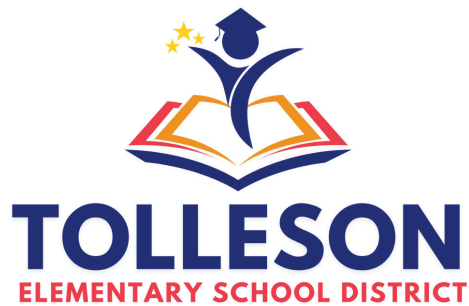




City of Tolleson Presentation

February 24, 2026

School Year 2025-2026

Intergovernmental Agreement Highlights

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District's Mission & Vision

Mission

Tolleson Elementary School District believes, educates, motivates and prepares all children.

Vision

Tolleson Elementary School District:
Expecting excellence, inspiring
innovation and achieving greatness.



TOLLESON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Tolleson ESD

Priority Goals



1. Ensure instruction, curriculum, and assessment are relevant, rigorous, and aligned to prepare every student for academic achievement and lifelong success.
2. Promote positive behavior, social-emotional learning, character development, and mental health well-being to help students build the skills they need to thrive in school and beyond.
3. Recruit, develop, and retain high-quality, high-performing staff, and provide the ongoing support and resources they need to excel as professionals in the field of education.
4. Intentionally engage parents and caregivers as critical partners in supporting students' academic growth, behavior, and overall well-being.



Funding Highlights



Providing Our Learners with the Strongest Educational Foundation

- Award-winning preschool programs serving a total of 36 preschool treasures!
- \$400,000 for Arizona Desert preschool program and Porfirio H. Gonzales preschool program
- Every classroom staffed with:
 - 1 teacher and 2 paras at Arizona Desert - \$155,000 Salaries and Benefits
 - 1 teacher and 2 paras at Porfirio H. Gonzales - \$165,000 Salaries and Benefits
 - Supplies, Licensing Fees, Instructional Materials \$40,000 (\$20,000 for each school)
 - \$25,000 Tolleson After School Morning Program at AZD (50 students)
 - \$15,000 Tolleson After School Program support staff for special needs student/s - IGA amendment includes expenditure to support students with disabilities in the Tolleson After School Program with a support staff member (paraprofessional)
- **Impact:** Children ready to succeed

Continued Investment in Preschool Excellence

Sustaining Quality Through Partnership

- The Intergovernmental Agreement's (IGA) financial support allows the Tolleson ESD to:
 - Maintain low adult-to-student ratios
 - Continue staff professional development
 - Replace and update instructional equipment
 - Sustain high-quality curriculum
 - Ensure access for Tolleson families

This investment changes life trajectories for children

Continued Investment in Preschool Excellence

Preschool Program Budget

- \$200,000 for Arizona Desert Elementary School
- \$200,000 for Porfirio H. Gonzales Elementary School

<https://www.tolleson.az.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9967/Tolleson-Elementary-School-District-Preschool-Video>

Shared Community Spaces

Maximizing Resources for the Entire Community

Through our partnership, school facilities serve Residents with:

- Field of Dreams athletic complex
- School gymnasiums
- Parking lot for community events

Result

- Safe spaces for youth activities
- Community engagement
- Efficient use of shared public resources



Tolleson After School Kids (T.A.S.K.) Program

Supporting Families Beyond the School Day

The Tolleson After School Kids Program provides:

- On-site programming for families
- Safe, structured environment
- Extension of the learning day
- Academic support and enrichment
- Physical activity and recreation



Thank You and Continued Partnership

Thank You for Your Leadership and Partnership

Together, we are:

- ❖ Supporting children
 - ❖ Supporting families
 - ❖ Strengthening Tolleson

We are grateful for your continued partnership.



Questions?