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TUSD has partnered with University of Virginia and the AZ Department of Education to implement the successful Transformation Model developed by the University of Virginia for six schools in the District.

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This Information Guide to Tucson Unified School District is available on our website, www.tusd1.org, and at each school site. Copies can also be found in our family engagement centers in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Somali and Arabic.

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Dear Families:

I am proud to welcome you to Tucson Unified School District, where we strive to deliver an excellent education to every child every day.

As you will see as you look through this guide, TUSD offers many choices for your child’s education. We have comprehensive schools, magnets, alternative schools, advanced learning opportunities and exceptional education environments. We also offer strong programs in fine arts, sports, world languages and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

TUSD provides a well-rounded and supportive learning environment at every level. Our academic and support services teams focus on nurturing the whole child, academically, intellectually and socially.

We offer safe, reliable transportation to thousands of children each day and have an innovative Food Services team that ensures our students get nutritional meals in our cafeterias. We work to hire top-notch teachers who are committed to doing their best work in the classroom and excellent principals and administrators to support them.

At Tucson Unified School District, creativity and innovation are encouraged. We engage the community, business leaders, staff and families in helping to shape the goals and priorities for our district. When you have a child at a TUSD school, you have a voice, and we want to hear it.

As an educator and a parent, I understand the important decision families make when they choose schools for their children. I hope this guide helps you find the right TUSD school for you.

Sincerely,

Heliodoro T. Sánchez, Ed.D.
Superintendent
TUSD Accolades

Check it out!

- TUSD partners with the University of Virginia, the State Department of Education and WestEd to transform six schools, developing best practices along the way to be applied to all schools in the district as well as serve as models for the state and nation.

- Sabino High School was named a National Blue Ribbon School and was rated an A campus for the 14th year in a row in school year 2013-2014.

- Students from Rincon, Sahuaro, Santa Rita, and Tucson High Magnet schools have placed in the SkillsUSA Arizona Championships. This annual conference features 70 skill and leadership competitions.

- We have two authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) world schools, Safford K-8 Magnet and Cholla Magnet High.

- Every year, our students create award-winning projects for the annual Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

- U.S. News and World Report ranked University High School as the 7th Best High School in America in 2014.

- Magee Middle School is a perennial presence at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

- Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) was highlighted in May 2013 in Arizona Illustrated. OMA uses instrumental music, opera, dance, theater and visual arts to help teach reading, writing, math and science to K-8 students.

- In May 2013, C.E. Rose K-8 earned the Arizona Educational Foundation’s A+ School of Excellence designation based on an outstanding application and a very memorable and impressive site visit to the campus.

- Manzo Elementary was awarded Best Green School 2012 by the U.S. Green Building Council’s Center for Green Schools and was also named an Environmental Education Success Story by National Environmental Education Week in 2013.


- In 2014, Tucson Unified School District ranked No. 9 among 107 large school districts in the nation for its open enrollment policies and practices.

- Tucson High Magnet School boy’s soccer team took the state title and was recognized for its outstanding 2013-2014 season by the MaxPreps Tour of Champions and the Army National Guard.

- Palo Verde Magnet High School’s baseball team was the state division champs in 2013-2014.
The wheels go ‘round and ‘round

Tucson Unified School District provides free, safe transportation to more than 10,000 students each year. The district has a fleet of 300 buses that complete about 1,500 bus routes each day. Including field trips, athletic events and special education routes, our buses travel more than 4.7 million miles every year.

We pride ourselves in delivering excellence. We have an outstanding bus driver and bus monitor training program that is nationally and state recognized. Our program features more than 80 classroom hours and more than 25 behind-the-wheel hours.

Eligibility:

School bus transportation is provided for students as follows:

1. Students attending elementary school who live 1½ miles or more from school.
2. Middle school students or sixth grade students who are assigned to a junior high school who live at least 2½ miles from school with no public bus service.
3. Junior high school students who live at least 2½ miles from school with no public bus service.
4. Senior high school students who live at least 2½ miles from school with no public bus service.
5. Handicapped children (as defined by A.R.S. §15-761) in connection with any program, class or service.

For purposes of this policy, eligibility distance is determined by using the most direct route.

Please note that eligible students who attend a K-8 school will receive transportation if they live 1 ½ miles or more from school.

Students who are granted permission to attend a school other than their designated neighborhood schools, or who reside outside the district boundaries, must provide their own transportation except as provided by the Unitary Status Plan.

If you live within the boundaries of a racially concentrated school and choose a school through Open Enrollment, your child may be eligible for Incentive Transportation under the provisions of the district’s Unitary Status Plan.

To learn more about transportation, including whether your child qualifies for bus service, please visit www.tusd1.org/transportation or call the Transportation Department’s customer service staff at 225-4800.
Tucson families are invited to register their children in our

**Infant & Early Learning Centers**

at Tucson Unified School District
Register now for TUSD’s Infant & Early Learning Centers!

High-quality affordable childcare and expert instruction in early learning are available to Tucson families through TUSD’s new Infant & Early Learning Centers.

Tucson families are invited to register their children ages six weeks to 5 years for this unique childcare opportunity with Southern Arizona’s largest school district.

Our Infant & Early Learning Centers foster positive relationships among children and adults. We provide multiple approaches to serve all learning styles. Our curriculum promotes social, emotional, physical, language and cognitive development. At our centers, learning takes place in a safe and healthy environment.

Our east- and west-side centers provide excellent care for young children.

To register, visit www.tusd.org/EarlyLearningCenter and complete the registration packet and return it to the center in which you wish to enroll your child. You will also find tuition rates on the website, as well as information about the center coordinators.

If you have questions about the TUSD Infant & Early Learning Centers, please call the centers at the numbers below or email EarlyLearning@tusd1.org.

Our centers provide excellent care for young children. Call now to schedule a tour at one of our two convenient locations.

- **EASTSIDE - Schumaker Center**
  (Pantano and Broadway area)
  501 N. Maguire Avenue, 85710
  (520) 225-1100

- **WESTSIDE - Brichta Center**
  (Speedway and Silverbell area)
  2110 W. Brichta Drive, 85745
  (520) 731-5200

How do TUSD’s Infant & Early Learning Centers provide you Tucson’s best childcare opportunity?

**We offer:**

- Family-friendly hours. We’re open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Affordable tuition and flexible fee payment schedules. As nonprofit childcare centers, we can keep our tuition rates lower than the average childcare provider.
- Rigorous high standards established by nationally recognized organizations and developed in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Education.
- Newly renovated facilities with new security systems, an outdoor learning environment and much more!
- A research-based early childhood self-paced program that builds strong foundations for student success.
- Healthful meals based on national nutrition standards. Our healthy meals are included in the cost of tuition.
- Highly trained employees. Our staff members have college degrees and/or experience in early childcare and learning.

If you have questions about the TUSD Infant & Early Learning Centers, please call the center or email EarlyLearning@tusd1.org.
Magnet schools offer powerful choice

Tucson Unified School District’s comprehensive magnet school program offers the Tucson community a range of choices for public school education. Anyone is welcome to apply for magnet school enrollment, regardless of where they live. Transportation is provided to children who are eligible.

Magnet programs are an essential component of the district’s effort to support integration, increase academic achievement, increase graduation rates and increase parent engagement.

There are two types of magnet programs. The first are pipeline programs, which allow students to experience the same theme from kindergarten to high school. The second are stand-alone programs. These programs deliver the same innovative theme within one school. Using pipelines and stand-alone themes, students will experience a rigorous curriculum and learn 21st Century skills that lead to post-secondary education and productive employment.

Magnet pipeline programs include fine, performing and communications arts, International Baccalaureate, dual language and Spanish immersion, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and traditional academics.

Stand-alone programs include systems-thinking/project-based learning, Montessori, and Reggio Emilia inspired.
TUSD’s magnet schools are:

**Fine, performing and communication arts**
- Holladay Magnet Elementary School
- Carrillo Magnet School
- Utterback Middle Magnet School of the Arts
- Pueblo Magnet High School
- Tucson High Magnet School

**Science, technology, engineering, and math**
- Booth-Fickett Math/Science Magnet School
- Mansfeld Middle Magnet School
- Palo Verde High Magnet School
- Tucson High Magnet School

**International Baccalaureate**
- Safford K-8 Magnet School
- Cholla High Magnet School

**Inquiry Based**
- Robison Elementary Magnet School

**Gifted and Talented (GATE)**
- Tully Elementary Magnet School

**Traditional academics**
- Bonillas Basic Curriculum Magnet School
- Dodge Traditional Magnet Middle School

**Dual language/Spanish immersion**
- Davis Bilingual Elementary Magnet School
- Roskruge K-8 Magnet School

**Systems-thinking**
- Borton Elementary Magnet School

**Montessori**
- Drachman Montessori Magnet School (K-8)

**Reggio-Emilia inspired**
- Ochoa Community Magnet School
Cafeterias at each of our schools provide hot and nutritious breakfasts and lunches to our students.

Students in elementary school can choose between two entrees at lunch. Middle and high school students select from a range of menu stations, including specials, favorites, the deli and the grill. The Food Services department has added a Fusion station at high schools and some middle schools. The Fusion options offer international flavors (with a little extra spice) at lunch as well as breakfast, and snack foods that appeal to the more developed palate of older students.

Whether your children qualify for free or reduced-price meals or buy meals at the regular reasonable price, they will enjoy the nutritious and tasty meals offered at school. We know that children need a healthy breakfast and lunch in order to have energy for learning, and our Food Services staff takes pride and joy in serving hot meals to your children.

Find everything you need to know about your child’s meals, including menus, nutritional information and how to apply for reduced-price meals here: www.tusd1.org/schoolmeals

Bon Appetit!
Find information you need on our website!

You can find a range of timely and useful information on tusd1.org. Check our website for the following features:

- **News and announcements**: Stay current with what’s happening in TUSD by checking the news on our homepage, www.tusd1.org.

- **How to enroll your child**: Visit www.tusd1.org/enroll for information about enrolling your child in our schools.

- **What’s for lunch?** The menus for breakfast, lunch and afterschool snacks are available at www.tusd1.org/meals.


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**Have we got your number?**

**ParentLink Notification System keeps you up to date.**

TUSD uses a notification system, ParentLink, to send out messages from our schools and the district. We also use ParentLink for emergency communication and attendance notification.

To be sure that we can reach you, please keep your contact information up to date.

Check with your school office manager to make sure that we have the following information for you:

- Your current phone number
- Your current email address
- Your current home address
- Your language preference

We look forward to being able to communicate with you through ParentLink!
Let’s Play!

Tucson Unified School District’s interscholastic activities include a variety of competitive sports, clubs and performing arts. Research shows that sports and extracurricular activities motivate students to attend class, study, maintain good grades and stay in school.

Students who participate in interscholastic activities learn how to compete, work as a team and practice in order to improve.

Children who participate in interscholastic activities also benefit by learning sportsmanship, citizenship and other life skills that prepare them for the future.

At the high school level, sports include football, basketball, baseball, soccer, softball, tennis, swimming, golf, volleyball and track. TUSD schools have a strong history of athletic achievement, bringing home championship trophies in a variety of sports.

Other interscholastic activities include band, orchestra, drama, dance, spirit line, academic decathlon, chess, mock trial and more.

In middle school, the district taps into the wide range of natural ability, learned skills and physical development of children in this age group.

In TUSD, we encourage our middle school students to stay active by participating in one or more of their school’s extracurricular activities. It is our hope that parents and children learn about the important role sports can play in the development of children’s character.

Sports offered in middle school include soccer, basketball, volleyball and track and field.

