

# Biltmore Preparatory Academy

Creighton School District

Phoenix, Arizona



¡ORGULLO DE TIGRE! [TIGER PRIDE!]

## Today

At Biltmore Preparatory Academy (BPA), we believe biliteracy creates opportunities for students to become compassionate, inclusive, global citizens who are equipped to be successful and competitive within today's global markets utilizing Apple technology. Students are empowered to become biliterate in Spanish and English through Dual Language Immersion, as they learn language through content. Students have the opportunity to earn high school World Language credit, the Biliteracy Award of Distinction, and participate in exchange programs in Spanish speaking countries.

BPA welcomes a diverse community valuing the strengths in all learners, including gifted, special education, heritage and native language learners. Apple technology provides an inclusive community, fostering students diversity, utilizing accessibility and creativity tools that allows students to showcase their *Tiger Pride!*

91%

### HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

91% of students earn Spanish 1-2 or 3-4 high school credit by showing proficiency on the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward the fulfillments of the two year World Language requirement for high school students.

96%

### BILITERACY AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Over the last three years, 96% of students have earned the Biliteracy Award of Distinction completing a rigorous application process. This is communicated to high school districts to ensure students receive recognition for biliteracy as they transition to high school.

84%

### INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

84% of 4th-8th grade students participate in either the Exchange Program with Hermosillo, Mexico and/or the Junior Ambassador Program to Spain, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, & China.



## Demographics

575 students

42 teachers

Public School

K-8 Grade



## Students

1:1 iPad devices

## Teachers

MacBook Air and iPad devices

## Classified Staff

MacBook Air and iMac devices

## Support

Apple Professional Services: Project Manager, Deployment Services, Apple Learning Coaches, Apple Education Team

## Classroom/Learning Spaces

Apple TV devices



### Vision

At BPA we nurture a community that collaborates to foster strong, confident leaders who are biliterate, adventurous, and solution seekers to compete in global markets.

- **Biliterate Scholars:** Learning is personalized to support students to learn, think, read, write, and speak in two languages, Spanish and English.
- **Adventurous Learners:** Creatively explore and connect with the community by engaging in real world learning experiences.
- **Solution Seekers:** Utilize critical thinking skills to collaborate and create innovative solutions to problems.

### Learning

Teachers and site leadership work together to guarantee student learning is connected, collaborative, creative, and personalized. This ensures all students become biliterate scholars, adventurous learners, and solution seekers!

**Biliterate Scholars:** We prepare students to be biliterate as they transition to high school by providing daily content area instruction in both English and Spanish.

- Demonstrating learning over time by designing digital, bilingual portfolios using Seesaw and Google Workspace for Education.
- Practicing language development using audio and video programs such as Clips and GarageBand.
- Practicing writing and grammar skills in Spanish and English by using digital resources like Keynote and Numbers.

**Adventurous Learners:** We build strong leaders that acquire real world experiences that will help them compete in a global market.

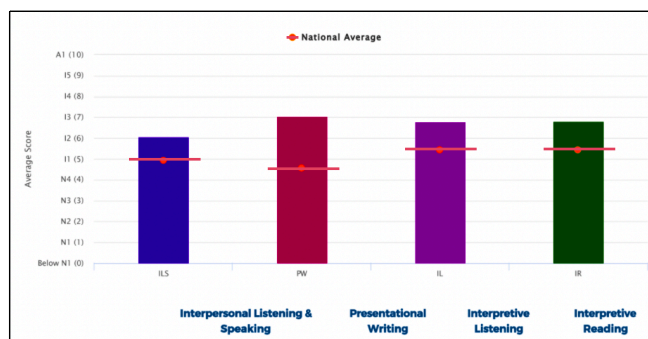
- Exploring around the world using virtual reality through Nearpod.
- Demonstrating learning by creating podcasts and digital music assignments utilizing GarageBand.
- Collaborating to create digital, daily morning announcements and monthly assemblies using Clips and iMovie.
- Creating and globally sharing learning through video tutorials, presentations, and projects created within the iWork Suite.

**Solution Seekers:** We inspire students to continuously generate innovative solutions to solve problems.

- Collaborating with others to create common solutions using shared tools within Google Workspace for Education.
- Learning and educating others on social emotional learning skills using podcasts or informational videos utilizing GarageBand, iMovie, and Clips.
- Advocating for student driven choice in tools and/or programs used to demonstrate and present learning including Apple Accessibility tools.

### Success

- 300% increase in Enrollment (25% YOY) since 2010
- 100% of middle school average scores on Spanish Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) tests are above National Average
- 79% of students met their growth goals in math, reading and language arts on district assessments, an increase of 33% from the previous school year
- Apple (Teacher) Learning Technology Survey
  - 100% feel prepared to teach with technology
  - 100% encourage students to create products to demonstrate and share their learning
  - Majority of teachers encourage:
    - problem solving
    - critical thinking
    - teamwork and collaboration
    - making learning personal for every student
- 100% Apple Teachers



*Middle school students outscored the National Average on the Spanish ACTFL AAPPL in Interpersonal Listening & Speaking, Presentational Writing, Interpretive Listening, and Interpretive Reading.*

### What's next

Biltmore Preparatory Academy is dedicated to consistent evolution of instruction utilizing Apple technologies, through technology integration professional development and support from on site Apple Learning Coaches and Technology Mentor Teachers! Students will have opportunities to build a culminating digital portfolio, as well as build technology skills like coding, designing and creating 3D printed models, and utilizing innovative technology to capture learning.

Biliteracy continues to be a growing focus, as we strive for multi-literacy, offering French and other language electives in upcoming years. We also look forward to exploring the possibility of 8th grade students taking the AP Spanish exam prior to entering high school.



### Links

- [Biliterate Scholars in action!](#)
- [Adventurous Learners in action!](#)
- [Solution Seekers in action!](#)
- [Additional Links](#)