

DESERT VISTA HIGH SCHOOL *Home of the Thunder*

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2024-2025 School Profile

<https://www.tempeunion.org/desertvista>

CEEB Code 030-328

School & Community

Desert Vista High School is a comprehensive public high school of approximately 2850 students building a bridge to excellence in academics. It is located in the Ahwatukee/Foothills section of Phoenix, Arizona. Accredited by Cognia, Desert Vista has students enrolled in grades 9-12. The freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes have approximately 686, 698, 714, and 718 students respectively. Based on the 2024 graduation class, 70% of the students are attending a four-year college or university, 15% attending a two-year college, and the remaining 15% pursuing full-time employment, military or vocational training.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 23 credits (1 credit = 1 year)

	Credits
English	4.0
Math	4.0
	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 + 1 additional
Lab Science	3.0
	Life, Physical Science, and 3 rd lab science
Social Studies	2.5
	World History/Geography US/AZ History US/AZ Government (.5)
Economics	0.5
Fine Art/CTE	2.0
Physical Education	1.0
Health	0.5
Electives	5.5

Desert Vista has two semesters consisting of two nine-week quarters and students can take six classes daily.

Desert Vista Administration

Stacy White

Principal

TJ Snyder

Academics

Jared Walther

Activities

Biju Padmanabhan

Athletics

Desert Vista Counseling Office

Kate Dowd

Department Chair

Gifted Classes of 2027 & 2028

Rory Ruelas

Grades 9-12 A-CI

Karen Hinds

Grades 9-12 Cm-G

Sarah Hollow

Grades 9-12 H-L

Mickey Krebs

Grades 9-12 M-Q

Helen Hale

Grades 9-12 R-Tr

Ricki Cassutt

Grades 9-12 Ts-Z

Gifted Classes of 2025 & 2026

Dixie Prosser

Office Assistant

Class Rank and GPA

The number of classes taken to produce the students' grade point average (GPA) divides total grade points earned. Only semester grades are used in computing the GPA and corresponding rank in class. Class rank and GPA are reported on the official transcripts at the end of the seventh semester and are considered the final class rank. Administrative Assistant is not used when computing the GPA. Also, repeated classes do not earn credit. The higher grade earned in a repeated course is used in computing the GPA. Weighted rank points will be given to those courses underlined in the Registration Handbook, however, the GPA remains unweighted. The weighted GPA is computed on the transcript for informational purposes only and is not officially reported by the school. Weighted rank points will not be given for courses from other schools for which we do not give weighted rank points. The transferring school and the receiving school must both have awarded weighted grades/rank for a particular course.

Grading System: A= 90-100%, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, D=60-69%, F=0-59%

*D is lowest passing mark

**Some AP and Honors classes use a 92% scale

Dual Enrollment and/or Honors Courses

2023-2024

Over 1000 students enrolled in dual credit.

80+ Honors level courses offered. Core classes are designated with Honors and non-core classes are designated with Advanced.

50+ Dual Enrollment Rio Salado courses offered

Curriculum and Honors Course Offerings

Class Levels: Courses are offered at the following levels: Regular, Dual Enrollment, Honors, Advanced Placement

Honors / Advanced Placement (AP): Honors and AP classes are designed for students demonstrating exceptional aptitude and achievement in the discipline and have demonstrated a desire to pursue the curriculum beyond the regular level.

Dual Enrollment: Courses are offered at Desert Vista for both college and high school credit. Depending on the course, college credit is awarded by Rio Salado Community College.

Testing Results

2024 Advanced Placement Scores

Total AP Students	481
Number of AP Exams	984
Percent of AP Students with a Score of 3+	80%

ACT Average

2024 ACT (district exam) 703 exams

English: 21.9

Math: 21

Reading: 21.7

Science: 21.5

Writing: 7

Composite: 21.6

National Merit Semi-Finalists

2024: 12

2023: 6

2022: 9

2021: 3

Advanced Placement Courses

Biology*

Calculus AB*

Calculus BC*

Chemistry*

Chinese Language and Culture*

Computer Science A*

English Language and Composition*

English Literature and Composition*

Environmental Science*

Human Geography*

Physics 2*

Physics C

Psychology

Spanish Language and Culture*

Statistics*

United States Government & Politics*

United States History*

World History: Modern*

* Offered during the 2024-25 school year