At the elementary level, many of our schools compete in track-and-field events and may participate in team sporting events as well. Please contact the school you are interested in to find out what activities are available.
Schools in the district offer a wide variety of fine arts education, including music, visual art, dance and drama. For more information about our fine arts programs, please go to www.tusd1.org/finearts.

Dance
TUSD's dance programs are varied and dynamic, serving the full age range of our students. Styles include folklórico, modern and ballroom dance. Some high schools have expanded programs that feature jazz, tap and ballet.

Drama
Theater arts are generally introduced in elementary schools. Formal training begins in some middle and high schools, allowing students to excel in the skills of speaking, program presentation and the technical arts of theater.

Visual Arts
Teachers use Visual Arts to reinforce standards at every grade level. Children learn in a variety of mediums including drawing, painting and sculpture.

Instrumental Music
TUSD schools offer music at most grade levels. Options include band, orchestra, guitar, piano, steel drums, mariachi, Taiko drumming and more.
Family & Community Centers

We offer Family and Community Outreach Centers at five locations across the district to help provide services for families in need.

Contact the centers for:

- Information about enrolling your student in one of the many options TUSD has to offer.
- Eligibility questionnaires for McKinney-Vento Homeless supports.
- Setting up transportation, food, and clothing for homeless students.
- Help for students residing in group homes.
- Assistance for children in foster care.
- Advocacy for Unaccompanied Youth.
- Assistance for students transitioning out of the juvenile justice system.
- Academic support including tutoring and scholarships for eligible students.
- A place for resources and referrals to assist your children.

Please contact the main center at (520) 232-7058 for more information.

Feel well to learn well

Each of our schools provides a health office staffed by a full-time health assistant trained in CPR, first aid and office management, and a school nurse, who may be responsible for more than one school.

Make an appointment with the school nurse to discuss health concerns. The school health office works closely with doctors to manage health issues.

The health office provides many services to students:

- First aid
- Administering prescribed medications
- Performing health screenings such as health, yearly height and weight measurements, and hearing and vision assessments.

At TUSD, promoting children's health goes hand-in-hand with providing quality education.
Care Before and After School

Through TUSD’s Community Education and partnerships with other agencies, many TUSD elementary and K-8 schools offer before- and after-school programs on their campuses or partner with organizations to provide care. Please call the school site for more information, including hours and fees. You can also find additional information at www.tusd1.org.

Programs include:

TUSD Community Education: Partnerships between local schools and their neighborhoods create and provide high-quality, safe and secure environments for children before and after school hours. The goals support TUSD’s mission to produce graduates prepared for successful lives in the 21st Century, including responsible citizenship, development of a positive self-concept, and appreciation and respect for others.

KIDCO: An after-school recreation program offered through the City of Tucson for ages 5 through 11 (must be enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade).

YMCA: The YMCA’s before- and after-school program offers quality care for elementary age children in a safe, secure environment.

The Clothing Bank

The Clothing Bank, housed at the Duffy Family & Community Center at 655 N. Magnolia Ave. (Fifth and Rosemont), provides free clothing to all TUSD students in need.

Need something?
The Clothing Bank is happy to provide needed items such as clothing, backpacks, school supplies and toiletries to TUSD students. It is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Drop in or call (520) 232-7058 to make an appointment.

Donations
The Clothing Bank accepts donations of clothing and other school items, including the following:

- Jeans and pants
- Shirts
- Uniforms
- Underwear
- Socks
- Shoes
- Backpacks

To arrange to deliver your donations, call (520) 232-7058 (leave a message).
Give Kids the Extra Credit

You can help TUSD students get the most out of the school year by making contributions through Arizona’s tax-credit programs. Contributing is easy, and the impact is immense.

Your tax credit contribution gives kids an extra chance to stay in school, learn more and do better in their classes. Kids who play sports in school are more likely to stay in school and succeed academically. Kids who participate in fine arts—in art and music—actually perform better in basic academic subjects, including math! It’s also true that kids can learn a lot on extracurricular field trips.

Best of all, in Arizona, you get your tax credit contribution back, subject to the limits of your tax liability, when you file your tax return. Please consult your tax professional for more information.

Here’s how the credits work:

• For the public schools credit, you choose to pay some of the state income tax you owe directly to a TUSD school. Married couples filing jointly can contribute up to $400, and individuals can contribute up to $200.

• To help children in working-poor families, you can pay a portion of your state income to the Education Enrichment Foundation, http://eeftucson.org/, which helps Tucson children succeed in school. The donation maximums are the same, and you don’t have to choose between the two. As long as you have enough tax liability, you can claim the public school credit and the charitable tax credit.

For school donations, you can specify where you want your money to go. Choose a school, a program, even an individual student’s educational trip or sports fee. You pick the programs and schools that are important to you.

Donations to the Educational Enrichment Foundation help TUSD students and teachers through grants and programs that are aimed at covering basic needs and helping pay extra fees. For example, EEF pays for books and bus passes, and provides clothes and shoes for at-risk young people.

Need To Know

• Contributions must be made by December 31 to be claimed on that year’s taxes.

• You can make your public school contribution to the TUSD School of your choice by credit card online at www.tusd1.org/taxcredit or take or mail your payment directly to a school. You can contribute all at once, or in smaller amounts over time.

• You can claim the public schools tax credit and the charitable tax credit.

• You get every penny back for both of the credits when you file your state return either as a reduction in your tax bill or added to your refund. (All tax matters are subject to the limits of your tax liability. Please consult your tax professional for more information.)
Tucson Unified School District offers a variety of programs to support all students. We believe families are important contributors in the special education process, and we encourage parents to be part of their children’s Individual Education Program (IEP) team. We are committed to working with families to develop plans and programs that are focused on your child’s success.

The district offers support for children ages 3 to 21. If you need more assistance, please contact the TUSD Exceptional Education Ombudsperson, the Exceptional Education Office or call your school.

Exceptional Education Office: 225-6610
Ombudsperson: 225-6610

Early Childhood Exceptional Education

TUSD’s Early Childhood Exceptional Education program is designed to meet the individual educational needs of children 3 to 5 years of age who have identified developmental delays in one or more of the following areas:

- Personal/social
- Adaptive
- Motor
- Communication
- Cognitive

Our Programs

- Project ABLE: Provides developmental classes in a structured, consistent environment.
- Partners/Explorers Preschools: Offer a less restrictive, structured, yet secure environment, where a child experiences a developmentally appropriate program.
- Itinerant Services: Provide supplemental instruction to children placed in Head Start, community child care/preschools and PACE.

Links for Parents

- TUSD Exceptional Ed Parent Project: edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/jwanat/exceptional_parent_project.htm
- Life After IEPs: lifeafterieps.com/
- Raising Special Kids: www.raisingspecialkids.org/
- National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities: nichcy.org/
- Think Inclusive: www.thinkinclusive.us/start-here/
- US Department of Education Individuals with Disabilities Act IDEA: idea.ed.gov/

www.tusd1.org

www.tusd1.org/ExceptionalEd
Tucson Unified School District offers a range of advanced learning experiences for students: Advanced Academic Courses (AAC), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Dual Credit, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) and University High School.

**Advanced Academic Courses** prepare students to take Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses, which are a gateway to college readiness and success. These courses provide culturally and personally relevant activities designed to engage students in problem solving, academic discourse and critical analysis. AAC grades may be weighted so that a student’s GPA is not negatively affected by taking a more challenging class!

**Advanced Placement courses** enable high school students to take introductory college-level classes. Students who score well on AP exams are more likely to persist in college and earn a college degree. Students earn college credit for taking an AP class and successfully completing the AP exam for that course, saving tuition costs and time while giving students a head start on their college journey.

**The International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)** offers high-quality and challenging programs for a worldwide community of schools. TUSD’s IB programs have a strong international dimension and draw on content from educational cultures from around the world. They also put special emphasis on learning languages and encouraging students to become responsible members of their community.

**Dual Credit** is a process by which a high school junior or senior enrolls in a college course and receives simultaneous academic credit from both the college and the high school. TUSD offers several high school courses in which students receive both high school and college credit. Students have access to college-level professors, develop important time management and study skills, and improve their chances of being admitted to college.

**Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)** in TUSD offers many services for students in elementary through high school. GATE encourages students to perform at their highest levels, promotes creativity and productivity, and is a pathway to advanced learning experiences, such as AP, IB, University High School and higher education. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are tested and then considered for placement.

**University High School** is among the top-ranked college prep high schools in Arizona and the nation. University High offers a culturally diverse curriculum embedded in a real-world context. Students at UHS also compete on athletic teams and participate in award-winning performing arts programs. UHS has over 50 academic and social clubs. Students are involved in community and school events as well as academic competitions.

Please visit [www.tusd1.org/ale](http://www.tusd1.org/ale), call the district office at 225-6426 or call schools directly to learn more about Advanced Learning Experiences.
**Banks Elementary School**

3200 S. Lead Flower Ave. • (520) 908-5700

- Kitt Peak brings star-gazing nights to Banks.
- Fourth- and fifth-graders spend a night at TUSD’s Camp Cooper.
- Banks has two teams in the Girls on the Run program, which uses running to encourage health and fitness, and build confidence.

The school mascot at Banks is the bobcat, and students are encouraged to adopt positive traits of the animal, which is known to be independent and family-oriented. Banks Bobcats learn to be strong individuals and also learn how to be part of a pack.

At Banks, teachers set expectations from the start by sharing goals and objectives, and explaining how each lesson fits into those goals. Parents are part of the Banks Bobcat pack. Teachers meet with them on a regular basis and sometimes demonstrate how subjects will be taught to children so parents can help at home.

**Did you know?** Banks is the farthest TUSD school to the west, with students coming from as far away as Altar Valley.

www.tusd1.org/banks/

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**Blenman Elementary School**

1695 N. Country Club • (520) 232-6500

- Daily 5 Reading Program and Family Literacy Nights.
- Blenman has a desert tortoise habitat and a butterfly garden.
- The school has an Artist in Residence.

At Blenman, teachers make learning engaging and exciting with a focus on hands-on activities and class interaction. Students are often taught in small groups so they can work together.

Blenman’s teachers also work collaboratively. They meet weekly at each grade level to look at student data and plan lessons accordingly. The goal: Give students the foundational skills to be independent thinkers. This approach teaches students to value learning.

**Did you know?** Blenman is a Ben’s Bells Kind Campus School with full PBIS implementation.

www.tusd1.org/blenman/
Bloom Elementary School

8310 E. Pima St. • (520) 731-3700

- Field trips include the Sweetwater Wetlands and Reid Park Zoo.
- The school holds community Literacy Nights, Math Nights and Science Nights.
- The school is incorporating the Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) program into its curriculum.

Bloom has a strong focus on reading and writing through all subjects. The school uses the Daily 5 reading approach, which helps children develop reading stamina. The program allows for small-group instruction, and students have a literacy center where they work on writing.

For math, Bloom uses the Investigations curriculum, which incorporates number lines, music and literature to introduce students to math concepts. Bloom also works to help children build character, focusing on three areas: behavior, self-reflection, and setting academic and personal goals.

Did you know? Bloom has a guitar program, which is an after-school club.

Bonillas Basic Curriculum Magnet School

4757 E. Winsett Blvd. • (520) 232-6600

- Bonillas is an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) Exploratory Residency school.
- The school has a band and orchestra.
- Bonillas has a uniform dress code.

Bonillas follows a rigorous curriculum that aligns with college- and career-readiness standards. The school has a proactive approach to reading and math intervention, providing extra support to children as needed throughout the day.

