

DESERT STAR HIGH SCHOOL



Informational Packet
2025-2026

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Desert Star High School Titans

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Dear Scholars, Parents, and Families,

Welcome to Desert Star High School, home of the Titans! We are extremely proud that you are allowing us some time to introduce our new high school program and staff to you. We are a new traditional high school that opened in the Fall of 2024 for grades 9 & 10. We will be offering grade 11 for the Fall 2025 school year, and adding 12th grade in the 2026-2027 school year.

DSHS is committed to educating your scholars and preparing them for a successful career or post-secondary education. Our staff has been preparing to offer the complete high school experience for almost three years. We are excited and passionate about creating life-time “high school” memories for each scholar to fondly look back on.

While our facilities are limited these first years, our programs are not. We have certified teachers willing to go the extra mile to ensure every DSHS scholar graduates on time and is ready to succeed in the world. Of course academics are foremost, the high school experience must include grade level camaraderie, extra-curricular activities, leadership and service opportunities, pep rallies, a multitude of dances, sporting events, and other scholar council/scholar created activities within the school and the community.

All students entering our school are referred to as “Scholars”. We believe that Scholars don’t just participate in education, they engage and take charge of their learning experience and academic success. The “Titans” reference in our school name symbolises persons of great strength, intellect, and importance.

Desert Star High School is currently in the process of completing Cognia Accreditation. We have successfully completed step one of the candidacy review and are on track for accreditation by the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

We are excited to welcome all of you into our Titan community and look forward to seeing you all on The Rise of the Titans Registration Night in April & future informational meetings.

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Mission Statement

Desert Star Academy is a college, career, and life preparatory academy embodying academics, citizenship, and leadership that will develop and empower scholars for a successful pathway post-graduation.

Core Values

- **Academics:** Desert Star Academy's standard is excellence. All scholars will develop their strengths to grow academically and emotionally to achieve success post high school graduation
- **Accountability:** Provide a learning culture where each scholar will learn and be prepared to perform academically, accountable to themselves, their family, their community and their world
- **Safety:** Each scholar will learn in a safe, clean and nurturing environment that embodies the whole individual where confidence can be developed
- **Community:** Each scholar will become productive citizens by contributing to their school, family and community
- **Collaboration:** Desert Star Academy will empower scholar education through collaboration among scholars, families, educators and community partnership and is responsible for educating a college or career bound scholar to achieve excellence.

Commitment to Our Scholars and Families

Desert Star High School is committed to preparing each scholar by providing a pathway to pursue education, military, or workforce after high school through quality academics, training, tutoring, credit recovery, and extracurricular activities.

