



*Type:* Coeducational Day School  
*Grades:* Pre-Kindergarten - Eighth  
*Enrollment:* 70  
*Head of School:* Mrs. Nannette Akins, Director

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## **THE SCHOOL**

One of Tucson's best-kept educational secrets is hidden away from view behind Park Place mall and has been in operation at this same location since 1955. The Abbie Loveland "Tuller School" offers a quality education to Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth grade students.

Tuller offers small classes which allow each student to progress at their own pace while they develop lasting childhood friends. Due to the diverse scope of the Tuller Method, all children have the opportunity to become successful scholars. We believe that all children are able to excel when given a loving environment to explore and learn about the world in which they live.

The first Tuller School was founded in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1927 by Rev. Mother Abbie Loveland Tuller Ph.D., a well-known educator who had received her doctorate at Harvard, taught at Smith and Wilson Colleges and served as Dean of Woman at Denison College. Dr. Tuller left her collegiate work in order to write a course of study that she felt would give all students the opportunity to reach their individual potentials. This course of study is still used today at Tuller.

The Abbie Loveland Tuller School is affiliated with the Episcopal Church and is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation owned and operated by the Sisters of The Order of the Teachers of the Children of God. The Order's vocation is to foster the Christian education of children not only in the Episcopal Church, but also children of all denominations.

Tuller School is a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools and the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools.

## **OUR MISSION**

The Abbie Loveland Tuller School promotes development from childhood to responsible adulthood in an atmosphere that not only combines growth in the Christian faith with a firm grounding in high-quality academics, but also enables each child to develop at his or her own pace. This atmosphere will permit children to grow into well-balanced, well-adjusted adults who are emotionally self-respecting, economically self-sufficient, and able to contribute to a society that includes all of mankind.

## **FACULTY AND ADVISERS**

The teaching staff is made up of both Sisters of the Order of the Teachers of the Children of God and secular teachers. All teachers have academic degrees in their respective fields and are certified Tuller Method instructors. Teachers and staff are required to attend frequent professional development sessions and are encouraged to expand and/or update their certifications. In addition to teachers and staff, the school offers a certified school counselor that specializes in academic counseling. The Head of School and Director of Academics also aid in disciplinary actions and counseling.

## **COMMUNICATION**

We feel it is essential to establish a good working relationship between students, parents, and staff. Students' progress is reported frequently through daily planners, progress reports, and quarterly report cards. In addition, teachers and staff offer times for meetings and e-Mail correspondence. Parents are kept well informed and are welcome to communicate frequently with the staff and administration.

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

The Tuller Method developed by Dr. Tuller in the 1920s and 1940s is constantly adapted to contemporary needs. The Method is a correlated pattern system devised to give all students the opportunity to achieve their highest potential. Students may progress at their individual rate of speed in small, congenial groups of friends. The Tuller Method employs textbooks, work outlines, and syllabi published by the Tuller School Workshop. Modern textbooks are integrated into the courses of study that maximize the success of the Tuller Method. In order to provide students with the environment needed to succeed, classrooms accommodate a maximum of 15 students each.

## **FACILITIES**

There are eight buildings on the school's property. The original buildings on the Upper Campus are of the Old Spanish style of architecture. The newer buildings on the Lower Campus are of one-story western design. Classrooms are equipped with encyclopedias and computers with Internet access. In addition to classrooms, the school has a complete Library, Chapel, and Physical Education facilities.

Tuller's campus is located on the East Side of the city in a pleasant residential neighborhood. The School occupies approximately 5 acres. The climate of Tucson lends itself to the life of the School; mild winters mean that a great deal of outdoor life can be enjoyed. The desert and mountain areas that surround Tucson bring beauty to the School.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS**

Students participate in the Southern Arizona Foreign Language held at the University of Arizona. Traditional events are the School Christmas Program, Year-End Performing Arts Program and Graduation ceremonies.

The following after school programs are available: **Yearbook, Sports Club, and Homework Helps!**

## **DAILY ROUTINE**

Classes are held from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday; the average lengths of classes are 55 minutes. Daily chapel services are compulsory. There is a morning snack break. Lunch and recess are held daily. Students should bring lunch daily unless arrangements are made through the lunch program. Extracurricular activities take place after school.

## **ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**

The Tuller School considers all students for admission. Every child has differing levels of ability and is considered on an individual basis. The school requires records from the former school and any test scores available, an interview with the parents and the applicant. Tuller School admits students of any race, color, gender or national or ethnic origin to all the rights privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, admission policies, and athletics and other school-administered programs.