At Bonillas, teachers focus on preparing children for their academic futures, starting with a structural reading and writing program in kindergarten that continues through fifth grade. Parents’ participation and involvement is a focus at Bonillas.

Did you know? Bonillas has been a back-to-basics curriculum school since 1983.
Borman Elementary School

6630 Lightning Drive • (520) 584-4600

- Borman is the only TUSD school on a military base.
- AmeriCorps volunteers teach art and computer skills to fourth- and fifth-graders.
- Most Borman students walk or ride their bikes to school.

Borman is located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and serves military families. Teachers closely track comprehension and have cross-grade partnerships to ensure students are learning what they need for their grade levels and are ready for the next. As fifth-graders get close to moving on to middle school, Borman prepares them for what to expect in sixth grade.

Serving the military community provides for some special moments: Parents are known to surprise their kids by showing up in class right after returning from overseas deployment.

**Did you know?** After growing up in Tucson, school namesake Frank Borman commanded Apollo 8, the first spaceship to orbit the moon.

Borton Elementary Magnet School

700 E. 22nd St. • (520) 225-1000

- Borton was the first Tucson magnet school with early childhood education.
- The school has an outdoor laboratory that brings the desert into play.

Borton opened its doors in 1928 and has a long history of providing a top-notch learning environment and building community support. Borton is a magnet school that puts special emphasis on project-based learning that is authentic and relevant to the community. The school employs systems-thinking to give students understanding of the big picture and how subjects are interconnected.

Each morning in the courtyard, the school holds a community gathering that is often attended by parents and grandparents—often Borton alumni. Borton also has a garden with water harvesting, an environmental lab, trails and a desert tortoise.

**Did you know?** For most of its history, Borton had kindergarten through second grade or kindergarten through third grade. Fourth and fifth grades were added in recent years.
Carrillo Magnet School

440 S. Main Ave • (520) 225-1200

- Carrillo K-5 has consistently earned an “A” letter grade from the Arizona State Department of Education based on our high student achievement.
- Students enjoy excellent visual art, performing arts, band and orchestra programs.
- Enrichment experience offerings include outings to local museums and historic locations. The extended day program has tutoring, mariachi, computer labs, reading clubs and stained glass classes, among others.

Carrillo is conveniently located downtown, in a beautiful historic building close to the Tucson Convention Center. Carrillo boasts a high stability rate, high achieving students, involved parents and excelling staff. The community supports Carrillo K-5 through numerous partnerships, including La Pillita Museum, the Tucson Library, the Children’s Museum, the Tucson Symphony, Ben’s Bells and El Presidio Museum.

Did you know? Carrillo’s instruction is based on thematic units that include the four C’s of 21st Century skills: critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication.

Cavett Elementary School

2120 E. Naco Vista Drive • (520) 225-1300

- The school offers classes for parents, including Zumba and English.
- Cavett holds “Rootin’ Tootin’ Math Nights” where families are invited to participate in math games and activities.
- Children at Cavett say the ROCKS mantra everyday: Respect Others, Cavett Kids, Self.

Cavett is committed to academic excellence and bringing parents and the wider community together to work toward educational, personal and social goals. The staff at Cavett provides support and encouragement to each student and works to make the school a safe, warm environment where children are comfortable learning.

Cavett is an Innovation Zone school, which means it is part of a TUSD program designed to transform schools to become models for education in the district and the state. The program is a partnership with the University of Virginia schools of leadership and education, and provides intensive training to teachers and administrators.

Did you know? The school is named for Lillian Cavett, who started teaching neighborhood preschool children to read and write when she was 11 years old.
Collier Elementary School
3900 N. Bear Canyon Road • (520) 584-4800

- Strong school, parent and community partnership to support students’ academic, social, and emotional growth. (Reading Seed tutors, Stories That Soar, Student Council, Track, Talent Show, parent volunteers, movie nights, family art nights, Chili Night, Monster Mash, Pasta Night, Jog-A-Thon)
- Community School provides outstanding preschool and after school programs.
- Multiple fine arts opportunities with OMA, Parent & Art Literacy, and Visual Literacy. Students participate in Music, Spanish and P.E. classes.

All children learn in a positive, supportive environment. Children are taught to think and problem solve, to communicate, and to function sensitively and successfully in a complex, changing, and culturally diverse world.

Collier kids are ‘Caring Cougars’. We practice kindness and the 4 Bees- Be safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Caring.

Did you know? The PTA purchased interactive white boards and document cameras for every classroom, as well as computers to provide a complete computer lab for 30 students.

Cragin Elementary School
2945 N. Tucson Blvd. • (520) 232-6700

- Cragin offers 21st Century after-school tutoring, extended enrichment in math and reading, arts and sports programs.
- Children in all grades have iPad access and COWs(Computers on Wheels).
- All children learn in a positive, supportive environment. Children are taught to think and problem-solve, to communicate and to function sensitively and successfully in a complex, changing and culturally diverse world.

Cragin is an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) school bring dance, music, drama and the arts to its neighborhood. Studies indicate that children with frequent access to the arts also have increased math and reading scores. Cragin’s 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program includes enrichment activities including tutoring, gardening, sports, dance and stage design.

Did you know? Cragin has a full-time counselor to help families in need of support.
**Davidson Elementary School**

3950 E. Paradise Falls Drive • (520) 232-6800

- The preschool has general and special education (ABLE and PACE) in one classroom.
- Fifth-grade students go to a leadership conference every fall.
- Davidson has two computer labs, and each classroom has technology such as netbooks, interactive whiteboards, iPads and iPods.

Davidson incorporates the core subjects of reading and writing into all areas: classroom teaching, Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) activities and family events.

Teachers work together to be innovative and creative. In grades three, four and five, students have two teachers, one for math and another for language arts. When it’s time for family conferences, each grade’s two teachers meet jointly with family members. Once a week, all students in grades two through five take a timed math test to help them commit basics to memory.

**Did you know?** Davidson opened in 1914 and was housed in its original location until moving north two blocks in 2006 to its current building, which has won recognition for its energy efficiency.

**www.tusd1.org/davidson/**

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**Davis Bilingual Elementary Magnet School**

500 W. St. Mary’s Road • (520) 225-1400

- The Davis Magnet focus creates authentic learning environments where children are immersed in Spanish language development in all subjects.
- The Las Aguilitas de Davis mariachi group is an integral part of the second language learning process.
- The Dolores Huerta Garden is an outdoor classroom with math and science lessons in a real life setting.

Davis offers a Dual-Language Program that reflects the community’s commitment to bilingual education and literacy in English and Spanish. Students learn about culture, including mariachi music, physical education and art.

Teachers at Davis encourage students to ask questions and to understand that they have the power to influence social issues. Family engagement is important. The school holds parent education nights, math and reading nights, movie nights, a carnival and authentic cultural celebrations.

**Did you know?** Davis has a Spanish Immersion / Dual Language Program. Children at Davis are immersed in Spanish and gradually learn to be successful in two languages; English and Spanish. The Spanish Immersion Program has a 30 year trajectory of academic success.

**www.tusd1.org/davis/**
**Dunham Elementary School**

9850 E. 29th St. • (520) 731-4200

- The student council performs service work, such as gathering blankets for the homeless.
- On Wednesdays, students participate in specialty classes such as poetry, sign language, math or dance.
- Each class tends to a section of the Dunham Garden, where tomatoes, lettuce, squash and flowers grow.

Dunham puts the emphasis on collaboration, researched-based instruction and achievement. Parents are a prominent part of the equation. Teachers send home newsletters about what is happening in the classroom, and the school offers workshops for parents to learn how to help their children with test-taking and homework skills.

Writing is a strength for children at Dunham. Students keep math and science journals and help each other with their writing skills.

*Did you know?* Dunham art students routinely win first place ribbons at the Pima County Fair.

**Drachman Montessori Magnet School**

1085 S. 10th Ave. • (520) 225-1500

- Drachman Montessori provides a curriculum that engages and nurtures the whole child.
- Through the Montessori Curriculum, children learn that caring for themselves and the environment improves their lives and the lives of others.
- Drachman Montessori “follows the child” by providing them opportunities to participate in programs of their interest, such as music, sports, and ecology.

Drachman employs the Montessori philosophy, which holds that critical-learning periods in childhood help develop social, emotional, intellectual, physical and moral capabilities. Sensory techniques are the focus in kindergarten through third grades, and children in later grades learn to write reports and complete service projects.

An outdoor classroom includes a garden with a tilapia tank, chickens and composting areas. Projects also involve reaching out to the historic Santa Rosa and Barrio Viejo neighborhoods that surround Drachman.

*Did you know?* Drachman is one of only two public schools in Arizona that uses the Montessori method of education.
**Erickson Elementary School**

6750 E. Stella Road • (520) 584-5000

- A half time library assistant keeps the library open for all.
- Strong parental support through a PTA and site council.
- Support staff includes a half time counselor and interventionists.

Erickson is a neighborhood school where kids walk to campus on a daily basis. The school has created a culture of trust with support from parents and staff, which enables the school to concentrate on academic achievement. Erickson has a strong math component at each grade level. Teachers conduct daily math reviews and mental math activities. Teachers focus on the procedural and conceptual sides of math.

At Erickson, teachers and administrators believe children are more open to learning in a school where they feel appreciated, loved and trusted.

Did you know? Erickson was the first “open education” school built by TUSD. Teachers sent home narrative style report cards rather than assigning letter grades.

**Ford Elementary School**

8001 E. Stella Road • (520) 731-4300

- Each day, Ford has Healthy Play with an emphasis on good citizenship while playing.
- A community walk-a-thon for all students and their parents is held in the fall.
- Math Nights help parents support their children with math homework.

Ford leverages children’s computer savvy into enthusiasm for learning. Students keep track of their own test data, and teachers assist them in setting and achieving goals. With the data always in front of them, students are inspired to improve, and teachers always know precisely how each student is doing. Teachers tailor their lessons to meet student needs.

Ford emphasizes the Daily 5 reading program with three mini lessons that fit into the daily small-group reading sessions. Aside from academics, students leave Ford with the three R’s of life skills: Respectful, Responsible, Ready to learn.

Did you know? Legendary cinema dancer Gene Kelly once visited Ford to take part in the Love of Reading program.
Fruchthendler Elementary School

7470 E. Cloud Road • (520) 731-4400

- The Fruchthendler track team won the city championship in 2013-14.
- The school has two playgrounds, one for kindergarten, one for grades one through five.
- Fruchthendler is an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) Gold school.

High academic achievement is a team sport among teachers, parents and students at Fruchthendler. The school is driven by a strong partnership between families and the staff. The relationship is so strong that several parents are in classrooms at any time to support the continuous improvement of this top-notch school.

Fruchthendler believes the best academic achievement comes with a mix of classroom and authentic learning experiences. Extracurricular activities include at least two field trips a year for each class.

Did you know? The PTA bought 33 computers for the computer lab and interactive whiteboards for every classroom.

Gale Elementary School

678 S. Gollob Road • (520) 731-4500

- Volunteer reading tutors have logged more than 6,000 hours at the school.
- About half of Gale’s teachers have National Board Certification.
- Teachers get professional development training in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Gale Elementary supports students academically, socially and emotionally in a safe community environment that has the feel of a family. Classrooms are collaborative, with students helping each other learn and achieve.

The school sets high academic goals and also understands the role of physical education, arts and music to prepare well-rounded students who have no limits on their learning. Gale emphasizes the Tiger Traits: creativity, sense of humor, flexibility, responsibility and kindness.

