

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready-to-Learn

FORD ELEMENTARY

Mr. Vince Kelly, Principal
Main Office: 520-731-4300
Attendance: 520-731-4302

[Email Us](#)

[District Website](#) | [School Website](#)

TUSD Transportation 520-225-6262

7:15 AM earliest arrival and breakfast

7:40 AM first bell

1:55 PM Dismissal - M, T, Th & F

12:55 PM *Wednesday dismissal time

Keep information up to date, submit attendance, register and more with your [ParentVue account](#).



Welcome to our school, home of the Ford Panthers! Here at Ford Elementary, we believe that every day should start with a positive attitude. Each morning, as children enter the building, they are warmly greeted at the door by a Ford employee. Our morning announcements set the tone for an enthusiastic learning experience where children are ready to learn. We hope the following information is helpful for you as you become a member of our community:

SAFETY PROCEDURES, our doors remain locked during school hours. All students enter through the front doors. Parents will not be allowed to escort students to classrooms. These protocols are to protect students and staff. No balloons, flowers or candy may be accepted during school hours. Food items for classroom celebrations need to be prearranged with the teacher and must be store purchased (no homemade food).

Attendance - Ford Elementary kindergarten through fifth grade classes begin promptly at 7:40 AM. Children who arrive after the 7:45 AM bell is marked tardy. Parents, please notify the office when your child is absent or tardy. Please call or email the school attendance line when your child is absent or entering late. Try to make your child's appointments outside of school hours. It is essential that the students arrive on time every day and attend school every day. Thank you for your positive encouragement.

Bus Routes – Bus routes are created through the TUSD transportation department. For bus information visit the [TUSD Transportation page](#). Ford your child's specific route please check your ParentVue.

Calendar – The TUSD 2024-2025 school calendar is available at [TUSD1.org](#). Please note the new **Professional Development Dates**, **Grading Days** and **Parent Conferences** to plan your daily schedules in advance. **Early release time is 10:55 AM**. Printed versions are available on request from the school office.

Dismissal - Children are to go home immediately after school. Parents must meet children outside at dismissal. The primary students (K-2nd) are dismissed to the front of the building and intermediate students (3rd-5th) will be on the sidewalk adjacent to the parking lot. **Please do not park in the TUSD Bus Bay!** ONLY TUSD busses may use the bus bay. If you need to park, even if it's "only for a minute," we ask that you use the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all children safe.

PTA! Become active in our PTA! PTA does so much to support our school and all children. We need you.

Telephone messages for students to change after school plans cannot be accepted. In the event of an emergency, we understand a change is imminent. In this case, contact the school office at least 30 minutes prior to our dismissal time. Thank you.

TUSD Food Services - Free Meals (Breakfast and Lunch) – No Federal Meals Application Necessary.

Breakfast – begins at 7:15 AM. Children may not arrive for breakfast or enter the playground before school monitors are present. Playground supervision begins at 7:30 AM. Students also have the option to bring lunch from home. Microwaves are not available for student use, so please pack items that are ready to eat.

Water Bottles! It is recommended that your child brings a water bottle every day. The water refill stations are open for refills.

After School Information

TUSD after school program at **Marshall Elementary** with TUSD transportation provided from Ford.

Contact: [TUSD Community School Programs](#): (520) 731-5207

Daycare: Desert Bloom – 8185 E. 22nd St. (520) 885-7711 KidzCo – 7845 E. Golf Links Rd. (520) 886-5437
YMCA – 401 S. Prudence (520) 885-2317