



We Play to Learn

# Valley View Early Learning Center

## Fast Facts



### Welcome to Valley View!

At Valley View play is king! We believe in following the latest research that shows the best way for a prekindergarten brain to learn is through discovery, exploration and long blocks of play. Because our environment has a strong effect on learning, we pride ourselves in providing a natural, welcoming environment. When you step inside our school, you will feel a sense of calm and cleanliness. When you step into our classroom, it will feel comfortable and peaceful. Outside, you will feel inspired to run and play in our expansive playground that has a majestic backdrop of the Santa Catalina Mountains.

We follow an emergent curriculum, meaning we follow the interest and curiosities of the child. We also have Spanish and Chinese Immersion classrooms taught by native speakers!

Want to hear more? Schedule a personal tour at 520-209-7650. Come play with us!  
—Marisol Kenman, Principal



**GREATSCHOOLS  
RATING**



**QUALITY FIRST  
RATING**



**NATIONALLY  
RECOGNIZED P21  
EXEMPLAR DISTRICT**

**Number of  
students  
229**

**Adult-student ratio  
1:9 inside;  
1:10 outside**

**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 campus has been recently expanded with eight new classrooms, a motor room and an upgraded 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.

**Dramatic Play**



**Art**



**Sensory Activities**



**Literacy**



**Science**

**Math**



**Systems Thinking**



**Social-emotional**

**ABOUT CATALINA FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**

The ADE ranked CFSD as #1 for the AP Excellence Index (percent of all 9th-12th grade students who earned a 3 or higher on any AP exam) based on data from the College Board, 2010.

CFSD has the highest AzMERIT scores of all Arizona K-12 school districts, 2015 and 2016.

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

CFSD is named the #1 School District in Arizona in the *Niche* 2017 rankings.

Catalina Foothills High School is identified as Arizona's #1 comprehensive high school by *U.S. News and World Report*, 2016.

Catalina Foothills High School is ranked as the #2 non-selective high school in Arizona by *The Washington Post*, 2016.

*Newsweek* recognized Catalina Foothills High School as the #3 non-selective high school in Arizona in 2016.

Orange Grove Middle School and Esperero Canyon Middle School are named among the Top Middle Schools in Arizona by *Niche*, 2016.