Did you know? Gale is working toward becoming a green school by cutting the use of paper and monitoring water usage.
Grijalva Elementary School

1795 W. Drexel Road • (520) 908-3600

- Students at Grijalva wear uniforms.
- Grijalva and the University of Arizona work together to train new teachers and help children learn to read.
- Our after school program not only provides additional instruction in reading and math, but also offers programs in art, sports, and music.
- Offers a Dual Language program in grades K-5.

Raul M. Grijalva Elementary School is a PreK-5 elementary school in Tucson Unified School District. We serve 700 children and their families.

We welcome all children and set high expectations for all students without exception. We believe our families are our best partners in education, and we value our partnerships with our surrounding community.

Did you know? Grijalva students have access to two complete computer labs.

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Henry Elementary School

650 N. Igo Way • (520) 731-4700

- The school has community work days for painting and cleaning.
- Henry is building a garden to make use of its 3,000-gallon water cistern.
- More than half of the Henry kindergarteners started there in preschool.

Students take responsibility for their education at Henry. With the help of their teachers, they set academic and behavioral goals and then compete with themselves to meet the challenge of achieving those goals. All students keep and graph their test data, and teachers discuss it with them. When students see good results, they set their goals higher.

Teaching centers on self-directed learning, with students actively engaging in their work with a teacher close at hand. Henry also has a physical education teacher funded with tax credits and PTA funds. The physical education classes help students focus and learn teamwork.

Did you know? Henry blends together three very different neighborhoods with students from the closed Schumaker and Wrightstown elementary schools.
Holladay Magnet Elementary School

1110 E. 33rd St. • (520) 225-1600

- All students participate in Broadway style musicals at their grade level, singing, dancing, wearing costumes, creating scenery and props, and having a great time doing it!
- Students are immersed in music, dance, and drama integrated with core standards and learn to play the piano in our unique piano keyboard lab.
- Young artists create two- and three-dimensional art in a variety of original styles, while incorporating core academic curriculum.

Holladay’s Student Artists enjoy a rigorous academic program that is fully integrated with visual and performing arts. Through the integration of the arts into core subjects and an interdisciplinary, project-based learning approach to instruction, students have many opportunities to develop skills in problem-solving, collaboration, and innovation as they learn content in meaningful ways.

In Holladay’s free after school enrichment program, students pursue their passion for favorite aspects of the arts, academics and athletics and often expand their interests to previously unexplored areas of inquiry. Our programs are constantly evolving to meet the needs of our students.

**Did you know?** That Holladay’s Basketball and Track & Field Teams have rated in the top 3 in the City for the past decade.

Howell Elementary School

401 N. Irving Ave. • (520) 232-7200

- Seeds Community Center volunteers planted a garden at Howell and work with fifth graders to establish recycling in the cafeteria.
- Howell is an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) Gold school.
- The school partners with the Peter Howell Neighborhood Association to bring together the school and the community that surrounds it.

Howell lives by its “S.O.A.R. with Four” motto, which encourages students to show respect, be on time and ready to learn, act safely and be responsible always. Above all, Howell wants students to embrace responsibility.

These common goals impact everything, from the way students act in the hallway to how they behave on the playground to being responsible for their education. Howell creates students who are problem-solvers with high-level thinking, high-level questions and project work in classrooms.

**Did you know?** Howell has plans to add STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) programs to its curriculum.
**Hudlow Elementary School**

502 N. Caribe Ave. • (520) 731-4800

- Hudlow promotes fun, freedom, belonging, survival, power – the 5 Basic Needs described by Dr. William Glasser, who pioneered incorporating personal responsibility into education.
- Hudlow has a rock-climbing wall.
- The school has an abundance of art on display everywhere on campus.

Hudlow follows the Dr. William Glasser theory of classroom management, interpreted at Hudlow as getting students ready for today and tomorrow. The core questions are: “What’s the best I can be today?” and “Is this quality work?”

Students are encouraged to work together every day in class. When teachers ask questions, children know to turn to each other to find the answers. Teachers also work together, sharing student test scores, strengths and areas needing improvement. Hudlow teaches at the individual level to ensure that all students get what they really need.

**Did you know?** Hudlow’s “First 10 Days” is a scripted plan that introduces everyone to the school’s procedures at the start of the school year.

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**Sam Hughes Elementary School**

700 N. Wilson Ave. • (520) 232-7400

- Hughes is an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) School.
- All students learn how to play chess and have an opportunity to compete in the Chess Club. Students can use the life-size outdoor chess set.
- The school holds community classes with 10-week sessions in fall and spring with cooking, foreign languages and theater.

Sam Hughes challenges students academically and promotes leadership, character-building and perseverance. All grades embark on “learning expeditions” for a semester or a school year that enable them to explore subjects in depth. Curiosity and inquiry are encouraged at Sam Hughes, and the goal is to teach children to be lifelong learners who act locally and think globally.

Sam Hughes has a strong community that supports the students, teachers and the school. Parents are involved in all aspects of the school, as are members of the Sam Hughes community.

**Did you know?** Sam Hughes has held a Chuckwagon school festival since the school opened in 1927.

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**Johnson Primary School**

6060 S. Joseph Ave. • (520) 908-3800

- The 21st Century after-school program includes three types of dance classes and Spanish and nutrition lessons for children and parents.
- Johnson has an artist-in-residence program for six weeks each year.
- Drexel Heights Fire District teaches fire and water safety to the children.

As TUSD’s only primary school serving pre-K to second grade, Johnson has a focus on early language, early cognitive development and, as needed, early intervention. The school puts the children first under the motto: “Teach the child, not the program.” Teachers work to build relationships and knowledge beyond textbooks and to connect students to their learning. A majority of the teachers have early childhood education certificates.

Johnson takes children on virtual field trips through digital storytelling using Google Maps and Birdseye View. These experiences productively integrate technology and early childhood education in a meaningful way.

**Did you know?** Johnson is the only TUSD school and one of only five in Arizona that is only kindergarten to second grade.

www.tusd1.org/johnson/

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**Kellond Elementary School**

6606 E. Lehigh Drive • (520) 584-5100

- Kellond has four family engagement nights each year, with nearly 500 people attending each.
- The school consistently has about 180 parents volunteers.
- New solar panels double as shade for the play area.

Kellond aligns course work from grade level to grade level to ensure children are on a path to success. The school has a strong sense of community and emphasizes children and their families. Parents are encouraged to become involved in the children’s education, and, in turn, the school works to understand the challenges the kids and families face.

Kellond is an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) Gold school that incorporates the arts into the curriculum and helps students organize their thinking and learn how to express themselves through art, music and dance.

**Did you know?** The University of Arizona chose Kellond for its Cats in the Community project in 2014. About 500 volunteers gave the school a makeover.

www.tusd1.org/kellond/
Lineweaver Elementary School

461 S. Bryant Ave. • (520) 232-7700

- Attorneys and a judge tutor students one night a week through the Lawyers for Literacy program.
- Lineweaver is one of a few TUSD schools with a self-contained gifted program in first through fifth grades.
- Lineweaver teaches the “4 B’s:” Be safe, Be respectful, Be responsible, Be caring.

At Lineweaver, a positive attitude begins first thing in the morning. Each morning, the announcements start with “positive talk,” such as who has perfect class attendance and which students have gone above and beyond the school’s behavioral standards.

Excellence is the goal at the school, and teachers and students work hard to attain it. But they have fun, too. Lineweaver is an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) school, which means visual and performing arts are integrated into the curriculum.

Did you know? Lineweaver’s chess coaches have been with the school since the 1990s and have led chess prodigies to an Arizona State Chess Championship and many individual championships.

www.tusd1.org/lineweaver/

Lynn/Urquides Elementary School

1573 W. Ajo Way • (520) 908-4000

- Lynn/Urquides is in a walk-to-school neighborhood.
- Teachers provide after-school tutoring in reading.
- The school has six self-contained exceptional education classrooms.

At Lynn/Urquides, teachers tailor lessons to their students and help them collaborate to advance through the curriculum. Students spend 90 minutes a day on reading activities and are assessed throughout the year to ensure they are progressing.

Classroom activities are hands-on so that children can tap into all approaches to learning. The school welcomes parent and community involvement to support children throughout their years at the school.

Did you know? A 2010 grant from Heart of America and Target Corp. gave the 60-year-old school library an extreme makeover, including new computers and 2,000 new books.

www.tusd1.org/lynnurquides/
Maldonado Elementary School

3535 W. Messala Way • (520) 908-4100

- Maldonado uses the Beyond Textbooks program to enhance curriculum and teaching.
- The PACE preschool is open to neighborhood preschool age children who meet eligibility and enrollment requirements.
- The school uses the NFL Play 60 program to get kids physically active.

Maldonado teachers and administrators have created a nurturing, encouraging environment where differentiated instruction gives each child the opportunity to achieve.

Teachers collaborate with each other to share lesson plans and have created Academic Parent Teacher Teams that meet with parents. In those meetings, teachers show parents their children's data notebook, share the teaching strategies used in class and supply materials parents can use at home with their children.

**Did you know?** Forty percent of Maldonado's girls are Girl Scouts.

Manzo Elementary School

855 N. Melrose Ave. • (520) 225-1900

- About 8,000 pounds of cafeteria waste is converted into compost for the school gardens each year.
- The Farm Club delivers basil grown at school to a 4th Avenue restaurant.
- Students run a Manzo Market, where they sell produce from the gardens and eggs from the school's chickens.

Manzo empowers children to be future leaders with innovative math and science initiatives and project-based learning. A hands-on ecology program occupies two courtyards in the heart of the campus. Children incorporate math and science skills as they grow vegetables and manage a chicken coop, an aquaponic system awash with tilapia, a desert tortoise habitat and cisterns that capture rainwater.

Manzo has active partnerships with the University of Arizona and Biosphere 2. These partners and others provide opportunities for volunteers to serve as tangible role models by working side-by-side with the students nearly every day.

**Did you know?** The U.S. Green Building Council named Manzo the Best of Green Schools in the K-12 category in 2012.
Marshall Elementary School

9066 E. 29th St. • (520) 731-4900

- The school has two computer labs with 25 computers in each.
- Parents are active in the school; family nights have a strong turnout.
- Marshall was the first TUSD school to have its solar structure completed as part of the TUSD Solar Project.

Marshall uses the Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) curriculum to inspire children and help them make connections in core subjects. Teachers set expectations for students and work hard to help them achieve their goals. The school’s recent benchmark testing results show these efforts work; the students have met standards in each subject at each grade level.

Marshall has an active parent community that supports students in the classroom and through events such as a carnival, walk-a-thon and staff-appreciation luncheons. Volunteers also help with track and field, and the school’s teams regularly finish in the top five in the city competition.

**Did you know?** With the extensive before- and after-school programs, working parents can find care for their kids at Marshall from 6:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Miller Elementary School

6951 S. Camino de la Tierra • (520) 908-4200

- Every Thursday is College Day, where students are encouraged to wear college t-shirts and sweatshirts.
- The Mustang Merit Program rewards students for doing good things.
- Second- and fourth-graders collaborate to grow vegetables in the garden.

At Miller, teachers use arts and technology as tools to help connect with children. The Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) program incorporates language arts, math, social studies and science into visual and performing arts programs. Every class has access to an interactive electronic response system that teachers can use to gather student opinions and generate discussion topics.

Miller has community representatives who encourage parents to be involved in the school, and families are invited to monthly meetings on topics that relate to their children’s education.

