



# Desert Mountain High School

CEEB Code: 030396

# School Profile 2024-2025



**Principal:** Mr. John Andrews

**Assistant Principals:** Stephen Cervantez, Cher Fesenmaier, Kristen Tindall, Todd Wright

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## Class of 2024 Data

- 91.14% of DMHS graduates attended a post-secondary institution.
- 73% 4-Year College
- 18.1% 2 Year College or Trade School
- 7.55% Military or Workforce

## Standardized Testing

SAT Mean Scores for class of **2024** - 1250  
Evidence Based Reading & Writing -634  
Math -616

ACT Mean Scores for class of **2024**  
Composite - 23, Reading - 23.1, Math - 23

## Class of 2024 AP Scholars

- 88 AP Scholars
- 32 AP Scholars with Honors
- 45 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 928 AP tests administered
- 64% earned 3 or better

## Class of 2024 National Merit Scholars / Awards

- 1 National Merit Scholar
- 4 National Merit Finalists
- 4 National Merit Semi-Finalists
- 8 National Merit Commended Scholars
- 1 Questbridge Scholar
- 5 College Board Nat'l Recognition Scholars

## Advanced Coursework, IB

- 33 Honors Courses offered
- 19 AP Courses offered
- 26 IB Courses offered
- 18% enrolled in IB or MYP
- 85% of IB Diploma candidates received their diplomas

## School and the Community

Desert Mountain High School opened in 1995 and is located in North Scottsdale, serving approximately 1900 students in grades 9-12. Desert Mountain is ranked 20th within Arizona and #1 high school in Scottsdale by US News and World Report. Students have the opportunity to take AP coursework and exams. The AP participation rate at Desert Mountain is 34%.

In 1998 Desert Mountain became an International Baccalaureate (IB) member school and is the sole IB program for the District. In 2022 Desert Mountain received accreditation for the IB Middle Years Programme. We offer a choice of standard, honors, Advanced Placement, IB Middle Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme classes.

Total enrollment in 2024 is 1,932. The total minority enrollment is 35% and 5% are economically disadvantaged. DMHS is 1/5 high schools in Scottsdale Unified School District and offers programs for gifted, English Language Learners and Special Education students. Extensive Career and Technological programs are also available through a partnership with East Valley Institute Technology. Dual enrollment courses are offered through a partnership with Maricopa Community Colleges.

Desert Mountain has state of the art facilities including a 1200 seat auditorium, newly renovated football field, and 18,000 square foot multi-use library.

## Accreditation

Desert Mountain High School is accredited through COGNIA and given an A rating by the Arizona Department of Education. DM sports participate in the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

## School Year

The school year consists of 180 days. Semester classes meet for 54 minutes, five days per week. There are two semesters in a school year and students receive .5 credit per class each semester.

## Faculty

The Desert Mountain faculty includes five administrators, nine professional support staff members and 89 teachers, of whom 77 hold Master's Degrees and four hold Doctorates.

## Extracurricular Activities

Desert Mountain students participate in Student Government, National Honor Society, performing arts, athletics at the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity levels, as well as over fifty student clubs and organizations. Our girls tennis, cross-country, softball and swim and dive are 2023-2024 state champions. Boys swim and dive and girls tennis were state runner ups. Boys football and basketball both made it to the Open division.

## Demographics

The Desert Mountain community is made up of a diverse group of students representing 44 countries and 38 spoken languages. Our demographic include 12.41% Asian, 9.93% Hispanic, 3.15% Black/African American, 1.03% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.47% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 3.31% two or more and 69.7% White.

## Graduation Requirements

A total of **22** credits are required to graduate: Class of 2024

- English - 4 credits
- Social Studies - 3 credits
- Mathematics - 4 credits
- Science - 3 credits
- Physical Education - 1 credit
- Fine Arts or Career Technical Education - 1 credit
- Electives 6 - credits
- Required State Civic Exam

## Grading Scale

Grade	Range	GPA
A	90%-100%	4
B	80%-89%	3
C	70%-79%	2
D	60%-69%	1
F	0 - 59%	0

## Grade Point Average and Ranking System

Class rank is calculated on a weighted academic cumulative GPA for all courses grades 9 through 11. Honors, AP and IB classes carry a weighted grade value: an A=5 points, B=4 points, C=3 points. Official ranking is reported at the end of the student's sixth semester. Scottsdale Unified Schools uses the Latin Honors Recognition scale which is determined by a student's Weighted Overall GPA. Summa Cum Laude = 4.500+, Magna Cum Laude = 4.250-4.499, Cum Laude = 3.750-4.429

The Following Classes are Weighted in Computing Class Rank:

### Honors

English I H	Human Physiology/Anatomy H	Mandarin III H	Photo / Digital Media III H
English II H	Physics First H	Mandarin IV H	Wind Ensemble H
Algebra II H	French II H	Spanish II H	Symphonic Orchestra H
Geometry/Trigonometry H	French III H	Spanish III H	Theater IV Advanced H
Calculus III H	French IV H	Spanish IV H	Dance IV H
Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus H	Japanese II H	Design/Sculpt II H	Performance Dance Ensemble H
Biology H	Japanese III H	Design/Sculpt III H	
Chemistry H	Japanese IV H	Fashion & Textiles III H	
Robotics H	Mandarin II H	Drawing & Painting III H	

### Advanced Placement (AP)

AP English Language & Composition	AP Calculus AB	AP US/AZ History	AP Chemistry	AP Studio Art
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Calculus BC	AP US Government & Politics	AP Biology	AP Studio Art 2D
AP French V	AP Statistics	AP Macroeconomics	AP Psychology	AP Studio Art 3D
AP Spanish V	AP Comp Science	AP Environmental Science	AP World History	

### International Baccalaureate (IB)

IB English III (HL)	IB Math (SL)	IB Biology (SL)	IB French (SL)	IB Art Design (SL)	IB Comp Science (SL)
IB English IV (HL)	IB Math (HL)	IB Biology (HL)	IB Mandarin (SL)	IB Art Design (HL)	
IB History (SL)	IB Math Studies (SL)	IB Chemistry (SL)	IB Spanish (SL)	IB Music (SL)	
IB Economics (SL)	IB Business (SL)	IB Chemistry (HL)	IB Spanish (HL)	IB Theater (SL)	
IB History (HL)	IB Psychology (SL)	IB Extended Essay	IB Theory of Knowledge	IB Theater (HL)	