



DEER VALLEY

Unified School District

Hillcrest Middle School



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VISION

Hillcrest Middle School will empower young minds to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens ready to meet the challenges of the future.

MISSION

At HMS we are committed to nurturing an innovative environment where students discover their unique potential by facilitating academic and personal growth, cultivating relationships, modeling integrity, and encouraging collaboration.

CORE VALUES

Growth, Relationships, Integrity, Teamwork

SCHOOL MOTTO

Responsible, Respectful, Ready for the Future!

Unique Opportunities

Hillcrest Middle School specializes in offering many unique learning opportunities during the school day and outside of school hours for adolescents to help prepare them for High School.

Engaging Elective Choices

- *STEM I and II* ([Gateway to Technology](#))



- *Career Action Lab I and II* - A Medical STEM Lab with curriculum from [Paxton Patterson](#)



- **Mandarin 1-2H and Mandarin 3-4H* for high school credit (*for students coming to Hillcrest from a Mandarin Immersion Program)
- *Project Math and Project Science* (project-based learning)

- *Spanish 1-2H and Spanish 3-4H* for high school credit
- *Fine Art Electives*, including Art, Band, & Chorus
- *Creative Publications* - Hillcrest's morning announcement and yearbook class (8th Grade Only)
- *Performance and Literary Works* (Drama)
- *Physical Education*
- *Office TA* (8th Grade Only)





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Hillcrest is a “**True Middle School**” with Academic Core Teams which creates small “schools within the school.”

A Core Team approach allows for teachers to plan integrated units and activities and provides a sense of community with our students.

Fun Extracurricular Opportunities

Boys Baseball
Girls Softball
Spiritline (Hillcrest has separate Cheer and Pom Teams)
Cross Country
Wrestling
Volleyball
Basketball
Track and Field

National Junior Honor Society
Student Council
Game Club
Jazz Band
Drama (this club does two productions each year)
Model UN
Morning Weightlifting (through Community Education)

Social Emotional Learning

SEL lessons are created based on campus survey data and feedback from teachers and students and are taught by a counselor to the Renaissance students during campus FLEX time. FLEX time is our daily 30 minute intervention & extension time.

7th grade Renaissance Students wanted to start a Rubik's Cube FLEX class and a teacher offers that one day a week for interested students. Another class is taught by two or our Renaissance students who teach students who sign up how to make Origami. FLEX time classes have helped create a sense of community on campus.

Our Falcon Fest assemblies celebrate academics and student talent. Students who make the Principal's list and Honor Roll are recognized each quarter.



Interested in Becoming a Falcon?

Hillcrest Website Resources



Hillcrest.DVUSD.org

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