**Did you know?** Miller is named after three sisters – Mary, Maude and Nelle Miller – who taught for TUSD for a combined 97 years.

www.tusd1.org/marshall/

www.tusd1.org/miller/
Mission View Elementary School

2600 S. 8th Ave. • (520) 225-2300

- Mission View has received a Farm to Table grant to develop a Dream Garden in collaboration with the Community Food Bank.
- The school uses puppets, including “Profesor Sabe Lo Todo” (“Professor Know-It-All”), in lessons.
- A $15,000 grant from the Lester and Roberta Smith Foundation helped launch a Book Nook Project, which allows the library to have extended hours.

When you walk into Mission View, you get a sense that the school is a hub for the neighborhood. Many parents are alumni, the school has strong community support and some staff members have worked there for 10 to 20 years.

Mission View is an Innovation Zone school, which means it is part of a TUSD program designed to transform schools to become models for education in the district and the state. The program is a partnership with the University of Virginia schools of leadership and education and provides intensive training to teachers and administrators.

Did you know? Mission View was one of the first dual-language schools in Tucson.

Myers/Ganoung Elementary School

5000 E. Andrew St. • (520) 584-6700

- Each year, the student body includes children from all over the world. Typically more than 10 countries are represented.
- The Kind Kids program creates a safe and orderly environment.
- The preschool has a computer lab.

Myers/Ganoung has transformed its campus into a 21st Century high-tech learning environment with interactive whiteboards in each classroom, a 30-unit computer lab, digital cameras and digital printers. From Myers/Ganoung, students enter middle school with extensive computer skills.

The school also recognizes the importance of the basics: reading, writing and math. The school employs the Daily 5 reading program that incorporates 90 minutes of reading into each day and focuses on math with daily drills.

Did you know? Thanks to a grant received in 2014, students at Myers/Ganoung now have their own Garden Club.
Ochoa Community Magnet School

101 W. 25th St. • (520) 225-2400

- Ochoa received a $500,000 grant from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program to provide engaging before- and after-school programs.
- Ochoa children sell produce from the school garden at the St. Philip’s Plaza Farmers Market.
- The Reggio-Emilia approach embraces the metaphor that children have a “hundred languages” for learning.

Ochoa Community Magnet, a Reggio-Emilia inspired school, is committed to creating a learning culture that values caring relationships, inquiry and innovation, creativity and a democratic way of life. Collaboration and respect are cornerstones of the Ochoa community, which brings together students, parents, teachers, staff and the wider school community.

Beyond the traditional academics, children at Ochoa learn by being active in their community. Projects include a garden, a chicken coop, recycling and initiatives to help the hungry. Students also participate in studio time, which focuses on creativity and expanding imagination.

Did you know? The Reggio-Emilia approach has been cited by Newsweek as one of the 10 best educational programs in the world.

Oyama Elementary School

2700 S. La Cholla Blvd. • (520) 225-5700

- Oyama takes dozens of fifth-graders to Grand Canyon for three days each year.
- The PTO raises money for field trip buses and the lighted marquee.
- Pima Community College West Campus has undertaken several projects with Oyama.

Oyama takes a “Balanced Literacy” approach by integrating reading, writing, social studies, math and science. This allows students to make more connections with subjects and gain broader and deeper knowledge.

Students examine and explore a subject through hands-on projects and inquiry-based instruction. Teachers encourage children to bounce ideas off each other and come up with their own conclusions. Oyama has a desktop computer lab and laptop computer lab. Entire grade levels visit the labs for 20 minutes of reading and 20 minutes of math each day.

Did you know? Hank Oyama was a plaintiff in the 1959 court case that overturned the ban on interracial marriage in Arizona.
Tucson Unified School District has elementary, middle and high schools throughout the city. Students who live in the district boundaries have a home school at each grade level that they can attend.

Our open enrollment and magnet programs allow parents to choose their neighborhood schools or apply for schools outside of their neighborhoods depending on their children’s interests and needs.

Magnet programs include focuses on science, technology, engineering and math; performing arts; dual-language; traditional education and more.

To determine your neighborhood schools and learn more about the magnet school and open enrollment process, please go to www.tusd1.org/enroll.
Robison Elementary Magnet School

2745 E. 18th St. • (520) 232-7800

- The school has Music and PE education for all students in K-5.
- The school has a 21st Century Grant that allows for tutoring before- and after-school.
- A full-time counselor is available.

Robison offers an inquiry based curriculum which develops knowledgeable and caring students who help create a more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

Robison uses an inquiry cycle in science and other areas to help students learn how to ask questions, problem-solve, and take action. Our students are taught to collect, synthesize, and analyze information and work cooperatively with others to be prepared for the changing world in the 21st Century.

Did you know? Robison was the first authorized primary years International Baccalaureate school in Southern Arizona.

Sewell Elementary School

425 N. Sahuara Ave. • (520) 584-7200

- Teachers routinely lead field trips to nearby neighborhood locales to help students learn about their community.
- Sewell’s boys and girls cross-country teams have a history of winning city championships.
- Sewell students are encouraged to be good citizens and make smart choices.

Sewell provides a nurturing environment that promotes critical thinking, communication and academic achievement. Teachers work together to support children as they move from grade to grade, and parents are encouraged to participate in the classroom.

Sewell has a strong sense of community and many traditions, including movie nights, strong basketball and track and field programs, and a commitment to the arts as an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) school.

Did you know? Sewell has been an “A” rated school for 2013 and 2014.
Soleng Tom Elementary School
10520 E. Camino Quince • (520) 731-5400

- More than 260 parents are involved in the Parent Teacher Student Association.
- The Soleng Tom Enrichment Program was the first TUSD pre-school program.
- More than 500 people attend the annual Grandparents’ Luncheon.

Soleng Tom provides a strong sense of community, with teachers, administrators and parents working together. About half the faculty has worked at Soleng Tom for more than 10 years. The staff is known for dedication and collaboration.

Parent involvement is strong at Soleng Tom. The school has an active PTSA, and parents regularly volunteer in the classroom and at events such as the Grandparents’ Luncheon, Family BBQ and Spaghetti Night.

Did you know? Soleng Tom has scored the top TUSD results in standardized reading and writing tests for several years.

www.tusd1.org/solengtom/

Steele Elementary School
700 S. Sarnoff Drive • (520) 731-6800

- Steele has two large mosaics created in partnership with arts organizations.
- Steele has music instruction starting in kindergarten and continuing through fifth grade.
- The school has an international children’s library with books written by authors from other countries.

Steele is a neighborhood and community school that is dedicated to student success and continually monitors academic progress. The staff works collaboratively to solve challenges and ensure that children are thriving.

Steele embraces a method of instruction where teachers engage with students as they work on assignments. Students collaborate with each other and get continual feedback as they go. Steele also puts a special emphasis on writing with a dedicated, sequential program that helps children learn to communicate through the written word.

Did you know? The school is named for Harold Steele, who was TUSD’s superintendent from 1916 to 1918. He was present for the school’s opening in 1962.

www.tusd1.org/steele/
**Tolson Elementary School**

1000 S. Greasewood Road • (520) 225-3300

- Tolson’s folklórico is open to students in kindergarten through fifth grade and performs quarterly, including a holiday show and end-of-year celebration.
- The school has a Friday community gathering where accomplishments and good behavior are celebrated.
- Pima Community College athletes sometimes visit campus during lunch recess to coach students in organized sports.

Tolson ensures students excel in the basics: reading, writing and math. The school has a guided-reading program that has students work together in small groups and a “reading doctor” who works with children in kindergarten through third grade.

At Tolson, teachers, administrators and students live by the SOAR acronym, which stands for Safe, Organized, Academic and Responsible. This creates an atmosphere of stability, togetherness and excitement about learning.

**Did you know?** Tolson has a partnership with the University of Arizona tennis team, which comes to Tolson to play with third- and fifth-graders, and fifth-graders get to play on the University courts with the Wildcats.

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**Tully Elementary Magnet School**

1701 W. El Rio Drive • (520) 225-3400

- The Tully garden serves as a wellness and nutrition resource for students and families and supplements Tully’s curriculum.
- Tully is TUSD’s only elementary GATE magnet school, with GATE instruction occurring in every classroom at every grade level.
- Junior Achievement, in partnership with Chase Bank, offers an all-day session on financial and economic lessons to students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Tully is a magnet school with a focus on GATE (Gifted and Talented Education). Teachers collaborate and create integrated thematic units using inquiry-based approaches. Students learn to examine broad-based issues through risk-taking, curiosity, imagination and complex challenges.

Tully stresses the “5 Rs” of teaching and learning: Rigor, Relevance, Relationships, Results, Reflection. GATE instruction at Tully is interdisciplinary with multicultural contexts, where reading and writing play a critical role.

**Did you know?** Tully was given the Bronze Award in the Healthier US School Challenge by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for offering healthful food options, providing nutrition education and increasing physical activity.
Van Buskirk Elementary School

725 E. Fair St. • (520) 225-3700

- The school has three playgrounds.
- Many students attend high-performing Dodge Traditional Magnet Middle School.
- Faith-based partners provided a new sound system and renovated the auditorium stage.

Van Buskirk is a neighborhood school with strong ties to the community. The school focuses on the whole child with a varied curriculum. Van Buskirk is dual-language school and an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) Gold school. Technology is also integrated across all classes.

Each month the school incorporates a life-skill into each classroom’s lesson plans. Those skills include effort, responsibility, friendship, cooperation, problem-solving, tolerance, initiative, caring, perseverance and integrity.

**Did you know?** At least half the staff has worked at Van Buskirk at least 20 years and some have been there for as many as 40 years.

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Vesey Elementary School

5005 S. Butts Road • (520) 908-4600

- Fourth-grade students go to different classrooms for science, math and reading.
- Each child is treated as an individual learner.
- Students’ days are tailored to meet their needs.

Vesey offers a variety of experiences to provide meaningful, individualized learning. Teachers provide one-on-one, small-group and whole-group instruction to meet the needs of every student. The school has a multi-age classroom as well as a “looping” option where students can stay with the same teacher for more than one year.

Vesey has a data wall for reading and math where teachers can see how all students are doing in color-coded fashion: names in red, yellow or green. Teachers use the wall for lesson planning and to get a clear picture of whom to refer to an interventionist. Through all classes standards-based curriculum is designed to ensure children excel at the next level.

**Did you know?** Solar panels at Vesey will eventually provide 80 percent of the power the school uses.
Warren Elementary School
3505 W. Milton Road • (520) 908-4700

• The school requires uniforms in white, gray and maroon.
• The PACE preschool program helps the young ones transition into kindergarten.
• Warren has 21st Century Community Learning Centers that provide before- and after-school programs.

Warren’s teachers, students and parents work together to support the children in their education. Data and technology play a big role; children set improvement goals every quarter and are empowered to take responsibility for their achievement.

Students at Warren are also encouraged to think about the future. Faculty and staff wear college jackets and shirts during “Goals Week.” Many students take part in the after-school reading program, which translates into improved AIMS reading scores.

Did you know? The great-grandson of the school namesake, Frances Warren, visited Warren Elementary a couple years ago and is a regular supporter. Frances Warren came to Tucson in 1881.

Wheeler Elementary School
1818 S. Avenida del Sol • (520) 584-5500

• Students get 60 minutes of physical education each week.
• Wheeler has four ways students can use computers: Desktops, laptops and two Computers on Wheels (COWs) with netbooks and iPads.
• The school year ends with the Wheeler Museum, where some students are docents who guide other students through exhibits about other countries and cultures that were studied.

At Wheeler, students are involved in highly engaging, relevant and rigorous learning experiences that expose them to global concepts. Wheeler offers project-based, interdisciplinary education that focuses on three school-wide units: “Everything has a Story,” “Sharing our Earth” and “We are Global Students who Act with Kind Words and Kind Actions.”

