



ECMS Fast Facts

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Welcome to Esperero Canyon!



At Esperero Canyon Middle School (ECMS), our learning community is doing beautiful, substantive work. We are inspiring and empowering all students to achieve their academic and personal best through enriching, dynamic programs which develop character, responsible citizenship, and a desire for lifelong learning.

An effective school is comprised of several critical ingredients. The first ingredient is a caring, competent staff using powerful instructional strategies to deliver a clearly defined curriculum of what students know and will be able to do. Second is a commitment to assessing every student's needs and providing whatever support is necessary to assist each individual in meeting success. Third is a partnership with parents as we team up to maximize every child's learning and school experience. The final ingredient is the ongoing celebration of successes as students accomplish small or large objectives in their learning and personal development. At ECMS, these quality ingredients mix together to create a learning community dedicated to the needs of our middle grade students.—Mary Setliff, NBCT, Principal

Number of students:
620

Our teaching staff is highly qualified, including 5 National Board Certified educators.

We have 2 CFSD Foundation Teachers of the Year on staff.

We offer an extensive visual and performing arts program, including band, choir, jazz band, orchestra and after school musical productions.

Our location across from the Coronado National Forest facilitates innovative science partnerships.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- Our math programs range from Math 6 to High School Geometry. Teachers support students' ability to access concepts from a number of perspectives so that students are able to see math as more than a set of discrete procedures.
- We offer World Languages learning (Spanish) for all non-immersion students, ranging from Spanish 1A through Spanish for Heritage Learners.
- Our Global Solutions program serves students who have prior Spanish immersion experience or who have a heritage learner background. The program, which is offered only at Esperero Canyon Middle School (ECMS), is designed to inspire youth to be engaged global citizens and develop future leaders' 21st century skills and global competencies.
- Our science program emphasizes the skills of scientific inquiry and builds on the processes of refining testable hypotheses, precise data collection, experimental design, interpreting data and evaluating investigational error.
- Our team initiates innovative learning programs, like *A Day in the Canyon* with Sabino Canyon Junior Naturalists, and after-school *Science Cafés*.
- In our renowned visual and performing arts program, we offer a choice of band, orchestra, choir or art (students select one class).
- Health and Physical Education are integral components of a comprehensive program of study for all of our students.
- Because we want every student to succeed, we offer a variety of help structures, including Wednesday school on late-start days and after-school study hall Monday through Thursday.

EAGLE PRIDE

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

At Esperero, two general school wide expectations guide our behavior:

- respect yourself and others
- respect property and all living things

Be Respectful.

At ECMS, because we value RESPECT, I will...

- be open-minded about others' differences.
- honor others' ideas and accomplishments.
- be sensitive to others' feelings.
- honor the personal space and property of others.

Be Responsible.

At ECMS, because we value RESPONSIBILITY, I will

- make good choices.
- follow and support classroom rules.
- support a safe and bully-free environment.

Be Academically Engaged.

At ECMS, because we value ACADEMICS, I will...

- be in charge of my own behavior and learning.

RECENT STUDENT AWARDS

FIRST LEGO League (2021 Regional Tournament Champions, 2015 State Champions); Science Olympiad Arizona State Champions (2018); 7th Grade Basketball State Championship (2020 & 2017); SARSEF Science Fair (2019); 8th Grade Band was selected to play at the Arizona Music Educators Conference in Mesa, Arizona (2019); Orchestra, ADOBA Festival, Superior with Distinction (2019)

CLUBS & SPORTS

National Junior Honor Society, Yearbook, Newspaper, Chess, Jazz Band, Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball, Girls Softball, Boys Baseball, Coed Flag Football, Cross Country, Tennis, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Quidditch, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Track & Field.