



We Play to Learn

Valley View Early Learning Center

Fast Facts



Welcome to Valley View!

Valley View ELC provides the highest quality early learning experiences for children ages 2 1/2 - 5 years old. Our program is designed to promote and enhance the growth and development of all children. These very important early years promise to be ones filled with discovery and joy as your child works and plays in an environment that is nurturing and challenging. Current research has shown that the best way for a child's brain to learn is through discovery, exploration and long blocks of play. Our inclusive program utilizes an emergent curriculum built on the natural interests and curiosities of the children. Teaching teams intentionally design learning experiences to support social/emotional, cognitive and physical development that are aligned with Arizona Early Childhood Standards as well as with the standards of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. —Jen Dooley, Principal

Number of
students
250

Adult-student ratio
1:9

All teachers are
highly qualified,
AZ certified, early
childhood
educators

Emergent
curriculum

Play to learn
philosophy

Spanish immersion
and Chinese
immersion options

A fully inclusive
school with a team
of special
education
professionals

Welcoming
environment



Our state-of-the-art campus has fourteen classrooms, a motor room and an expansive playground.

We believe children learn best...

- when taught by highly qualified, Arizona certified, early childhood teachers.
- By making their own discoveries.
- through long blocks of uninterrupted play.
- with peers and adults with whom they have caring relationships.
- in an atmosphere which celebrates the joys of everyday life.
- in a community which values diversity and inclusivity.
- with respect for each child's opinions, preferences, strengths and needs.
- using their bodies to experience the world through physical, constructive activities.
- in a comfortable, home-like environment.
- by fostering each child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development.
- By maintaining a 1:9 adult to student ratio.

Art



Dramatic Play



Sensory Activities



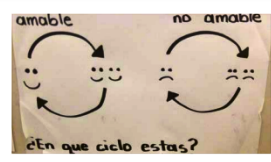
Literacy



Science



Math



Systems Thinking



Social-emotional

ABOUT CATALINA FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (DISTRICT #16)

Valley View Early Learning Center is a partnership between Catalina Foothills Community Schools and the Special Education Department. Catalina Foothills School District #16 is a system of schools recognized as an exceptional learning place for our community's school-age children. We are Tucson's leading educational choice for PreK-12.

Rankings, Awards & Recognitions

CFSD has the highest overall standardized test scores of all Arizona K-12 school districts (2015-2024).

CFSD was named a P21 Exemplar, a recognition achieved by only 13 U.S. school districts.

CFSD is ranked among the top school districts in Arizona in the Niche rankings.

Catalina Foothills High School is identified as Arizona's #1 comprehensive high school by U.S. News and World Report, 2024.

Catalina Foothills High School is ranked as the #2 non-selective high school in Arizona by The Washington Post. Orange Grove Middle School and Esperero Canyon Middle School are named among the Top Middle Schools in Arizona by Niche, 2024.

All four CFSD elementary schools rank among the Niche Top Elementary Schools in Arizona, 2024.

