

Tangerine Farms K-8 School

MARANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT | MARANA, ARIZONA

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OWNER: Marana Unified School District
ARCHITECT: **BWS Architects**
PROJECT NAME: Tangerine Farms K-8 School
PROJECT LOCATION: Marana, Arizona | USA
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: CORE Construction
BUILDING AREA: 93,000 SF
CONSTRUCTION COST: \$37,174,560



Tangerine Farms, a two-story K-8 school that serves 800 students within 93,000-square-feet, delivers a climate-responsive, future-ready campus that supports reading literacy, social connection, and civic engagement. Students learn in daylight-filled classrooms supported by flexible learning zones. Teachers report increased voluntary reading engagement due to the intimacy and personalization of the reading nooks. The Social Stair and cafeteria foster daily interaction. The gymnasium, LEAP / TED spaces, media center, Learning Commons, and kinder / pre-k “wing” extend the school’s presence beyond the academic day. The photovoltaic canopy supplies approximately 80% of operational energy, while playfields and micro-basins integrate stormwater retention into recreational, landscaped, and garden space. These strategies reduce long-term costs and reinforce environmental responsibility. Inspired by Marana’s agricultural and ranching history, Tangerine Farms stands as a civic landmark for Marana — **a campus that responds intelligently to the Sonoran Desert and strengthens learning, identity, and long-term community value.**