

Could a Microschool Be the Right Fit for Your Child?

A Parent's Guide to Finding the Right Learning Environment

By NeuroRoots Education & Coaching



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Where growth begins at the roots.

Welcome

A Note From Our Founder

As a parent and educator, I know how heartbreaking it can be to watch a child lose their love of learning. We often assume that the "traditional" path is the only one, but every child deserves an environment where they feel seen, supported, and genuinely excited to grow.

I created NeuroRoots because I believe that when a child's needs are met, their potential is limitless. This guide is designed to help you pause, reflect, and decide if a microschool could be the right home for your family.

Whether you are looking for more flexibility, personalized attention, or a space where neurodivergence is celebrated rather than managed, you are in the right place.

Sincerely,

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10 Signs Your Child May Thrive Outside Traditional School

1. They dread going to school.
2. Homework causes nightly battles.
3. They need more movement throughout the day.
4. They are bright but struggle in large classrooms.
5. They learn best through hands-on experiences.
6. Anxiety is impacting learning.
7. They need individualized attention.
8. They crave creativity.
9. They struggle socially in large groups.
10. They say school is boring.

If you checked several of these, a microschool may be worth exploring.

Common Myths About Microschools

Myth	Fact
Kids won't socialize.	Small groups foster deeper, authentic friendships and teach real-world social skills.
It's just homeschooling.	We combine personalized, one-on-one attention with the structure, community, and expert guidance of a formal school.
Kids won't be challenged.	We meet children where they are. Personalized instruction means your child can accelerate in areas they love and get support where they need it.
Alternative schools aren't academic.	Our approach is often more rigorous because it is tailored to the child, allowing for deeper mastery and genuine engagement.

Questions to Ask When Touring Any Microschool

What is your teaching philosophy?

- At NeuroRoots, we believe every child learns differently. Our philosophy centers on personalized, hands-on education that nurtures the whole child—academically, socially, emotionally, and creatively. We focus on curiosity, confidence, and meaningful learning experiences rather than one-size-fits-all instruction.

How many students are in each group to ensure support?

- Our small-group model allows educators to truly know each child. With low student-to-teacher ratios, students receive individualized attention, meaningful relationships, and the support they need to thrive.

How do you support different learning styles and sensory needs?

- Children learn in many different ways. We incorporate movement, visual supports, hands-on activities, technology, creative arts, flexible seating, sensory breaks, and individualized accommodations to meet students where they are and help them succeed.

How do you teach and nurture social-emotional skills?

- Social-emotional learning is woven into every day. Students practice communication, emotional regulation, problem-solving, collaboration, self-advocacy, and kindness through guided activities, group projects, community experiences, and daily interactions.

What does a typical day look like?

- Our days are intentionally balanced with academic instruction, movement, creative exploration, outdoor time, project-based learning, social opportunities, and independent work. We believe children learn best when they have opportunities to move, create, explore, and connect throughout the day.

How much outdoor and project-based learning occurs?

- Experiential learning is an important part of our program. Students regularly participate in outdoor exploration, STEM challenges, art, life skills, gardening, community projects, and hands-on activities that make learning meaningful and memorable.

How is progress measured and communicated?

- Rather than relying solely on standardized tests, we use ongoing observations, student portfolios, projects, skill checklists, and individualized academic progress. Families receive regular communication and updates so they can celebrate growth alongside their child.

What is your approach if a child is struggling?

- We believe behavior is communication. Instead of punishment, we seek to understand the underlying need and provide individualized supports, accommodations, encouragement, and collaborative problem-solving. Every child deserves to feel safe, understood, and capable.

How do families communicate with staff?

- Strong family partnerships are essential. We maintain open communication through email, phone calls, newsletters, conferences,

and ongoing conversations to ensure families feel connected and involved in their child's educational journey.

What makes your program unique to our local community?

- NeuroRoots provides a personalized educational experience that combines academics with creativity, social-emotional learning, life skills, movement, and hands-on exploration. As a Chandler-based microschool, we strive to create a welcoming community where children build confidence, develop friendships, and rediscover the joy of learning in a supportive environment.

How NeuroRoots Supports the Whole Child

- **Small Groups:** Where no one gets lost.
- **Personalized Instruction:** Built around the child, not the curriculum.
- **Hands-On Projects:** Learning through doing.
- **Art & Creativity:** Integrated into every day.
- **Emotional Regulation:** We teach the skills to navigate big feelings.
- **Executive Functioning:** Supporting organization and task initiation.
- **Community:** Rooted in real-world connection.
- **Life Skills:** Preparing for adulthood from day one.
- **Flexible Learning:** Following interest-led pathways.

Traditional School vs. Microschool

Feature	Traditional School	NeuroRoots
Group Size	Large Classrooms	Small Learning Groups
Instruction	One-size-fits-all	Individualized
Environment	Desk-based	Hands-on & Active
Pacing	Standardized	Child-paced growth
Flexibility	Limited	High
Focus	Academic testing	Whole-child development

Imagine Your Child Loving School Again.

Instead of:

- Sunday night tears
- Homework battles
- Feeling unseen

Imagine:

- Confidence
- Curiosity
- Creativity
- Joy
- A lifelong love of learning

Ready to learn more?

**Schedule a tour of NeuroRoots today and see how personalized,
hands-on learning helps children thrive.**

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