bit further.

- Go to the school or district website
- Search other sites that have school info and data

[Click here for online school search tools and resources](#)

STEP 2: ATTEND A SCHOOL FAIR OR COMMUNITY EVENT

Schools participate in community events or school fairs to get their information out to you. Many times you can visit one location at night or weekend and have the opportunity to visit with reps and gather information on many different schools

Some events have all different types of schools represented (Traditional Public, Public Charter, Private, Online School, Homeschool etc.)

Some events are for schools in a particular district or perhaps a “Magnet Night” where all schools within that particular district are present and available to you.

STEP 3: ATTEND SPECIFIC SCHOOL’S OPEN HOUSE

This is a great way to get on the campus and see a closeup view of the school you are interested in. We would deem this an essential (if the school offers this type of opportunity - which most schools do).

In most cases, these are held at the individual schools - but many times districts will hold larger group open house events at one centralized site.

Recently, as a result of Covid-19, many schools have shifted to holding “virtual” open house events and are producing informational videos that parents can watch on their own time. These are wonderful ways to hear about the school but difficult to really get a feel of the campus and its culture.

STEP 4: VISIT THE SCHOOL CAMPUS (TAKE A SCHOOL TOUR)

Don’t just walk on the campus - schedule a formal school tour with the school. This is by far, one of the more important and essential steps to take during the school exploration process. Obviously, these take time out of your day and realistically you will want to reserve this step until once you have narrowed down your choices to a “small” list of potential schools.

In many cases - tours are given during Open House events on campus. If you have missed the Open House date and wish to take a tour - most schools will offer opportunities to have you come to campus for a tour.

We recommend calling the specific school’s front office to inquire about setting up a school tour for you and your family.

[Click here for more info on Questions to ask when taking a school campus tour.](#)