Wheeler is an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) school that emphasizes the development of each child’s unique talents. The curriculum incorporates the artistic process through the day with learning opportunities for students to experience, inquire, create and reflect.

Did you know? Wheeler has a labyrinth, where students place a stone to mark their place at the school.
White Elementary School

2315 W. Canada St. • (520) 908-5300

- The Academic Parent Teacher Teams give parents the tools to teach math and reading skills at home.
- We offer the GATE and Dual Language Programs.
- About a third of the students are either involved in mariachi or folklórico.
- Parents help put on Movie Nights, Fiesta Nights and Rodeo Days.

White is a highly-performing school that is dedicated to preparing students for middle school during the school day and after school. White employs Daily 5 concepts to provide students with structured daily reading habits and reading in small groups. Math instruction is interactive and participation-based, where students have to show how they reached the answer.

Many teachers are involved with the after-school 21st Century Community Learning Center program, with more than a third of the students getting either math or language tutoring or taking engineering or robotics courses.

**Did you know?** The White Elementary mariachi band fronted for Los Lobos at the Rialto Theatre in 2013-2014.

Whitmore Elementary School

5330 E. Glenn St. • (520) 232-8000

- Whitmore recently joined the National Elementary Honor Society.
- The Dusenberry-River Branch Library coordinates volunteers for the school.
- Costco has donated hundreds of backpacks to the school, and once a week sends tutors to Whitmore.

Whitmore has a dedicated teaching staff that works diligently to help children be successful. The school offers an integrated curriculum where reading, writing, math and science lessons incorporate each of the other subject matters. Whitmore also has differentiated instruction to make sure each student can be successful with instruction tailored to a specific student’s needs.

Whitmore gives students an opportunity to experience many different things that they can integrate into their learning. Teachers collaborate with each other to ensure that students are getting the skills and knowledge they need to be successful.

**Did you know?** The Whitmore PTA was the only PTA in Arizona to receive a $1,000 grant from the National Parent/Teacher Association. Only 50 PTAs in the country received this grant.
John B. Wright Elementary School

4311 E. Linden St. • (520) 232-8100

- The school’s learning garden is a hub for STEM-related assignments.
- In the Science Kitchen, students learn the science of food with microscopes.
- The school enjoys community partnerships with Raytheon, the University of Arizona, neighborhood associations and faith-based organizations.

Wright has focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) for many years. The STEM subjects are incorporated across the curriculum—into social studies, language arts, music and even play.

Wright students are encouraged to be curious and explore their ideas. Teachers help children build confidence in their learning and set their sights on the future. Each morning at Wright, the children hear this message: “We are training future Arizona Scientists, Technologists, Engineers, Artists and Mathematicians.”

Did you know? Wright was awarded a $37,000 grant to support teachers in providing a higher level of science and engineering learning in their classrooms.
Booth-Fickett Math/Science Magnet School

450 S. Montego Drive • (520) 731-3800

- All students complete projects for the annual science fair.
- Weather balloons with video cameras and GPS tracking devices have been launched out of the atmosphere from campus.
- The school has a Sonoran Desert habitat and a garden area where students grow and study a variety of plants, a pond and outdoor seating for curriculum.

The Booth-Fickett campus is home to two schools: Booth Elementary and Fickett Middle. The school community provides a positive learning environment to encourage students to become lifelong learners and educated contributors to our global society.

The teaching at Booth-Fickett focuses heavily on math, science and technology. Students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades participate in the Science Olympiad, a hands-on math and science exploratory course that can involve building a catapult or sending a capsule into space. The school has advanced studies courses, including two strands of advanced math.

Did you know? The school offers the AVID program, which helps students prepare academically for college success.

Dietz K-8 School

7575 E. Palma St. • (520) 731-4000

- Darryl Dragon is the school mascot. Classrooms are called Dragon Lairs.
- Students who demonstrate responsible, respectful, safe and caring behavior earn Dragon Dollars that may be spent at Darryl's Dragon Store.
- Dietz is an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) Gold school.

At Dietz, teachers know their students’ academic strengths and weaknesses and track their achievement closely to ensure the students are learning and advancing. Throughout the school year, teachers and administrators evaluate student assessment data at the class level, grade level and school level to identify trends and gaps. Teachers use their students’ standardized test scores to plan their lessons to their students’ specific needs.

Long a K-5 school, Dietz has been adding sixth, seventh and eighth grades one year at a time, and by 2015-16 it will be a K-8 school.

Did you know? Dietz is a community hub for parent learning, parenting classes, English as a Second Language for parents and the American Dream Academy, a program for parents of at-risk K-12 students.
**Hollinger K-8 School**

150 W. Ajo Way • (520) 225-1700

- Dual Language in grades K – 5.
- TUSD’s only Dual Language self-contained Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) 1st – 5th.
- Strong Community Partnership with Higher Ground, U of A Science Department, and La Frontera.

Stability breeds student success at Hollinger, where many teacher have been on board for 10, 15, and 20 years. Collaborative partnerships with parents, teachers and community members come together to help students excel.

At the middle school level, we work closely with Pueblo Magnet High School to offer High School credit classes to provide challenging course work for Honor Students. Hollinger’s goal is to get students best prepared for high school and the path to college. As a community Hollinger bulldogs are On Time, On Task, Everyday.

**Did you know?** Charles Hollinger was the school’s principal at Hollinger for 35 years and served as president of the Arizona-Mexico Baseball League.

**Lawrence 3-8 School**

4850 W. Jeffrey Road • (520) 908-3900

- 53 percent of Lawrence students are from the Pascua Yaqui tribe.
- The school’s sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes switch classes per period like a regular middle school schedule.
- Lawrence has Academic Parent Teacher Teams to enable parents to keep a close eye on their children’s academic progress.

Lawrence works hard to serve students’ needs while also concentrating on achievement. The school has undergone significant changes in the past several years, including adding sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Lawrence is an Innovation Zone school, which means it is part of a TUSD program designed to transform schools to become models for education in the district and the state. The program is a partnership with the University of Virginia schools of leadership and education and provides intensive training to teachers and administrators.

**Did you know?** Lawrence is TUSD’s only intermediate school, serving just grades three through eight.
Mary Belle McCorkle
Academy of Excellence K-8

4455 S. Mission Road • (520) 877-2000

- McCorkle is the first New Tech Network school in TUSD and the second in Arizona.
- The school has a dual-language strand for K-3, with other grades to be added.
- Project-based instruction incorporates science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

McCorkle takes a project-based approach to learning, partnering with the New Tech Network, a national organization that brings inquiry-based instruction to schools.

Students at McCorkle develop research skills and learn to think critically. Collaborative learning and personalized instruction strengthen relationships and empower students and teachers to become skilled creators, leaders and producers.

**Did you know?** McCorkle is the newest TUSD school, opening in 2011.

Morgan Maxwell K-8 School

2802 W. Anklam Road • (520) 225-2000

- Every Morgan Maxwell classroom is equipped with a Promethean Board, Document Camera and student computer workstations. There are also two computer labs which are accessible to all students to enhance their learning.
- Middle School students participate in Interscholastic Sports year round.
- Morgan Maxwell provides before- and after-school tutoring funded by the 21st Century Grant.

Maxwell’s caring teachers create an environment where every child has the opportunity to succeed. The school offers rigorous core courses at every grade level as well as electives for children with all types of interests, such as interscholastic sports, astronomy and arts.

Maxwell uses teams to help keep students on track and moving forward. The teams typically include teachers, a social worker, a behavior interventionist and the principal. The team approach and outreach create a supportive environment where children strive to do their best.

**Did you know?** Morgan Maxwell K-8 School, which opened in 2013, is the “newest” TUSD school. Menlo Park and Brichta Elementary Schools were merged at the site of the closed Maxwell Middle School.
Miles takes a collaborative approach to education, involving parents, faculty and the community in decisions about the school. Students also work together in the classroom. Multi-age, multi-level classrooms allow students to stay in the same room for two to three years. This helps them build confidence and enables teachers to offer more challenging material as children progress.

The goal at Miles is to create a community of learners. Reading, writing and math skills are developed through hands-on activities and inquiry-based instruction, and programs such as fine arts and the school’s Green Project enhance the school’s curriculum.

Did you know? The school’s Green Project features an organic garden, a recycling program and nutrition activities.

Pueblo Gardens is a neighborhood PreK-8 school close enough that most children can walk to school or are within easy driving distance. The school has a collaborative culture. For example, the Academic Parent Teacher Team, made up of teacher and parents, meets four times a year to discuss curriculum and achievement, and parents take home goals and activities for their kids.

The school develops leaders through the “Leaders in Me” program based on the Stephen Covey’s “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.” This provides a positive framework for improving personal confidence and academic performance.

Did you know? Pueblo Gardens was the first Del Webb community built in Arizona and among the first Tucson subdivisions to have its own school, park, and shopping center.
Roberts-Naylor K-8 School

1701 S. Columbus Blvd. • (520) 584-6800

- The Eckstrom-Columbus Library partners with the school.
- Boys and Girls Club volunteers have provided structured physical education.
- Roberts-Naylor offers English classes for refugee parents.

Roberts-Naylor has a diverse student body with children from more than 20 countries, including Somalia, Egypt, Iraq, Nepal, Korea and many others. This diversity allows students to experience cultures from around the world, and the school regularly holds events to celebrate students’ many cultures.

At Roberts-Naylor children build a foundation in core subjects, including science, technology, engineering and math. Applications of math, science and language concepts are often taught through career-related projects to expose children to the variety of opportunities for the future.

Did you know? In 2013, the Southwest Gas Blue Crew built backpack hooks in classrooms, repainted the basketball poles, paid for math/science projects and spruced up the home economics room.

Robins K-8 School

3939 N. Magnetite Lane • (520) 908-4300

- One of the biggest events of the year is the Earth Day Carnival.
- Robins is a Certified Natural Wildlife Habitat and has natural landscaping around the school.
- Students play a musical instrument for four years as part of their arts education.

Robins is an Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) Gold school that integrates music, math, reading, writing and the arts to provide a consistent, quality education to all students. The school puts a special emphasis on literacy, with small-group instruction and before- and after-school tutoring as needed.

Over the past few years, Robins added sixth, seventh and eighth grade levels. In sixth grade, students are assigned the book “7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens” to help them transition in the middle school years. In eighth grade, students are assigned the book, “Success for Teens” and they meet with the Counselor to prepare for high school.

Did you know? Bobcats, javelina, mule deer, coyotes and roadrunners all tramp across the Robins campus.
**C.E. Rose PreK-8 School**

710 W. Michigan Drive • (520) 908-4400

- C.E. Rose was the first school in Arizona to receive a National Excellence in Urban Education Award.
- The school earned the Bronze Award in the Healthier US School Challenge.
- In 2013, C.E. Rose was awarded the A+ School of Excellence designation by the Arizona Educational Foundation.

At C.E. Rose PreK-8 School, students are empowered to learn using a variety of tools and techniques. The school’s mission centers around LEAP 90, a program that aims to ensure that 90 percent of students exceed standardized testing benchmarks. Teachers at Rose have high expectations of every student, and children are supported as they meet their goals.

Special emphasis is put on literacy, math and the principles of effectiveness as spelled out in the book “7 Habits of Highly Effective People.” The school achieves these goals with teachers working as interdependent teams and encouraging students to be the leaders of their own learning.

**Did you know?** Students engage in a Math Fact fluency contest. Winners are invited to a special party each month. Students who pass all of the required tests for their grade level become Ultimate Math Masters and are invited to every party for the rest of the year.

