



# Excellence and Innovation for Today and the Future

WHERE STUDENTS THRIVE AND EVERYONE IS FAMILY



Arizona State Schools  
for the Deaf and the Blind

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**ASDB is dedicated to empowering young children and students with the educational opportunities necessary to succeed in college, career and life.**

## ABOUT US

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB) traces its historic roots back to Arizona statehood, having been enacted by the first state legislature in 1912. ASDB serves over 2,000 children from birth to age 22 who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, multisensory disabled or deafblind. ASDB operates two schools for the deaf, one school for the blind, a statewide birth-to-three early childhood and family education program and five regional cooperatives.

## A.C.T. Our Operating Principles

**ACCOUNTABILITY** - to families for the outcomes of children in our care and to our many stakeholders for the work that we do.

**COLLABORATION** - with each other, with parents and families, with students, with school districts, with communities.

**TRANSPARENCY** - openly communicate, and share our work and outcomes of our work with colleagues and the public.





## A MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE

I am proud to be part of a diverse and talented family of professionals and community members who share my passion and commitment to making ASDB the top education agency in the nation for deaf and/or blind education.

ASDB is a special place. It is where students thrive and everyone is family. ASDB provides a vibrant and welcoming environment where unique learning needs are accommodated and where students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired or deafblind have access to a high quality public education. ASDB is where students aspire to realize their full potential, explore personal growth opportunities and obtain the education and skills necessary to succeed in college, career and life.

On behalf of the entire ASDB community, thank you for taking the time to explore our rich history and learn about the modern services we provide. I hope you consider joining our ever-growing, extended family.

Sincerely,

*Annette Reichman*

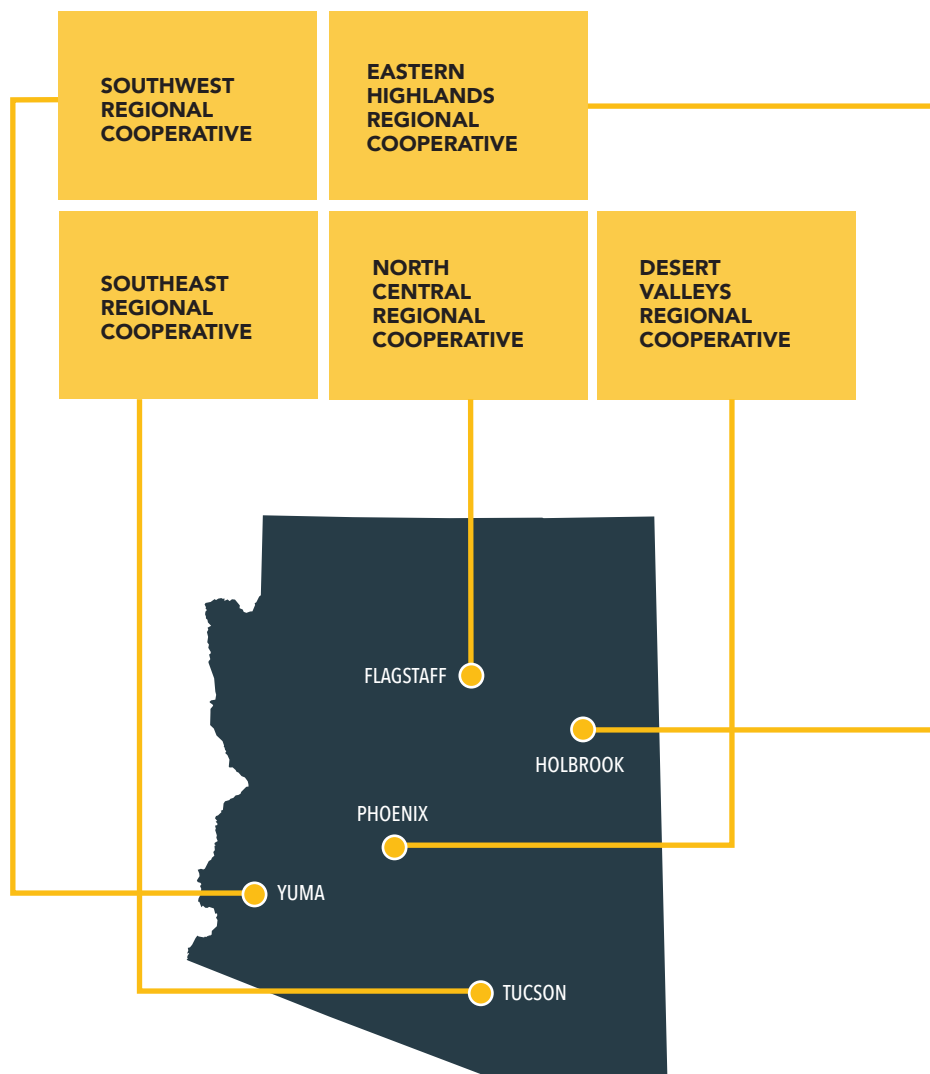
**-Annette Reichman**  
ASDB Superintendent

