

# HIGHLIGHTS & INFORMATION



## BFHS HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- BFHS ranks in the Top 5% of all AZ High Schools based on U.S. News & World Report's 2020 Best Arizona High Schools list.
- BFHS ranks in the Top 10% of Charter High Schools in the entire nation based on U.S. News & World Report's 2020 Best Charter High Schools list.
- We are an "A" rated charter high school based on ratings from AZED.
- 15 different Advanced Placement courses are offered for HS students at this time.
- BFHS competes in the 3A Division of the A.I.A - offering 15 high school, and 13 jr. high competitive sports.
- Award winning fine arts department - BFHS bands, orchestras, choirs, and art programs are top ranked.
- 52 out of the 137 graduates in 2020 graduated with Academic Honors (Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude).
- The Class of 2020 earned over \$1.1 million in scholarships.
- 100% of the graduating seniors had plans for after graduation.



*Website Info:*

**[HS.BFCSAZ.COM](https://hs.bfcsaz.com)**

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## San Tan Valley Busing

BFHS will continue to offer paid, limited morning busing for junior high and high school students in the San Tan Valley area. Students must be signed up and their respective spot paid before riding - routes begin the first day of school. The monthly fee is \$35/person or \$50 for two or more siblings from the same household. These bus routes are for morning pick up only. Bus spots are on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit [hs.bfcsaz.com/family-resources/transportation](https://hs.bfcsaz.com/family-resources/transportation) for more information .

## Crismon, Gilbert, & Power Shuttles to BFHS

We are excited to offer shuttle services between our Gilbert Campus and BFHS, as well as between our Crismon Camps and BFHS. It is a free services for our junior high and high school students at BFHS, and is offered both before and after school. Space on our Shuttles are limited and spots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit [hs.bfcsaz.com/family-resources/transportation](https://hs.bfcsaz.com/family-resources/transportation) for more information, and to join the Shuttle Interest Lists.

**POWER SHUTTLE COMING 2021!**

# Benjamin Franklin High School

Athletic Offerings (Jr. High & High School)



## Jr. High Sport Offerings

### Quarter 1 (August - October)

- Baseball
- Softball
- Cross Country

### Quarter 2 (October - December)

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Volleyball

### Quarter 3 (January - March)

- Football
- Girls Basketball
- Cheer

### Quarter 3 (January - March)

- Track & Field
- Wrestling
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Soccer

## High School Sport Offerings

### Fall (August - November)

- Football
- Girls Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Boys/Girls Swimming
- Pom (All Year)
- Cheer (All Year)

### Winter (November - February)

- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Boys & Girls Soccer
- Wrestling

### Spring (February - May)

- Track & Field
- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys Volleyball

#### WEBSITE:

[hs.bfcsaz.com/student-life/athletics](https://hs.bfcsaz.com/student-life/athletics)

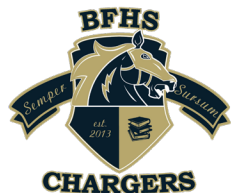


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## Fine Arts Offerings



## The Fine Arts

### Band

- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Jazz Band

### Orchestra

- Concert Strings
- Symphonic String
- Chamber Orchestra

### Choir

- Women's Ensemble
- Men's Ensemble
- JH Honor Choir
- HS Honor Choir
- Concert Choir
- Advanced Women's Chorale
- Charged Harmonies

### Dance

- Intro Ballet/Jazz
- Advance Dance
- Ballroom Dance I & II
- Dance Company

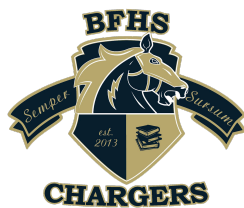
### Visual Arts

- Intro to Art
- Intermediate Art
- Advanced Art

### Other Fine Arts Electives

- Journalism/Yearbook
- Speech & Debate
- Theater I & II
- Guitar





**Benjamin Franklin High School  
Contact Information**

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**Administration**

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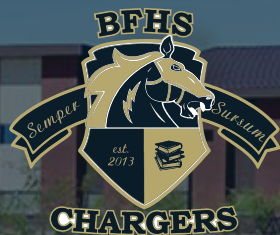
**Front Office Manager**

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**Registrar**

Sharon Turgeon - [sturgeon@bfcsaz.com](mailto:sturgeon@bfcsaz.com)

