



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



GREATSCHOOLS  
RATING



QUALITY FIRST  
RATING

Number of  
students  
275

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

A welcoming  
environment

Visit our website at [vvelc.cfsd16.org](http://vvelc.cfsd16.org)



## Our state-of-the-art campus has 14 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



Literacy



Sensory Activities



Science



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

CFSD has the highest overall AzMERIT scores of all Arizona K-12 school districts (2015-2018).

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, 2018 & 2019 rankings.

Catalina Foothills High School is identified as Arizona's #1 comprehensive high school by *U.S. News and World Report*, 2019.

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*, 2019.

All four CFSD elementary schools rank among the Niche Top Elementary Schools in Arizona, 2019.