



Early Childhood Education



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Preschool

By the Numbers:



Schools

We are located at **17** campuses across the Amphitheater Public School District.



Staff

We employ **127** directors, teachers, aides, assistants, & specialists.



Classrooms

We have **23** classrooms in Imagine Preschool and **8** ECSE classrooms.



Interns

55 Interns.
315 ECE students.
87 ECSE students.



Students

We serve **512** preschool students in the district.



Imagine Budget

Operating budget of **5 million** dollars in 2023.



Why Imagine Preschool?

- Certified Teachers
- Low Student-Teacher Ratios
- Specials
- Early Intervention Specialist
- Play-Based Learning
- Fostering Whole Child Development
- Gifted Programming
- Scholarships Offered for Students
- Qualified Support Staff
- Ongoing Professional Learning
- District Feeder Pattern
- Licensed by AZDHS Child Care Bureau
- Quality First Participant







Continuum of Special Education Services

2 Hour Program
-Afternoon Classes

4 Hour Program
-Holaway

Full Inclusion
-Coronado Inclusion
-Donaldson & Nash (2025-2026)



3 Hour Program
-Morning Classes

Dual Enrollment Opportunities
-Copper Creek, Donaldson, Holaway,
Painted Sky, Walker



Why ECSE Preschool?

- Certified Teachers
- Low Student-Teacher Ratios
- Specials – Motor Lab
- Early Intervention Specialist
- Play-Based Learning
- Fostering Whole Child Development
- Continuum of Services
- Qualified Support Staff
- Ongoing Professional Learning
- District Feeder Pattern
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Parents as Teachers

- Received Blue Ribbon Affiliate Status meeting 81 model standards in Fall 2024
- Expanded play groups from 1 site to 11 sites
- Provide sensory screenings including hearing and vision to all Imagine Preschool students
- Helping Grant - 814 Families assisted
\$1,179, 747.17 given to families in need
- Kinder Kits available to all Title 1 Students in partnership with the United Way of Southern Arizona. The value of the kits is over \$20,000 in books and learning materials for our future kindergarten students.



Parents as Teachers.
Blue Ribbon
AFFILIATE



ECHO

(Educational Community Home Outreach)

The ECHO Program at Nash provides a community school-based approach to achieve student success by tackling academic and non-academic barriers through after school programs, new learning opportunities for students and their families with wrap around health and wellness resources.

Why?

- No-cost after school activities will entice students to attend class
- Programs provided after school until 6 pm include tutoring, snack and dinner, sports, STEM activities, Yoga, music classes, reading and math clubs

- 2 years at Nash
- 75% of Nash students attend
- 10% decrease in absenteeism
- 12% increase in test scores
- Decrease in behavioral issues
- 86% of caregivers said they can get a better job or work more hours because of ECHO
- 100% of caregivers took comfort in knowing their child was safe and learning after school

Coming September 2025 - ECHO will be starting at Keeling and Prince Elementary





ECHO Resource Center

Services & Offerings -

- Fresh food, food boxes and pet food distributed weekly
- Hygiene, health and household supplies
- Diapers and period products
- ESL and GED classes offered for our adult learners
- Early literacy workshops for infants, toddlers & young children
- Technology lab
- Interactive Parent/Child Workshops
- Washer & dryer facilities
- Educators available to help families navigate local, state and federal resources





ECHO Resource Center

From October 2024 to February 2025, the following products have been given to our families:

- 2,061 diapers
- 688 period products
- 710 holiday gifts
- 115 general hygiene kits
- 2,607 individuals have received food assistance
- 421 households have received food





Imagine Preschool Funding

- 3 PEEPS classes funded by City of Tucson
- 11 PEEPS classes funded by Pima County
- 9 classes funded by a combination of Quality First Scholarships, DES subsidy and Tuition.

ECHO & ECHO Resource Funding

- Angel Charity
- Amphi Foundation
- Arizona Diaper Bank
- Davis Family Foundation
- First Things First of Arizona
- HS Lopez Foundation
- Osa Family Foundation
- Rotary Club of Tucson
- Southern Arizona Community Food Bank
- United Way Tucson of Southern Arizona

Workforce Development

Sumaya Frick, District Internship Coordinator

- Applications for ECE Internships - 60
- CDO ECE Interns - 31
- Paid Interns are employed by Imagine Preschool sites at Innovation, IRHS, Copper Creek, Painted Sky, Coronado, Harelson, Donaldson, Mesa Verde, CDO, Wilson and ECHO
- New in 24-25, Amphi Middle School, Coronado K-8 and Wilson K-8 have middle school interns helping at preschools
- Coming in 25-26, Interns will be placed at Imagine Preschools, ECHO, and ECHO Community Resource Center





Kudos & Gratitude

- All Imagine Preschool classrooms participated in SARSEF. Karissa Weiler coordinated all entries into SARSEF.
- Our newest additions, Imagine Preschool at Harelson and Full All-Day Inclusion at Coronado opened in August 2024.
- Kayleigh Paul at Rio Vista was awarded the Literacy Champion by Women United/United Way of Southern Arizona.
- Melissa Callahan and the team at Holaway received a 5-Star Rating from Quality First.
- Imagine Preschool at Prince participated in the AVID showcase.
- Priscilla Montero at Nash has received a position on the SAZAEYC Board.
- Oro Valley Mayor and Council and Pima County Supervisor, Rex Scott, visited our Imagine Preschool sites at Ironwood Ridge High School and Wilson K-8
- Imagine Preschool at Innovation and Canyon Del Oro Early Learning Center were included in the AEF A+ School of Excellence Award tour.



Community Partners

- Pima County (PEEPS)
- The Town of Oro Valley, City of Tucson & Pima County
- United Way of Southern Arizona
- Arizona Child and Resource Referral
- Quality First
- First Focus on Kids
- Arizona Department of Economic Security
- Arizona Department of Child Care Licensing
- First Things First
- Project Felt
- Literacy Connects
- Southern Arizona Community Food Bank
- Arizona Diaper Bank
- Amphi Foundation



Questions?

