

Manzanita FFO

2025–2026 Impact Report

Community support. Meaningful experiences. More opportunities for every Mustang.

During the 2025–2026 school year, Manzanita Family Faculty Organization (FFO) brought families, faculty, staff and community partners together to enrich the educational experience for Manzanita students. From field trips and classroom resources to wellness, arts and community-building, FFO support helped extend learning beyond the classroom and strengthen the school community.



Hands-on learning in the Manzanita school garden.

By the Numbers

REAL SUPPORT. BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.



\$160,761
Total Revenue



\$152,419
Total FFO Expenditures



\$27,249
Student Enrichment Program



\$16,599
Direct Classroom Funding



5,256
Miler's Club Miles Logged



3,500+
FFO-Managed Volunteer Hours



575
Students Supported Through SEP Allocations

“Everything we accomplish as an FFO is made possible by the generosity, time and energy of our Manzanita community. This year, that support translated into meaningful experiences, resources and opportunities for students across campus. We are incredibly grateful for everyone who helped make that impact possible.”

— **Briana Volpe, President, Manzanita FFO**



*Investing in
What Matters Most* ♥

**SAME ROOTS.
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.**

Where FFO Dollars Made a Difference

Turning community fundraising into real student experiences.

Student Enrichment & Field Experiences

Manzanita FFO's Student Enrichment Program (SEP) provides per-student funding to support field trips, educational experiences, classroom materials, and specialist support. In 2025-2026, \$27,248.99 was spent through SEP to support 575 students, including \$8,602 in field trip admissions, \$5,177 in transportation, \$12,460 in supplies and materials, and \$1,010 for an Artist in Residence.



\$27,249
SEP Spending



575
Students Supported



\$8,602
Admissions



\$5,177
Buses



\$12,460
Supplies & Materials



\$1,010
Artist in Residence



Kindergarteners Take a Trip to the Reid Park Zoo

A Few Experiences We Helped Make Possible

Children's Museum Tucson
Reid Park Zoo
Fox Tucson Theatre
Tucson Village Farm
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

Shamrock Farms
Tucson Botanical Gardens
Arizona Science Center
Pima Air & Space Museum
Kartchner Caverns/Bisbee
5th Grade Camp

WHERE \$152,419 WENT

A quick look at the year's major spending.

\$44,595

Major Grade-Level Trips
3rd + 5th Grade Trips

\$27,249

Student Enrichment Program
SEP spending

\$16,599

Direct Classroom Funding
Teacher/classroom support

\$63,976

Other Programs, Events & Support

Major grade-level trips are tracked separately from SEP

Classroom & Teacher Support

In addition to per-student SEP funding, FFO provided each teacher with \$500 in direct classroom funding. In 2025-2026, \$16,599 was spent through this program on books, project supplies, wish-list materials, and hands-on learning resources tailored to student needs.

Examples of Support

- Books & classroom libraries
- Science and project supplies
- Planters and garden-related materials
- Reading resources
- Art materials
- Hands-on learning tools



\$16,599
Direct Classroom Funding



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Programs That Help Mustangs Grow

Wellness, innovation and hands-on learning across campus.



Miler's Club | Building Lifelong Fitness

Miler's Club gives students regular opportunities to run and walk in an inclusive, low-pressure school environment while building endurance, confidence, perseverance, and goal-setting skills.



624

Students & Staff
Enrolled



79.8%

Participated at
Least Once



5,256

Miles Logged



\$941

Program
Spending



● Staff participation helps students see fitness modeled as a lifelong habit.



STEM + Robotics | Learning Through Design

Manzanita's STEM and robotics programming helps students build coding, engineering-design, collaboration, and problem-solving skills through hands-on learning. The program is strengthened by a dedicated full-time STEM Integration Specialist and strong parent volunteer engagement.



K-5

Access to Robotics-
Based Learning



304

Parent Volunteer Hours



152

Classroom Robotics
Sessions



~30% to 88%

3rd Grade Challenge
First-Attempt Success



School Garden | Learning From the Ground Up



Students learning together in the Manzanita garden.

The school garden provides a hands-on setting where students can explore growing food, sustainability, nutrition and the natural world while building connections across the school community.

● 300 students participated

🌱 30+ Garden Club participants/families

🌱 100+ planting or garden-learning sessions

♥ **Harvest/tasting highlights:** students harvest and taste produce from the garden, participate in the student farmer's market, and use tasting journals/reflections. One first grader said, "Now I don't have to worry about spinach anymore because I tried it and I like it."

FFO brings to life what our community dreams of for our students—from field trips, classroom funding, clubs, and special events to yearbooks, spirit wear, staff appreciation, and opportunities for families to connect.

If what the district provides is the cake, FFO is the frosting, the sprinkles, the DJ, and the piñata!

— **Sarah Pifer, 3rd Grade Teacher**



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