

The Scottsdale Unified School District, like the city of Scottsdale, was founded in 1896 by Major Winfield Scott. It opened its first dedicated school, the Little Red Schoolhouse, in 1909, with all 14 students studying in two classrooms.

The first superintendent, L.O. DuRoss, took office in 1922 and served for seven years. Below is the list of dedicated leaders who have served as superintendent of the Scottsdale district since 1922.

Superintendent	Dates
L.O. DuRoss	1922-1929
Garland White	1929-1939
Warren Max	1939-1943
Walter Wedge	1943-1944
W.W. "Skipper" Dick	1944-1953
John L. Ashe	1953-1962
Charles Hult	1962-1966
John Tanner	1966-1968
E.G. Burnkrant	1968-1971
Gabriel H. Ruben	1971-1973
William Randall	1973-1980
Raymond Weinhold	1980-1982
Philip Gates	1982-1986
Duane K. Sheldon	1986-1996
Linda Powell	1996-1997
Betty Pepper	1997-1999
Donald Enz (interim)	1999-2000
Barbara F. Erwin	2000-2004
Dr. John M. Baracy	2004-2008
Katy Cavanagh (interim)	2008-2009
Dr. David J. Peterson (interim)	2008-2009
Dr. Gary T. Catalani	2009-2011
Dr. David J. Peterson	2011-2016
Dr. A. Denise Birdwell	2016-2018
Dr. Amy Fuller (Acting)	2018-2018
Dr. John Kriekard (Acting)	2018 - Present