# REGIONAL COOPERATIVES

**Through its five regional cooperatives, ASDB provides services to students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, multisensory disabled or deafblind at hundreds of local schools throughout Arizona.**

The regional cooperatives were created to help support preschool through 12th grade students who are deaf/hard of hearing or blind/visually impaired within the general education classroom at their local schools. If a student requires full-time, intensive services from a teacher of the blind/visually impaired or a teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team will look at all options available to best meet each student's unique learning needs. ASDB provides the following services to districts and charters: district staff training, equipment, audiological or vision-related services, assessments and other training or support needed.

ASDB is also exploring regional partnership programs with local school districts. The intent of these partnerships is to provide students outside of Phoenix and Tucson with the opportunity to come together at a single school location and learn with like peers who are deaf and/or blind.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM

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The statewide Early Childhood and Family Education program (ECFE) works in partnership with the Arizona Early Intervention Program to provide early intervention services to infants and toddlers (birth to age three) who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired or deafblind. Services are provided directly within the home and other natural learning environments by certified teachers and specialists. Services to children and their families are based on individual child needs and determined by the development of an Individualized Family Service Plan. Learning opportunities specific to each child's sensory-based learning needs are also offered, such as American Sign Language and/or Listening and Spoken Language instruction for deaf/hard of hearing children and Orientation and Mobility services for children who are blind/visually impaired. Families with a deaf child also have the opportunity to participate in ECFE's Deaf Mentor Program.

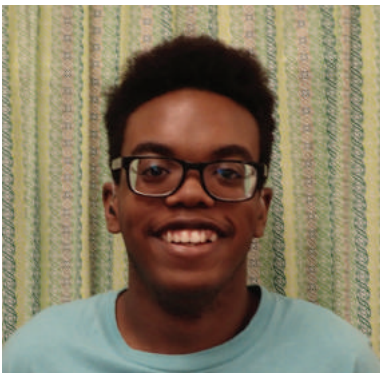
ECFE professionals provide families with information about all learning opportunities available to their children. Parents are instructed and coached on the best ways for each individual child to access his or her learning environment and acquire foundational skills critical to development: cognitive, communication, physical and social-emotional. The ECFE team also coordinates parent-toddler classes, parent support groups and family gatherings which offer invaluable co-learning, networking and support opportunities for families.



## **THE PHOENIX CAMPUS**

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ASDB's Phoenix campus, Phoenix Day School for the Deaf, is an AdvancED accredited day school program offering educational and support services to over 300 students who are deaf or hard of hearing from preschool through 12th grade. Students throughout the Phoenix metropolitan area are transported in to participate in the unique learning opportunities of this thriving school. Each student's education is specifically aligned to his or her Individualized Education Program (IEP) to ensure a tailored learning experience is provided by highly qualified staff. Students can participate in an abundance of enriching yet fun in-school and extracurricular activities: academic competitions, afterschool programs, athletics, career and technical education, elective courses, fairs and festivals, online learning, summer school, theater and much more.



I've attended PDS since I was three years old, and have been fortunate to move through the grade levels with my friends, socializing and growing with them. I've built a connection with other deaf students because of my communication access. I love PDS. It has allowed me to grow into a more social and engaged student.

**DeAndrae Markel Johnson**  
12th grade student, Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



## ***THE TUCSON CAMPUS***

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The Tucson campus, ASDB's first campus, offers a day program for students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired or deafblind, and features 54 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds. The campus houses the renowned Berger Performing Arts Center, residence halls for a "home away from home" experience for dorm students and highly regarded programs offering specialized support services, like the Arizona Deafblind Project. The campus is accredited by AdvancED and offers kindergarten through 12th grade instruction. Preschool classes are also available for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. In addition to providing all the support services necessary to meet each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), the campus offers numerous academic, social growth and career prep opportunities. Students can participate in career and technical education and work study programs, athletic and academic competitions, exciting clubs, field trips, holiday events and summer camps.



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It is so easy to fall in love with these kids when you see the challenges they face and how they overcome them.

**Edward A Bosha**  
Teacher of the Blind/Visually Impaired



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