



MISSION

Gila Ridge High School is a collaborative academic community, supporting high expectations and accountability for continuous individual growth.

THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

Gila Ridge High School began operation in 2007, and is accredited by Cognia. Every student at Gila Ridge High School is participating in a rigorous, high expectations program of study within a college-going environment. All students participate in the Cambridge International curriculum in the core areas of English, mathematics, history, science and social studies. Courses are standardized, meaning the curriculum, lesson plans, and assessments in a particular course are the same regardless of who is teaching. Currently, Gila Ridge High School is rated as a “B” School.

Yuma is located in Southwestern Arizona, within ten miles of the borders of Mexico and California. Yuma community has a year-round population of approximately 950,000 residents. It is comprised of predominantly Hispanic and White ethnic groups with an additional mixture of Asian, African American, and Native American. The main economic activities of the area include: agriculture, tourism, light industry, and government services, including two large military bases. Yuma’s six public high schools serve the largest number of migrant students in Arizona. Gila Ridge high school, with a student population exceeding 2,300, has approximately 225 migrant students. Gila Ridge high school received its namesake because it overlooks the Gila Valley. We chose a Hawk as our mascot due to our close proximity to one of the largest military bases in the United States. The Hawk symbolizes the military airplanes that fly overhead.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Gila Ridge High School offers academic programs that prepare and ensure that every student will graduate college, career, and community prepared. Gila Ridge offers courses in multiple disciplines with a focus on academic rigor through the Cambridge Curriculum. We offer several Career and Technical Education programs as well as AVID, Advanced Placement courses and dual enrollment.

- 12 Advanced Placement courses
- AVID classes at all grade levels
- 13 Career and Technical Education programs
- 3 Diversified Cooperative Education classes
- CTE Child Development Lab with access to Child Development Associate Credential and college credit
- Access to certificated programs through the Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma
- Dual enrollment courses are available for math, CTE and government/economics
- Freshman teams in core classes to support all 9th graders transitioning to high school with common core teachers

SCHOOL PROFILE

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Google Workspace for Education is utilized as our virtual academic tool.

CANVAS Learning Management System is utilized as our online learning platform.

ParentVue and StudentVue are the platforms that allow self-management and communication for our parents, students, and teachers.

Edgenuity is utilized as the curriculum for credit recovery.

Graduation Requirements

English
8 Semesters = 4 credits

Mathematics
8 Semesters = 4 credits

Science
6 Semesters = 3 credits

Social Studies
6 Semesters = 3 credits

Physical Ed/Health
2 Semesters = 1 credit

Fine Arts/ CTE
2 Semesters = 1 credit

Elective Credits
12 Semesters = 6 credits

Civics Test
Total - 22 Credits

PERSONALIZED LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND MULTIPLE PATHWAYS

Yuma Union High School District's academic program provides opportunities for every student to reach their full potential. Every school provides a personalized education with a focus on problem solving, collaboration and communication so today's students have the skills they need to be successful in careers, college and life. Flexible pathways allow students to apply their knowledge and skills to tasks of personal interest as a part of the personalized learning process. This includes dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, CTE, work based learning and virtual/blended learning.

TESTING

Gila Ridge offers the following exams:

ACT
PSAT
Aspire
AP
AZ Science
ASVAB
Cambridge
CTE Certification
Gifted & Talented

