

GPS Junior High Offering Comparison

Given the increase in options for the gifted junior high student, the Gifted Education Parent Council has developed a tool to assist you in making the best decision for your child.

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COMPARISON CHART:

| Area of Consideration | | | |
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SO NOW WHAT?

Below is a series of questions to ask to help you weigh the options available in Gilbert Public Schools.

First, create a mental or paper/pencil inventory of your child's strengths and challenges (for your own information only) to help anticipate your child's questions or areas of concern.

Second, have a neutral conversation to gauge how your child feels about their school options. Try to ask open-ended questions without expressing your own opinion. Cookies and milk may encourage a positive atmosphere and open communication.

Third, create a Pro/Con list with your child, preferably limited to two schools under consideration.

AREAS TO CONSIDER WHEN CREATING PRO/CON LIST:

Your child's personality, e.g., do they get excited and look forward to new beginnings, and change?

Consider how your child handles stress and what strategies he/she uses to manage stress.

Will your child look forward to moving to a large high school following Junior High, or prefer a smaller High School?