

CATALINA FOOTHILLS SCHOOLS TOP 2016 STATEWIDE RANKINGS

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TUCSON, AZ, (January 4, 2016) — Niche.com has released its annual rankings of Best Public Schools in Arizona and Catalina Foothills schools appear in every category.

Catalina Foothills School District is rated among the 2016 Best School Districts in Arizona, and the only Southern Arizona unified school district in the top 5. CFSD was one of only three U.S. school districts recently named an Exemplar School District by P21.

According to Niche.com, the 2016 Best School Districts ranking takes into account factors such as the quality of teachers, academic rigor, school resources, extracurricular activities, and student and parent reviews in a comprehensive effort to measure the overall excellence of the district.

Catalina Foothills High School is named to Niche's Best Public High Schools in Arizona. Ranking factors include state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, student and parent reviews, SAT/ACT scores, and teacher quality. Ranked number 18 statewide, CFHS is among the few high schools on the list without a selective admissions policy.

Both CFSD middle schools, Orange Grove Middle School and Esperero Canyon Middle School, appear at the top of the Best Public Middle Schools in Arizona rankings, which are based on state test scores, student-teacher ratio, student diversity, teacher quality, and the overall quality of the school district.

All four CFSD elementary schools (Canyon View Elementary School, Manzanita Elementary School, Ventana Vista Elementary School and Sunrise Drive Elementary School) are among the 2016 Best Public Elementary Schools in Arizona by Niche.

The complete rankings can be viewed on the Niche website at <https://k12.niche.com>.

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The Catalina Foothills School District is Tucson's leading educational choice for PreK-12, educating many students living throughout the greater metro area. District schools offer a dynamic curriculum that engages students in deep learning taught by highly competent teachers who are held accountable for learning results – 97.5% of CFSD students graduate and 94% attend college. A CFSD education prepares students to become responsible citizens in the global community.