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

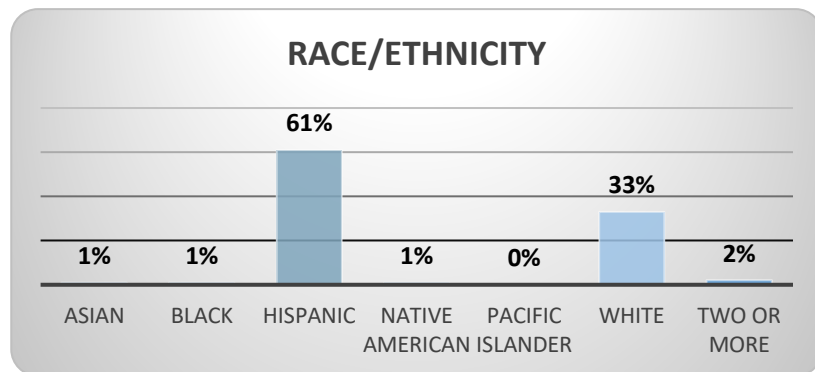
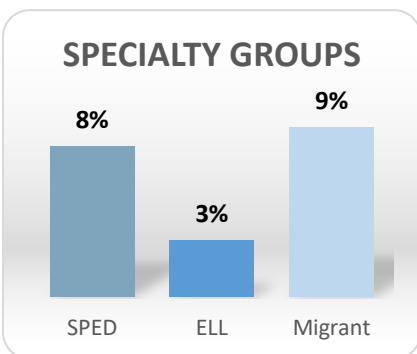
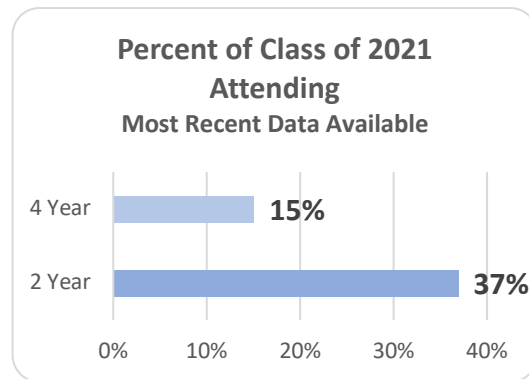
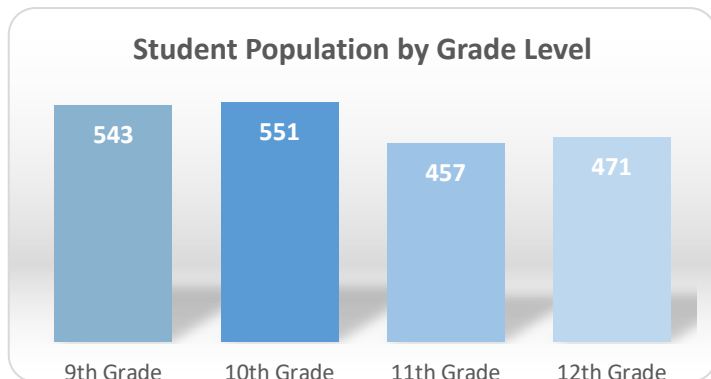
Activities	Activities	Activities	Athletics	Athletics
Academic Decathlon	• FBLA	• NHS	• Baseball	• Spiritline
AVID	• FCCLA	• S2S	• Basketball	• Swim/Dive
Band	• FFA	• SkillsUSA-ICE	• Cross Country	• Tennis
Chess	• Gamers Guild	• SkillsUSA-Welding	• Football	• Track & Field
Choir	• Green Club	• Spanish Club	• Golf	• Unified Sports
Dance	• GR Hoopster	• Student Council	• Soccer	• Volleyball
Drama	• HOSA-Sports Medicine	• Yearbook	• Softball	• Wrestling
Educators Rising	• HOSA-Nursing	• Youth for Christ		
Environmental	• JSA	• Yellow Ribbon		

ACCOLADES

In 2019, one student was chosen as a National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist

In 2021, one student was chosen as a National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist

SNAPSHOT OF GILA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE

In recent years, Gila Ridge High School seniors have been accepted into the following post-secondary institutions:

Arizona Western College, Arizona State University, Baylor University, Biola University, Brigham Young University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Embry Riddle, Grand Canyon University, New York State University, Northern Arizona University, Notre Dame, Point Loma Nazarene University, Texas A & M, Texas Tech University, The University of Arizona, United States Military Academy, University of California- Berkeley, University of Southern California.