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**Roskruge K-8 Magnet School**

501 E. 6th St. • (520) 225-2900

- Roskruge’s mariachi and folklórico were chosen as the headliners for the finale at the 2011 Tucson All Souls Procession.
- The music department has received the National Music Award from U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva.
- About half of the school’s eighth-graders receive high school credit for Spanish.

Roskruge is a bilingual school with a collaborative culture that promotes success. Parents, teachers, community members and staff come together to help students at Roskruge excel. With the University of Arizona just a block away, the school has a stream of college students who offer math and reading support.

Most of the children at Roskruge begin in kindergarten and continue through eighth grade, and many teachers have worked there for more than 10 years. That continuity makes Roskruge a tight-knit school community.

**Did you know?** Roskruge is the only TUSD school where you can start kindergarten and finish college all within a couple of blocks.
Safford K-8 Magnet School

200 E. 13th St. • (520) 225-3000

- Students get exposed to two world languages and choose to become bilingual in one or the other when they enter 6th grade.
- Many community partners help enrich the school’s after-school program and daytime curriculum.
- By 8th grade, Safford students get an opportunity to become a Korean ambassador and might be selected to travel to South Korea.

Safford K-8 is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. The staff prepares students to become international-minded. Students learn through global contexts about world concepts. Every child is required to take eight subjects: Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Design, PE, Art, and one World Language of their choice (both in elementary). By the time students leave Safford they are taught to become independent, lifelong, IB learners.

Students at Safford learn by following the inquiry process through the exploration of big ideas. The IB programme encourages them to examine the world and what they can do to make it a better place.

Did you know? Safford still uses the building that was constructed in 1919. A school has stood on the site since 1888.

www.tusd1.org/safford/
Dodge Traditional Magnet Middle School

5831 E. Pima St. • (520) 731-4100

- Students wear uniforms.
- Many students will be the first generation to go to college.
- Despite Dodge’s rigorous academic standards, students do not have to pass a test to enroll at Dodge.

Dodge Traditional Magnet Middle School focuses on the “Five R’s,” also known as reading, writing, arithmetic, respect and responsibility. The school requires rigorous academic performance, active parental involvement and student uniforms.

Dodge offers a structured academic program devoted to imparting general knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment and generally preparing students intellectually for mature life. The school’s graduates typically transition seamlessly into high school programs; many attend University High School.

Did you know? In 2013, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx visited Dodge.

Doolen Middle School

2400 N. Country Club Road • (520) 232-6900

- Many of Doolen’s students speak a native language (as many as 32 can be heard) in addition to English.
- Doolen has a community garden where neighbors can come to grow vegetables and flowers.
- The school’s “We Are the World” club gives students insight into the many cultures present at Doolen.

Teaching and learning at Doolen doesn’t just involve math, language arts, social studies and science. Doolen’s faculty and staff put a priority on building relationships between teachers and students so that the diverse population feels safe, comfortable and ready to learn.

Doolen's objective is to shape productive citizens who can take part in society in a meaningful way. This entails building a common ground for students who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and come to the school with varying educational levels. In the mix with typical students are refugees, Gifted and Talented students, English Language Learners and special education students.

Did you know? Doolen has a vast green space that can fit four soccer fields and is open to community groups when school is not in session.
Gridley Middle School

350 S. Harrison Road • (520) 731-4600

- A 2013-2014 leadership class went on multiple field trips to Sabino Canyon and became junior naturalists.
- The school has a nationally known Virtual Reality Lab with 3D computer modeling capabilities, and Raytheon engineers come to campus to work with students.
- Students who earn straight-A’s for all three years get to go to lunch in a limo.

Gridley teachers and staff support children through their social and academic development starting before they enter sixth grade until they move onto high school. Incoming sixth-graders have an opportunity to get a taste of middle school through a supportive transition during the summer. Once school starts, students are placed on teams, each led by a group of core subject teachers.

The teams help teachers work together to help students reach their academic goals. Teachers share a planning period during which they can meet with parents, students and each other to build an integrated curriculum.

**Did you know?** Gridley has an orchard growing pomegranates, grapes, peaches, apples and pears. A half-dozen chickens are also on campus.

www.tusd1.org/gridley/

Magee Middle School

8300 E. Speedway Blvd. • (520) 731-5000

- Magee is the pilot of the University of Arizona’s anti-bullying initiative called “I am Part of the Solution,” which is focused on bystanders reporting bullying.
- The DC Club meets three times a month to prepare for dozens of students traveling to Washington, D.C., each year.
- Magee does not have uniforms, but it does have a specific dress code.

Magee is an academically focused school with high expectations and a challenging and supportive environment. About a third of the students at Magee are open-enrolled, and the school has a fine-arts focus; more than half the students perform in band or orchestra.

Magee also has a winning track record in the Odyssey of the Mind program, which challenges children to come up with creative solutions to designated problems. Teams from Magee have won the Arizona State Championship for more than 10 years straight and have gone on to compete in the World Competitions year after year.

**Did you know?** Magee’s bands and orchestras have been honored with Superior and Distinction Awards by the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association.

www.tusd1.org/magee/
**Mansfeld Middle Magnet School**

1300 E. 6th St. • (520) 225-1800

- Mansfeld collaborates on STEM education with the University of Arizona, the Pima County Superintendent’s Office and other local STEM agencies.
- Students wear uniforms.
- Mansfeld is a comprehensive middle school with performing arts, fine arts, physical education, and Gifted and Talented Education.

Mansfeld, located across from the University of Arizona, has a rich tradition of academic excellence. The school is a magnet school with a focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Teachers in all content areas embed STEM practices into their curriculum preparing students to think critically and collaboratively as they solve problems. Additionally each quarter focuses students on answering an essential question that is addressed across campus from a variety of perspectives.

The focus on STEM subjects and processes has increased collaboration among teachers so that students can make connections between what they learn from one class and the next and can apply their knowledge beyond school. Mansfeld also has a strong before- and after-school program to both improve and enrich student learning.

**Did you know?** Singer-songwriter John Denver – then known as Henry John Deutschendorf Jr. – was a student at Mansfeld long before country roads took him home to West Virginia.

**Pistor Middle School**

5455 S. Cardinal Ave. • (520) 908-5400

- Students wear uniforms.
- Once a week, teams of teachers meet to talk about instructional strategies.
- Teachers have common planning periods to allow them to get to know each student as a whole child: academically and behaviorally.

Students at Pistor focus on mastering curriculum so they are prepared for high school. The school’s PANTHER UP mission stands for Promote equity, Achieve academically, Note successes, Try consistently, Have plans, Enjoy learning, Reach goals, Understand rigor and Prepare for high school.

Teachers work together to get to know students and support them. Children who are struggling are offered opportunities to catch up so that each child can leave Pistor ready to succeed in high school.

**Did you know?** The principal and many of the staff have been at Pistor for 10 years or more. This positively affects the school through consistency and allows us to know and work with our community.
Secrist Middle School

3400 S. Houghton Road • (520) 731-5300

- Science classes use the 80 solar panels installed on campus for solar energy assignments.
- Xeric landscaping is used at Secrist. Only the soccer fields are watered.
- The 2013-2014 drama class produced a 35-minute play written by a Secrist seventh-grader.

Secrist Middle School promotes teamwork, school pride and the use of technology to maximize learning. The school has a strong arts program, with teachers helping students showcase their talents in visual arts, band, chorus, drama and orchestra.

Classrooms at Secrist are student-oriented as well as technology-oriented. Teachers work with students to help them learn to take responsibility for their education and understand the importance of academics.

Did you know? Twenty-four Secrist students received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award from the President’s Education Award Program in 2013-2014.

Utterback Middle Magnet School of the Arts

3233 S. Pinal Vista • (520) 225-3500

- Utterback has been a visual and performing arts magnet school since 1982.
- The school has a courtyard garden maintained by the students.
- Reviewing student data enables teachers to learn about their students before the first day of school.

Utterback is a magnet arts school with strong programs in dance, music, graphic design and visual arts. The school has a 400-seat theater, dance studios, a media center and art rooms. The school’s curriculum also emphasizes traditional academic subjects, using project-based learning techniques to infuse reading, math and science into arts education.

Utterback is an Innovation Zone school, which means it is part of a TUSD program designed to transform schools to become models for education in the district and the state. The program is a partnership with the University of Virginia schools of leadership and education and provides intensive training to teachers and administrators.

Did you know? Utterback has three bands: Cadet Band, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band.
Alice Vail Middle School

5350 E. 16th St. • (520) 584-5400

- Alice Vail has received the Diamond Award for sending the most students to University High.
- In 2013-2014, the Vail Economics Team was runner-up in the statewide Arizona EconChallenge.
- The 2013-2014 symphonic and jazz bands both placed first and received a gold rating at the World Strides-Heritage Festival in Anaheim.

Alice Vail is an Opening Minds through the Arts Gold (OMA) school that integrates arts, math, science and language arts. The school uses project-based, technology-infused lessons to engage students in the curriculum.

About a third of Vail’s students attend self-contained Gifted and Talented Education classes. The school has accelerated courses at every grade level in language arts and math. Teachers keep close tabs on student achievement and perform data assessments to help identify individual needs. Teachers are available to tutor students before and after school, and during lunch.

Did you know? Technology plays a big part in Alice Vail’s curriculum. The school has one computer for every eight children.

Valencia Middle School

4400 W. Irvington Road • (520) 908-4500

- Valencia offers advanced orchestra, band, percussion, guitar and mariachi.
- Valencia is the largest TUSD middle school, with nearly 1,100 students.
- Students wear uniforms in navy blue and khaki.

At Valencia, teachers differentiate instruction to target learning to each student’s level. Students experience project-based learning and use critical thinking to solve problems. Valencia pushes students to remain actively engaged bell-to-bell through an interdisciplinary approach that ties together the curriculum.

Students are encouraged to prepare for high school and college and have the opportunity to visit high schools and colleges to get a feel for what the future holds.

Did you know? Sixth grade classes are in a separate wing built a few years ago. This eases the transition from elementary to middle school.
Mary Meredith K-12 School is a special-education school that provides a comprehensive education for students classified with serious emotional and behavioral challenges. Students who are placed at Mary Meredith receive individualized academic and behavioral instruction to prepare them for returning to a less-restrictive learning environment.

The school works with parents/guardians and outside agencies to ensure that there is common understanding about therapeutic and educational goals for students. Students are placed at Mary Meredith through the Exceptional Education department at TUSD.

- Students receive social skills instruction.
- Students learn job development skills.
- Group and individual counseling sessions are provided.

Did you know?
The Bookman’s Challenge helped Mary Meredith upgrade its living skills classroom with new cabinets, furniture and decor.
Catalina’s students come from dozens of countries, making it a microcosm of the world. Students speak more than 40 native languages, more than at any other school in TUSD. Faculty and staff recognize that students are successful when they have a connection to the school and when they know their individual needs and strengths are addressed.

Catalina is an Innovation Zone school, which means it is part of a TUSD program designed to transform schools to become models for education in the district and the state. The program is a partnership with the University of Virginia schools of leadership and education and provides intensive training to teachers and administrators.

- Catalina offers before-school, after-school and lunchtime tutoring.
- The school has newly renovated performing arts facilities.
- Catalina High was Tucson’s third high school. It opened in 1957.
- The school offers a four-year program in culinary arts.

