

Douglas Elementary School PreK-6

FLOWING WELLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT | TUCSON, ARIZONA

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OWNER: Flowing Wells Unified School District
ARCHITECT: BWS Architects
PROJECT NAME: Douglas Elementary School
PROJECT LOCATION: Tucson, Arizona | USA
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: CHASSE Building Team
BUILDING AREA: 64,085 SF Total: 41,500 SF New; 12,000 SF Renovated; 4,525 SF Existing Updates
CONSTRUCTION COST: \$15,784,695



The vision for Douglas Elementary School, a K-6 campus serving 600 students, was to create a school environment that excites students, supports educators, and attracts families through a specialized, place-based learning experience. Flight serves as both a literal and conceptual framework — connecting science, engineering, mathematics, and community history while reinforcing themes of exploration, resilience, and achievement. The result is **an educational environment that positions public education as innovative, competitive, and deeply connected to its place**. Originally constructed in 1961, Douglas Elementary required a careful balance of new construction and strategic renovation to maximize educational impact while maintaining budget discipline. The completed project includes: a new two-story, 40,000 SF classroom building, renovation of an existing 6,000 SF thin-shell concrete classroom pod into a Student Services Center, the addition of a new kitchen, minor updates to the existing multipurpose room, and repurposing of an existing thin-shell concrete structure into a shaded student gathering ramada.