



# Kinder Connection

Helping families make the kindergarten transition with confidence

Fall 2025

## Out-of-District Family Finds Home in Tempe Elementary

When the Jacksons were looking for a school for their incoming kindergartener, they wanted a place where their son Everett was embraced and could build a strong foundation for success. While the schools in their home district didn't hit the mark, they found exactly what they were looking for when they toured Broadmor Elementary in the Tempe Elementary Schools district. *Scan the QR code on the right to learn more about their experience.*

When it comes to choosing the right school for your family, you have options. Open Enrollment allows families to apply for admission to a school of their choice, even if it's out of their home school boundary, or even out of the district.



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Learn more about Open Enrollment at [tempeschools.org/openenroll](https://tempeschools.org/openenroll).

## Kindergarten with Confidence Tip

Jordan Beddo is a kindergarten teacher at Fuller Elementary. With seven years of teaching experience, she shares some important tips to help your child prepare for the kindergarten environment:

- Familiarize your child with using public restrooms, including the loud flushing sound and the electric hand dryer.
- Have your child practice opening snack and lunch packages and completing meals in the fixed time period
- Provide opportunities for your child to interact with other children at parks or other public places to help with socialization.



Kindergarten teams at all of our elementary schools share the expertise and experience to help your family transition to kindergarten and thrive!

Learn More About Kindergarten in Tempe Elementary Schools at [tempeschools.org/kinder](https://tempeschools.org/kinder).

## Kindergarten Your Way

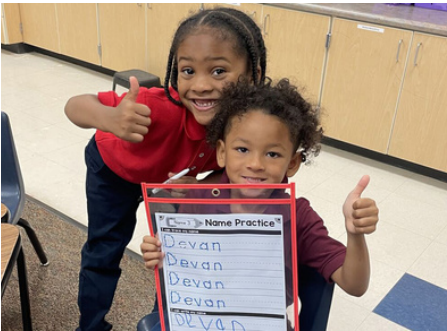
Explore what's going on in kindergarten around the district. No matter what you're looking for, Tempe Elementary Schools has it!



### AGUILAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

At Aguilar, Fitness Friday is a tradition! Each Friday, a different class leads the assembly, providing leadership opportunities for students of all ages at this A+ School of Excellence!

[Learn More About Aguilar](#)



### SCALES TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

At the beginning of the school year, kindergarteners practice writing their name and proper letter formation. Identifying your name is a great first step into kindergarten!

[Learn More About Scales](#)



### MEYER MONTESSORI

Kindergartners in Ms. Cynthia's class at Meyer, an A-rated school, use Montessori beads to practice counting and representing quantities with numbers.

[Learn More About Meyer](#)



### WARD TRADITIONAL ACADEMY

As a K-8 school, Ward Traditional Academy provides opportunities for students of different grade levels to work together. In Mrs. Viker's Class, seventh grade buddies practice reading skills with kindergarteners.

[Learn More About Ward](#)

## Beyond the Classroom

Tempe Elementary Schools is proud to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students, K-8.

"We focus on offering healthy, culturally relevant foods with minimal ingredients that are free from artificial additives," Assistant Director of Nutrition Services Haley Dean shared. "We also believe in serving student-led menus where the food options are tasted and approved by students."



Learn about our resources at [tempeschools.org/resources](https://tempeschools.org/resources).

## Upcoming Events + Important Dates

### Ward Traditional Academy Open House:

December 9, 2025 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

### Meyer Montessori Open House:

December 10, 2025 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

### Kindergarten and Elementary Open Houses:

January 15, 2026 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at all elementary campuses

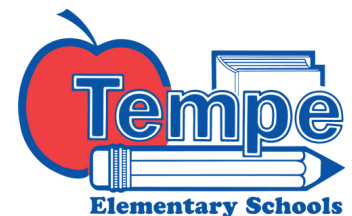
### Specialty School Applications Open:

December 12, 2025 at [tempeschools.org/enroll](https://tempeschools.org/enroll)

### Enrollment Opens for 26-27 School Year:

January 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. online at [tempeschools.org/enroll](https://tempeschools.org/enroll) and in-person

Can't attend an Open House? Request a school tour today at [tempeschools.org/tour](https://tempeschools.org/tour)



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