

Empowering Schools. Transforming Futures.

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Tres Rios Service Academy

Grades K-8 Littleton ESD, Maricopa County

Student Growth & Aspirations

• 92% of students have set personal and career goals for their future.

Inspired Educators

- 92% of staff feel recognized, supported, and inspired to grow professionally.
- 93% expanded their positive influence by integrating career exploration.
- 100% trust the leadership team's commitment to staff development.

Family & Community Trust

- 93% of parents are satisfied with academic progress.
- 91% of parents say students feel safe and welcomed.



Watch the Tres Rios Video: Students with visions for their futures

THE DATA



Crane Middle School

Grades 6-8 Crane ESD, Yuma County

Recognized for Excellence

- Named an Apple Distinguished School (2022–2025).
- Two ACED teachers recognized as Yuma County Rural Teachers of the Year.
- One was named Arizona Rural Teacher of the Year and National Runner-Up.
- Principal awarded ASA Middle School Distinguished Principal of the Year.

Student Well-Being

- 46% decrease in student referrals, indicating a stronger school culture.
- 78% of students report school as a positive place to learn and grow.

Community Investment

- 386% increase in partnerships.
- Over \$150,000 in community donations supporting student learning.



M.C. Cash Elementary School

Grades K-8 Laveen ESD, Maricopa County

Academic Improvement

- Students have achieved state average math scores for the first time.
- Students have nearly doubled their science proficiency.

Improved Attendance

 Chronic absenteeism among middle schoolers has decreased by 12%.

Plans for Post-Secondary

• The number of students planning to pursue higher education has tripled.

Statewide Honors

• Awarded the prestigious Golden Bell Promise Program Award from the Arizona School Boards Association in 2024.

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Watch the M.C. Cash Video: A school transformed





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Engaging Middle School Students in Purpose-Driven Learning

The ACED Impact

Through ACED, students gain realworld insights and acquire essential, basic skills, exciting them about future career pathways and providing relevancy to their education. The program provides students opportunities to:

- Gain exposure to a wide array of careers
- Explore their own interests and passions and develop an understanding of how they translate into future career goals
- Set goals and make plans for achieving them through pathway planning designed to guide them into high school and beyond.
- Position themselves to make more informed educational choices
- Develop employability skills for a lifetime of success

"For most students, dreaming comes naturally - but it takes support to turn those dreams into reality."

- Catalyzechallenge.org

ACED Resources

Schools participating in the ACED program have access to the following no-cost resources:



Standards-Based Curriculum



Engaging Online Resources



Experiential Learning



Professional Development



Engaged Business & Community Partners







