

Middle School Program Options

School	Program(s)	Eligibility Criteria	Application Required	Application Timeline
<u>Desert Shadows</u>	• <u>Honors Academies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All require teacher recommendations • Visual Arts: Artwork sample • Choir/Band: Audition • Engineering: 97%ile in any area • Computer Science: Undetermined at this time 	Yes, Application for Academies found on DSMS Website	Begins Nov.1 Ends Dec. 15
	• Full Honors Program			
<u>Explorer</u>	• GT Science	• 97%ile in 2 areas	No	N/A
	• Honors English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97%ile in any area • Non gifted must meet 3 of 4 criteria on rubric 		
<u>Greenway</u>	• Honors Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted identification OR • Teacher recommendation/AZMerit scores 		
<u>Mountain Trail</u>	• Full Honors Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted identification OR • Teacher recommendation/AZMerit scores 	No	N/A
	Journey	<p>Journey Criteria: Gifted qualification at 97%ile+ in two areas: verbal, quantitative, or non-verbal or Gifted qualification at 97%ile+ in one area, AND 90% ile+ in one other area PLUS a principal recommendation IQ of 130 or higher AND Performing or Highly Performing on the latest AzMerit reading and math exams</p>	Yes, Application found at Gifted website	Begins Oct 1
<u>Pinnacle Peak Prep</u>	• Full Honors Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted identification OR • Teacher recommendation/AZMerit scores 	No	N/A
<u>Shea</u>	• <u>North Valley Arts Academy</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher recommendation • Audition may be required depending on Academy 	Yes, Applications for NVAA found on Shea Website	

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	• Full Honors Program	• Gifted Identification not required, Rubric used		
<u>Sunrise</u>	• <u>Digital Learning Center (DLC)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97%ile in two areas • 97%ile in one area w/ 90%ile+ in other two areas • 97%ile in one area w/ 90%ile+ in 2nd area & Principal recommendation • IQ of 135 AND • Proficient or Highly Proficient on AZMerit Reading and Math 	Yes, Application for DLC found on Gifted Website	Begins Oct 1
	• <u>Spanish Immersion</u>			
	• Full Honors Program			
<u>Vista Verde</u>	• <u>International Baccalaureate (IB-MYP)</u>	• Teacher recommendations	Yes, Application found on VVMS Website	Begins Nov.1
	• Full Honors Program			

The Gifted Education office only accepts applications for the Digital Learning Center at Sunrise Middle School and Journey at Mountain Trail Middle School. All other applications may be found at each schools' website.

Links to each Middle School's Homepage can be found by clicking on the school name. Specific programming also has links to their information pages which you can see by clicking the program name