Did you know?
In 2013-2014, a student in the culinary arts program won a scholarship to attend a culinary program at the Art Institute in San Francisco.
Cholla High Magnet School

2001 W. Starr Pass Blvd. • (520) 225-4000

Cholla seeks to transform students into 21st Century global citizens able to communicate across cultural barriers and to function in a global society. Cholla is the only high school in TUSD and the first in Pima County to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, which can earn students up to 36 college credit hours as well as significant scholarships. Cholla students can also explore career options through CTE/JTED offerings, Law-Related Studies, and JROTC (Army). Cholla has AVID, which supports students with 21st Century skills to be college and career ready.

At Cholla, students are taught to take risks in learning and respect the learning of others, practice persistence, demonstrate responsibility, embrace international-mindedness, and build leadership in themselves and others.

• 200 cadets are enrolled in Cholla’s Junior ROTC program, the only program of its kind in the district.

• Cholla was the first TUSD High School with a 21st Century Community Learning Center after-school program, which provides tutoring as well as extra-curricular opportunities.

• The Cholla Blues Standard, a working blues band, has played for the Tucson Blues Heritage Festival.

Did you know?
Cholla has one of the premiere high school Arabic language programs in the Western hemisphere, with 150 students enrolled and opportunities to travel to Arabic-speaking countries each year.

www.tusd1.org/cholla/
Students graduate from Palo Verde ready for college or a career. Palo Verde commits to offering a guaranteed and viable curriculum necessary to take children to the next level. The school’s culture encourages students to put in their best efforts and achieve their goals.

Palo Verde’s magnet program focuses on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM). The school has a world-ranked robotics programs, a strong visual arts curriculum and a garden and wetlands area that is wheelchair-accessible.

- Engineering students have internships at local engineering and manufacturing companies.
- Palo Verde implements the Understanding by Design education framework that helps teachers map out their curriculum to ensure students are prepared for standardized tests.
- Palo Verde’s baseball team won the division championship in 2013-2014.

Did you know?

In 2013-2014, the University of Arizona surprised more than 60 seniors during an assembly to announce their acceptance into the university.
Pueblo’s mission is to prepare students for college, work and life by offering rigorous academic courses and stressing the importance of positive interpersonal relationships. Pueblo offers after-school math support electives for students who need assistance. Students are encouraged to take at least one Advanced Placement course, and Pueblo offers AP after-school support electives as well.

Pueblo offers a magnet program focused on communications arts and technology. Pueblo is the only TUSD school with television and radio studios. Beyond television and radio, Pueblo stresses that communication is a core skill that is vital in all aspects of daily life.

The school has a prize-winning mariachi program. The Mariachi Aztlán de Pueblo High School has performed throughout the Southwest, including at the Arizona State Capitol, Tucson International Mariachi Conferences and with The Tucson Symphony Orchestra.

Did you know?

Ninth graders are assigned to a “ki:,” which is Tohono O’odham for “house.” All students in their ki have the same four core teachers.
Rincon emphasizes global thinking, problem-solving and academic writing. Teachers encourage students to be collaborative, advocate for themselves and to celebrate diversity.

Rincon’s rigorous academic standards and wide variety of classes prepare graduates for the future. The school offers dynamic fine arts courses, career and technical education classes and Advanced Placement courses in 15 subjects. Teachers and administrators develop an “educational family” of instructors, classmates and tutors for each Rincon Ranger to provide support throughout the high school experience.

• Rincon shares a campus with University High School, which means students from both schools mingle in the cafeteria, the library, on sports teams and in club activities.

• Teachers and administrators each tutor five students.

• Rincon has four computer labs and 28 Computers on Wheels (COWs) that can all be rolled into a classroom to create a temporary computer lab.

• Rincon has about 70 clubs.

• Rincon has the largest English Language Development department among TUSD high schools.

Did you know?

Rincon has a Cold War bomb shelter stocked with K-Rations.
Sabino High School

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Sabino has maintained an “A” rating for 13 consecutive years and has staff dedicated to preparing students for a 21st Century college experience and subsequent work force. The school offers a solid academic curriculum including honors and advanced placement courses and dual-enrollment classes through Pima Community College and the University of Arizona.

Sabino attracts students from all parts of town and is the only public high school in Arizona to receive the 2013 National Blue Ribbon designation from the U.S. Secretary of Education. The school typically sends more than 90 percent of its graduating seniors to college, and the Class of 2014 was offered $13 million in scholarships.

- Sabino is among the Top 6 percent of all U.S. high schools, according the U.S. News & World Report.

- Sabino is a Global and International Studies School that prepares students with competitive skills for the international work place.

- The school has Southern Arizona’s largest PTSA organization.

- Sabino has a strong interscholastic program with perennial top squads in football, band, basketball, baseball, softball and girls soccer.

- Graduates each year enroll in more than 100 universities across the country, including MIT, Yale, Rutgers and West Point.

Did you know?

Graduates leave with a plan:
If they choose not to go to college, most enlist in the military or enroll in a certified vocational program.
Sahuaro is a diverse school that expands students’ academic skills, encourages global thinking and prepares students for college and careers. Participation in Advanced Placement courses is typically high at Sahuaro, and the school has a strong career and technical education program.

Interpersonal skills are developed through the numerous extracurricular opportunities in sports, clubs and visual and performing arts. Sahuaro Cougars have a strong sense of pride that is seen in the hallways, in classrooms, on stage and in sports.

- Sahuaro has one of the few driver education programs.
- Baseball player Alex Verdugo (Class of 2014) was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers.
- The school has deep ties in the Tucson community. The Cougar Foundation raises funds for student scholarships and provides mini-grants for teachers.
- The school’s Career and Technical Education program offers classes in culinary arts, hospitality, automotive, digital photography and other fields.
- Sahuaro was awarded the Superintendent’s Cup, which recognizes excellence in sports programs, in 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

Did you know?

Sahuaro's gym is named for Dick McConnell, who coached basketball for 39 years at the school. He runs a summer camp in that gym for boys and girls interested in playing the game.
Santa Rita High School

3951 S. Pantano Road • (520) 731-7500

Santa Rita is focused on preparing students for college and careers. Advanced Placement courses are available, and the school has a strong Career and Technical Education program that helps train students for jobs.

Teachers collaborate and coordinate with each other so that students find similar themes across disciplines. Santa Rita is also working with businesses to create a pipeline for students to graduate and move directly into jobs. The school offers a wide variety of electives, clubs and extracurricular activities including performing and visual arts, and sports such as football, baseball, basketball, golf, swimming and more.

- Santa Rita encourages students to be engaged with business partners and the community.
- The school emphasizes project-based learning with real-world applications.
- Pima Community College offers English and science classes for 11th and 12th graders.
- Santa Rita has a JTED facility on campus for multimedia technologies and culinary arts, with two commercial kitchens and a banquet center.
- The 21st Century Community Learning Center after-school program is open to students, parents and the community to engage in programs and develop skills in a variety of subjects.

Did you know?

Santa Rita is one of the few TUSD schools that has a comprehensive wireless Internet connection.
Tucson High Magnet School

400 N. 2nd Ave. • (520) 225-5000

Tucson High is a magnet school with programs in natural sciences and visual and performing arts. The school has an active relationship with nearby University of Arizona. Some classes are taught by university professors, and some science classes visit the university for authentic learning experiences.

The school is the district’s oldest high school; its halls are steeped in history, and the school has a strong sense of community pride, with alumni proudly supporting the school and sporting Badger red and white.

In addition to the magnet programs, Tucson High has career and technical instruction including classes in welding, auto mechanics, digital media and more. Tucson High has strong interscholastic programs and clubs for just about every interest.

- Tucson High is the only TUSD school with two magnet programs.
- Tucson High offers instruction in welding, machining, auto, accounting, graphic design, digital media and bio innovation.
- During the Arizona Film Festival, film directors come to the school to talk to film and television students.

Did you know?
Astronaut Frank Borman, business magnate Karl Eller, singer/actor Bob Nolan and Fred Enke, a longtime University of Arizona’s basketball coach, attended Tucson High.
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University High School

421 N. Arcadia Ave. • (520) 232-5900

University High shares a campus with Rincon High School and is an honors school open to all students who meet minimum requirements based on grade-point average and testing results. The school requires students to take a minimum of eight Advanced Placement courses, and many take more in their final two years there. Most students go directly to a four-year university after graduation.

Students engage outside the classroom in athletics, clubs and community service. The Rincon/UHS band is one of the largest in the state, and has been rated among the top in the Arizona as well. UHS also has a strong fine arts and dance program. Sports and other extracurricular activities are combined with Rincon's.

• UHS was ranked the seventh best high school in 2013-2014 by U.S. News & World Report.

• Seniors were awarded more than $34 million in scholarships in 2013-2014.

• In 2013-2014, the school had 26 National Hispanic Merit Scholars.

Did you know?

*University High School has an annual debate where senior participants divide into parties and compete, and an inaugural ball is held to celebrate the winning party.*

www.tusd1.org/university/
Teenage Parent High School is designed to support pregnant teens and young parents as they continue high school. The school has four nurseries and offers all classes needed to complete an Arizona high school diploma.

The school also provides credit recovery courses and additional supports in math and reading to help students meet requirements and pass state assessments. Teenage Parent High School can also help students secure needed community services including medical information and supports, diapers, WIC services, lactation support, maternity and baby clothing, counseling and much more.

- In addition to all core courses required for high school graduation, the school offers a JTED elective program focused on early childhood education.
- TAP staff are knowledgeable about outside health, social-emotional, housing and economic services.
- All TAP students are required to work in one of the four nurseries, and they receive credit for that work.
- The nurseries are designed to care for babies ages 2 weeks to 18 months and mentor TAP students in best parenting practices.

Did you know?
Teenage Parent High School registers new students every quarter based on student pregnancy or new parenting needs.
The school offers flexible schedules, with classes offered into early evening.

The Class of 2014 was offered a combined $300,000 in scholarship offers.

Project MORE’s Weekend Academy allows any TUSD high school student to make up for lost credits, improve a passing grade or advance in credits.

Did you know?

Did you know?

Project MORE is the smallest comprehensive TUSD high school.
3645 E. Pima St. • (520) 232-8600

AGAVE Middle and High School and GradLink 2 provide online education alternatives for middle and high school students. AGAVE serves students in grades six through 12. At the high school level, the program gives online access to a complete curriculum of 154 courses, and students may complete courses at their desired pace.

GradLink 2 provides online courses for students ages 17 to 21 who have at least 15 credits toward graduation. The program is designed to give students extra help for the final push to graduation.

- AGAVE and GradLink 2 use three online curriculum providers: Aventa, Plato and Edgenuity.
- On-demand education is available 24/7 and 365 days a year.
- Online courses allow students to get ahead or to make up credits.

Did you know?
Each year, the district holds a commencement ceremony for students who complete their diplomas online.
Innovation Zone
Educate • Inspire • Collaborate

TUSD has partnered with University of Virginia and the AZ Department of Education to implement the successful Transformation Model developed by the University of Virginia for six schools in the District. The program will focus on building the capacity necessary to initiate and support transformational change.

Our purpose is to provide an opportunity for six campuses to take the lead in becoming models of high performance through innovative and sustainable practices. Lessons learned from this experience will help guide and influence school improvement practices throughout the district.

Our vision is for all students who enter these schools to receive a standards-focused curriculum that enhances the unique qualities of each learner and assures that all students attain the essential knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to move to the next grade level and stay on track for college and career readiness.

Our mission is to provide unique and specialized service within a coherent system of support that provides differentiated services to six schools. These schools will be engaged in intentional and substantial practices in order to build the internal capacity necessary to support and to sustain rapid and substantial student improvement.
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