*For questions about enrollment, including questions about tours and necessary paperwork, please contact our Registrar, Sharon Turgeon. For questions about the transition to Junior High, including questions about class offerings and student life, please contact our Junior High Transition Coordinator, Christina Dressel.*



# Benjamin Franklin High School

## About BFHS

In the fall of 2013, Benjamin Franklin Charter School opened its first high school, combining it with the existing junior high, to create a 7-12 college preparatory secondary school. The philosophy, curriculum, and strong parental involvement that define Benjamin Franklin Charter School is based on many years of experience with similar programs that resulted from the "Back-to-Basics" movement during the 1970's. In the same spirit of parental involvement that gave birth to those earlier programs, Benjamin Franklin Charter School is the result of parents getting involved in their children's education by taking advantage of the new charter school law to form parent operated and governed schools.

## Vision Statement

Benjamin Franklin High School will provide to our students and for our parents rigorous, liberal arts, college preparatory education delivered in a safe, nurturing environment. Students, teachers and staff will be held to the highest standards of professionalism, personal conduct and character, understanding that what we teach implicitly is as important as what we teach explicitly. Our students will receive a comprehensive, content-rich, integrated 7th-12th grade education whereby each grade builds upon previous learning, culminating in students that excel academically, artistically and philosophically and thus are prepared to enter a four-year university and life. Academic excellence and personal character are developed and refined through the creation of sound habits and the perseverance to complete difficult tasks. Problem-solving opportunities and responsibility will be given to students in order that graduates may reflect on their experiences and learn from their successes as well as failures. Parents should understand that a charter school specializes in one pedagogy or methodology and does not provide, by design, all that a district school offers.

## Data and Information

Benjamin Franklin High School received an "A" rating from the state in its very first year of operation, and is nationally recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as a U.S. Best High School. The AzMERIT test scores back this up as we out-perform our local schools on average by **23.5%** in Math and **42.6%** in Language Arts.



### Principal

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### Registrar

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### School Information

*Established Date* - 2013

*School Code* - 030756

*Size (enrollment)* - 1,077

*Accreditation* - AdvancedED

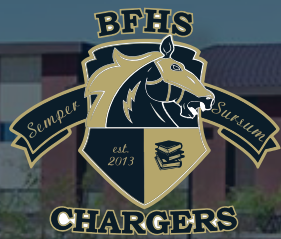
*Grades Served* - 7th - 12th

### Location & Contact Information

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## Advanced Placement and Honors Courses

Benjamin Franklin High School offers the following Advanced Placement Courses:

- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP European History
- AP US History
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Spanish
- AP French
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics

## Schedule and Graduation Requirements

Students attend a 6 class day from 7:25am - 2:20pm with the option of a 0 or 7th hour extending the day from 6:30am - 3:15pm. Students are required to complete 22 credits with the following requirements:

- 4 Credits of English
- 3 Credits of Lab Science
- 4 Credits of Math
- 4 Credits of History
- 4 Credits of Electives
- 2 Credits of Foreign Language
- 1 Credit of Fine Arts

## Class Rank and GPA Calculation:

Benjamin Franklin High School lists a weighted and unweighted GPA on transcripts. The GPA is weighted by an additional 1.0 quality point for Advanced Placement and Honors courses. Due to the rigorous college preparatory program, the academic excellence of our student body, and the small size of our senior classes, Benjamin Franklin High School does not rank students numerically.



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Benjamin Franklin High School is a part of Benjamin Franklin Charter School, a K-12 Arizona charter school founded in 1995. BFCS contains three elementary campuses serving grades K-6th, and one JH/HS campus (BFHS) serving grades 7th-12th. For more information about our curriculum, program, or campuses please visit [www.bfcsaz.com](http://www.bfcsaz.com).

## Course Progression

### Freshman

- Classical Literature
- Western Civilization I
- Geometry (or appropriate level)
- Biology
- Foreign Language
- Elective

### Sophomore

- British Literature
- Western Civilization II/AP European History
- Algebra II (or appropriate level)
- Chemistry
- Foreign Language
- Elective

### Junior

- American Literature/AP Language
- US History/AP US History
- Pre-Calculus (or appropriate level)
- Physics (or AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, Earth Science)
- Foreign Language or Elective
- Elective

### Senior

- Modern Literature/ AP Literature
- American Government and Economics/AP American Government and Economics
- Calculus (or appropriate level)
- Science or Elective
- Elective

\*Elective options include: Band, Orchestra, Choir, Speech and Debate, Art, Theater and more.