Ventana Vista Fast Facts

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Welcome to Ventana Vista!

At Ventana Vista, we are rooted in a tradition of excellence and innovation. We are proud of our school and the wonderful things that are happening here. We have exceptional teachers and staff members who are energetic, innovative and dedicated to the success of all students. We have an unswerving commitment to the development of the "whole child." You will observe a safe and caring learning climate that emphasizes skills while recognizing the importance of each child's emotional, social, and intellectual self. We provide world-class learning opportunities that incorporate deep learning proficiencies--Communication, Citizenship, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Creativity and Innovation, Collaboration, and Systems Thinking. You will observe classroom teachers differentiating instruction, infusing technology into lessons, and implementing strategic interventions/enrichment when students are not learning or come to us already knowing essential skills.

As the principal of Ventana Vista, my goal is to foster relationships and inspire excellence. You will see this excellence throughout the school in everything we do from the staff, students, and community. My goal is for every student in our school to receive a high quality education which prepares them to be competitive in a global society. We are fiercely passionate educators with a dedication to personal and professional growth and in the best practices of educating 21st century learners.—*Dana Mulay, Principal*

Ventana Vista Elementary School

Grades K-5

Mascot: Bobcat

Colors: Teal & Black

509 students

Female – 53%

Male – 47%

Ethnicity Percentages

Asian – 11%

Black – 5%

Hispanic – 32%

Native American – 1%

Pacific Islander – 1%

White – 50%

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What we offer:

- A full day kindergarten option with fee-based program for half of the day.
- World Languages learning (Spanish) for all non-immersion students, with a Spanish immersion option available.
- A robotics curriculum beginning in Kindergarten.
- Extended math and reading programs.
- Gifted education program and services.
- Read Strong (reading support for grades K-3).
- Before and after school CARE program.
- Music, visual art and physical education taught by highly-qualified specialists.
- Technology-enhanced classrooms with access to laptops (2:1 ratio), iPads, iPods, digital cameras, student response systems, Gmail, and Google academic accounts.
- A certified school counselor.
- Extended day classes and full summer programming.
- Dozens of extracurricular offerings.
- An all organic community garden.
- Special student activities like Love of Reading night, school carnivals, science fair, Parent's Night Out, author visits, fifth grade camp, holiday events, food drives, skate parties, dine-outs and parent workshops.
- A vital Family Faculty Organization.
- A Show Choir that performs throughout the community.
- High quality after school musical productions.

SPECIAL CAMPUS FEATURES

- The 90,000-square-foot school is arranged in three villages. Each village is an area where students can congregate by grade levels.
- A solstice wall, which allows the sun's rays to shine through various openings, marks key dates including the fall equinox, the winter solstice, Mexican Independence Day, Martin Luther King's birthday, the first time Americans orbited the earth and the anniversary of Geronimo's rebellion. A slot in the wall shows when it is 3 p.m., when our school day is over.
- The "kaleidoscope' dome has local cultural artifacts cast inside a series of acrylic skylights. By gazing through these from below or peering through them from above, students encounter a spectrum of desert images.
- A periscope allows children to look up and view a panorama of the nearby mountain peaks north and south of the campus.
- Classroom windows are near the floor, perfect for a student's eye view.

ABOUT OUR SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM

The Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) offers the opportunity for students to learn Spanish in a partial immersion program. In immersion programs, language is not taught as a subject; it is the medium in which instruction occurs. Research shows the most effective way for children to acquire a second language is to integrate instruction into the standard curriculum that children are already learning.

CFSD's Spanish immersion program provides students with linguistic skills, higher-order thinking skills, and a global perspective that will help them engage and succeed in a rapidly changing 21st century world. Continue reading to learn more about CFSD's Spanish immersion program.

Which immersion model does CFSD offer?

CFSD's Spanish immersion program follows the partial immersion model. All students in CFSD, both those in the immersion program and those who are in the traditional (non-immersion) classroom, engage in meaningful learning experiences that are designed to address challenging academic standards. Students in the immersion program accomplish this by spending half the day with a teacher who provides instruction using the immersion language and the other half of the day with an English-speaking teacher. CFSD's Spanish immersion teachers are required to be a native speaker or demonstrate native-like proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Both teachers, on each grade-level immersion team, work closely to design and implement lessons that will support students as they work to meet and exceed grade-level expectations for CFSD's curriculum.

What are the goals of the CFSD immersion program?

CFSD's immersion programming encompasses four overarching goals. Students will:

- Meet or exceed academic achievement levels in all areas of the district curriculum;
- Acquire a high level of communicative and academic proficiency in English and the immersion language;
- Gain an appreciation of other cultures and a deeper understanding of their own culture; and
- Increase their capacity for creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

Who is eligible to enroll in CFSD's partial immersion programs?

CFSD's Spanish immersion program is open to all English-proficient students entering Kindergarten and Grade 1. (No previous experience with Spanish is necessary to enroll in Kindergarten or Grade 1.) English-proficient students who enroll in Grade 2 and beyond must take an assessment to demonstrate a comparable level of proficiency in the immersion language as compared to their grade level cohort.

For more information, visit our website at **cfsd16.org**.