



MISSION

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

SCHOOL PROFILE

Gila Ridge High School
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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

THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

Insist on Soaring. This vision captures the school culture at Gila Ridge High School (GRHS), which began serving students in 2007 and is accredited by Cognia. With a student population nearing 2,400, the school was named after its location overlooking the Gila Valley of Yuma, AZ. The Hawk was chosen as school mascot, acknowledging its close proximity to one of the largest military bases in the United States and symbolizing the military airplanes that fly overhead. Every student at Gila Ridge High School participates in a rigorous program of study and a college-going, career-ready environment. All students participate in the Cambridge International curriculum in the core areas of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Most students participate in Career & Technical Education programs leading to dual credit and industry certifications before graduation. Gila Ridge High School was most recently rated as a B school by the Arizona State Board of Education A-F School Accountability model.

Yuma County is located in Southwestern Arizona, bordering Mexico and California. Yuma County has a year-round population of approximately 210,000 residents. During the winter months, the population increases drastically due to northern visitors looking for mild weather and migrant field workers who harvest winter crops, including 90% of the world's lettuce supply. Yuma's seven public high schools serve the largest number of migrant students in Arizona. Yuma County is comprised of a predominantly Hispanic population (66%), but includes other diverse groups: White/Non-Hispanic (28%), Black (2.5%), Native American (2.4%), and Asian (1.5%). The Gila Ridge High School student population closely mirrors the diversity of the community at large. The main economic activities of the area include agriculture, tourism, light industry, and government services (including two large military bases).

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Gila Ridge High School offers academic programming that prepares and ensures that every student graduates college, career, and community prepared. Gila Ridge offers courses in a multitude of pathways with a focus on academic rigor through the Cambridge Curriculum. Other offerings include Advanced Placement courses, concurrent and dual enrollment with accredited state colleges and universities, Career and Technical Education Programs, and schoolwide AVID implementation to ensure access and opportunity equity.

- 16 Advanced Placement courses
AVID elective classes at every grade level
14 Career and Technical Education programs
Industry certification programs through the Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma (STEDY)
Dual enrollment courses are available in math, CTE and government/economics
Freshman Teams to support all 9th graders transition to high school setting
Educational Career Action Plan (ECAP) for every student. ECAP personalizes the education experience, empowering students to align coursework and extracurricular activities with a career pathway that reflects individual interests, skills, and values.
Standards-based grading model, emphasizing competency/proficiency of every student
Faculty incorporate personalized, competency-based learning and WICOR instructional models in all classes ensuring authentic student engagement and support in their learning.
Access to AP, Cambridge, and ACT assessments provided at no cost to every student.

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

- ★ Academic Decathlon
- ★ AVID
- ★ Band
- ★ Chess
- ★ Choir
- ★ Dance
- ★ Drama
- ★ Gamer's Guild
- ★ Green Club
- ★ Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- ★ Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- ★ Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- ★ HOSA-Sports Medicine Club
- ★ HOSA-Nursing Club
- ★ National Honor Society

ATHLETICS

- ★ SkillsUSA
- ★ Spanish Club
- ★ Student Council
- ★ Yearbook
- ★ Youth for Christ Club
- ★ Yellow Ribbon Club
- ★ Baseball
- ★ Basketball
- ★ Cross Country
- ★ Football
- ★ Golf
- ★ Soccer
- ★ Softball
- ★ Spiritline
- ★ Swim/Dive
- ★ Tennis
- ★ Track & Field
- ★ Unified Sports
- ★ Volleyball
- ★ Wrestling

ACCOLADES

In 2023, one student was nominated and accepted to the United States Air Force Academy and the United States Naval Academy.

In the class of 2023

★186 met all 16 Arizona Board of Regents Program of Study Requirements

★52 passed one or more AP exams earning college credit

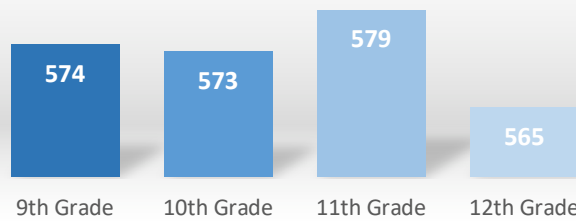
★144 earned college credit in core and foreign language courses

★292 earned one or more industry certifications in CTE programs

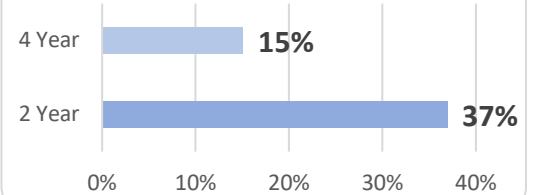
In 2021 & 2019, students were chosen as a National Merit Scholar Semifinalists

SNAPSHOT OF GILA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

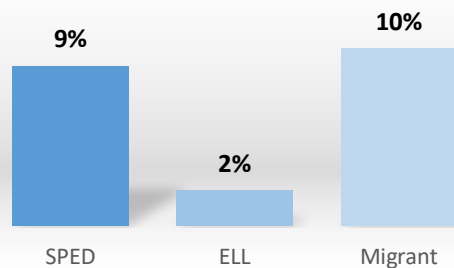
Student Population by Grade Level



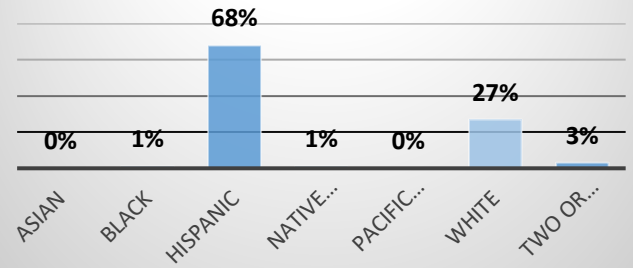
Percent of Class of 2021 Attending Most Recent Data Available



SPECIALTY GROUPS



RACE/ETHNICITY



COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE

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

Alverno College, Arizona Christian University, Arizona State University, Arizona Western College, Asbury University, Baylor University, Bethel University, Biola University, Brigham Young University, Cochise College, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Elmhurst University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Glendale Community College, Grace College, Graceland University, Grand Canyon University, Hesston College, Huntingdon College, New York State University, Northern Arizona University, Notre Dame, Oregon Institute of Technology, Otero College, Ottawa University, Paradise Valley Community College, Park University, Point Loma Nazarene University, Pratt Institute, Southern Utah University, Texas A & M, Texas Tech University, The University of Arizona, Tulsa Welding School, United States Air Force Academy, United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, University of California- Berkeley, University of Hawaii at Manoa, University of New England, University of Oregon, University of Portland, University of South Carolina, University of Southern California Yavapai College, York University