

Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter

Tim was raised in southern Arizona. He graduated from Tombstone High School, and attended Glendale Community College prior to receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree from Grand Canyon College and a Master of Arts in Secondary Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Tim completed the requirement for an Arizona Superintendent Certificate at the University of Phoenix.

Tim started teaching and coaching in 1973 at Alchesay High School in the White Mountains. In 1977 he and his wife Linda, moved to southwestern Arizona where he taught and coached at Antelope High School. The Carters moved to Prescott in 1979, where Tim taught American Government and Introduction to Law at Prescott High School, while coaching Track, Cross Country and the Mock Trial Team. Linda taught and coached at Granite Mountain Middle School for many years before becoming a Counselor.

Tim joined the administrative ranks at Prescott High School in 1991. He served as Assistant Principal for Student Services prior to being promoted to Principal, the position he held until his retirement in 2003. In retirement, Tim taught American Government and Education courses at Yavapai College and School Law and School Finance for the University of Phoenix. He also worked with the Adult Probation Department of the Superior Court. Certified by the Arizona Supreme Court, Tim has taught Defensive Driving for over three decades. Tim also enjoys teaching Hunter Education as a Certified Instructor for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Tim was selected for the North Central Accrediting Association's Circle of Excellence in 2001, has been recognized with the Robert Taft and Melvin Jones Fellowships, was inducted into the Arizona Track Coaches Hall of Fame, and was selected as the 2003 Arizona School Administrator of the Year. He served as the Secretary of the Prescott Sunrise Lions Club and is the former Advancement Chairman of Boy Scout Troop One. He was elected as the President of the Arizona Association of Counties in 2011 and continues to serve on their Board of Directors. He was honored by the Capitol Times, as the 2010 Educational Leader of the Year for Public Policy and as the outstanding JTED/CTE Policy Maker of the Year in 2013 and 2014. The Yavapai County Education Service Agency became fully accredited in 2017, becoming the first education service agency in Arizona to attain this milestone.

Linda returned to the classroom after her retirement in 2004, teaching Art part time at Washington Traditional School. Tim and Linda enjoy their family. Their daughter Cierra, works for Chino Valley Unified School District and serves as a volunteer coach for various youth sports. Levi is an Eagle Scout and a graduate of Northern Arizona University. He is a conductor for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. Their grandson Skyler is a delight.

Tim is a lifelong Republican and has been elected as a Precinct Committeeman dating back to the 1970's. He served two terms as the Vice Chairman of the Yavapai County Committee, and was elected to represent Congressional District #3 as a George H.W. Bush Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1988. He is currently serving as the President on the Arizona State Board of Education, following appointment by Governor Doug Ducey and confirmation from the Arizona Senate. He was honored and humbled in 2017 when inducted into the Grand Canyon University Hall of Fame.

Tim was unanimously appointed as the Yavapai County School Superintendent by the Board of Supervisors effective July 1, 2005. He ran successfully for the position in 2006, 2008, 2012 and 2016. Tim clearly enjoys providing educational services, through the Yavapai County Education Service Agency, to the 26 school districts, 24 charters schools and 102 campuses throughout the county. He strongly believes in local control, meeting high academic standards, and fiscal accountability.