Titan Staff

Administration

Principal

Vice Principal / Athletic Director / PE

CTE Director

Administrative Assistant

Mr. Jesus Osuna

Mr. Jonathan Clark

Mr. Paul Gladeau

Mrs. Megan Demmer

Teachers

Language Arts

Language Arts

H.Algebra/Chemistry

Algebra/Geometry

Environmental Science/Art

History

Choir/Theater/Band

Weights

Counselor / Scholar Council

CTE Culinary Arts

CTE Graphic Design

CTE Early Childhood Education

CTE Business Administration

Resource Math/Language Arts

Ms. Sidney Rascon

Ms. Jody Carroll

Dr. Robert Rubio

Mr. Peter Eastman

Ms. Lawrence Perales

Mr. Erik Johnson

Ms. Maddisyn Myers

Mr. Mitchel Mulcahy

Mr. Paul Perkins

Mr. Craig Pinkard

Mr. Michael Jackson

Mrs. Kylee Melcher

Mr. Frank Sagasta

Mr. Jose Rosario

Directors

DSA Director

Director of Exceptional Student Services

Mrs. Margie Montgomery

Mrs. Lina Engelhardt



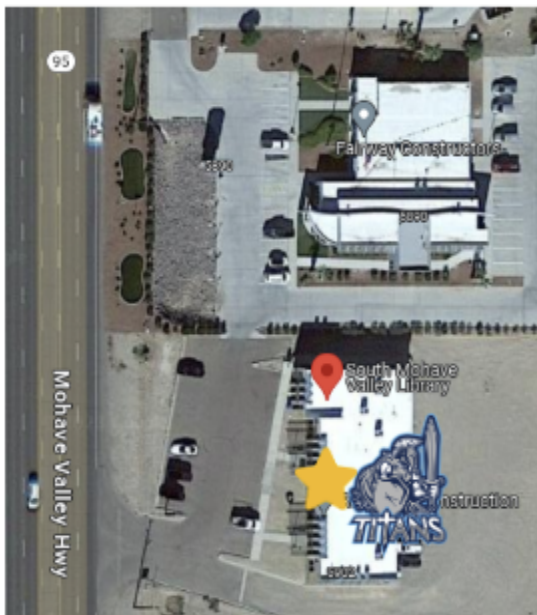
High School Facilities

DSHS Present Site:

Desert Star High School will continue to implement a split campus for the 2025-2026 school year. This includes the main campus located at **5902 Hwy 95, Fort Mohave, AZ 86426** (next to the South Mohave Valley Library) and our new **DSA Gymnasium** located next to the DSA Middle School. Scholars are transported between both campuses throughout the day using our DSA Bus.

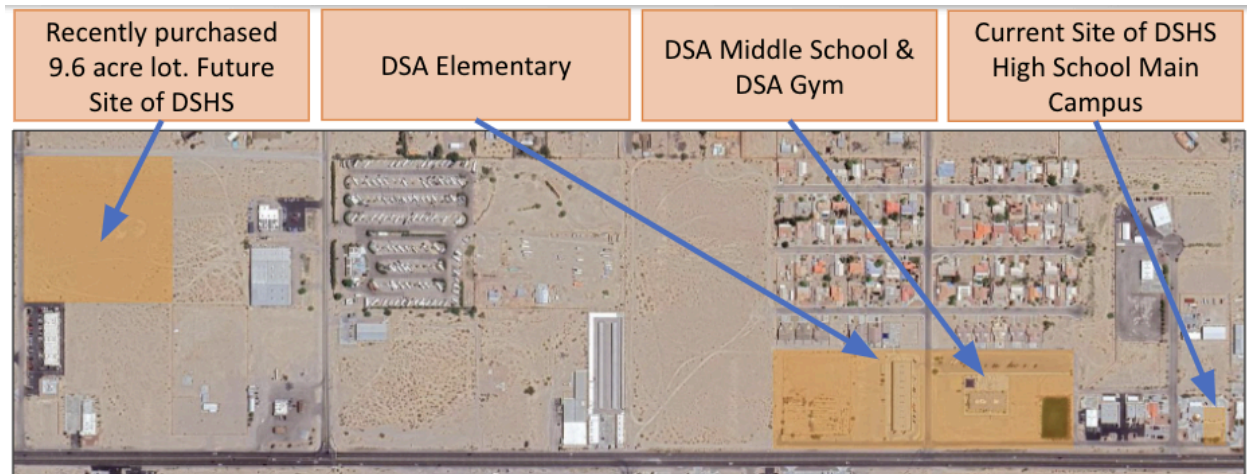
Core classes will be located in the three suites in the main campus building. Biology, CTE Culinary Arts, Weights, Physical Education, Fine Arts (Choir & Theater) will be held inside of the new DSA gymnasium.

Inside the gym there is a full stage, weight room, a culinary kitchen with 3 Home-Economic type kitchen set-ups, a science classroom, and the open gym floor.



DSHS Future Site:

Desert Star Academy has recently purchased a 9.6 acre lot as the future site for Desert Star High School. **UPDATE:** DSA has secured financing for high school buildings. Ground breaking ceremony occurred April 18, 2025 with the announcement of an estimated completion date of July 2026.

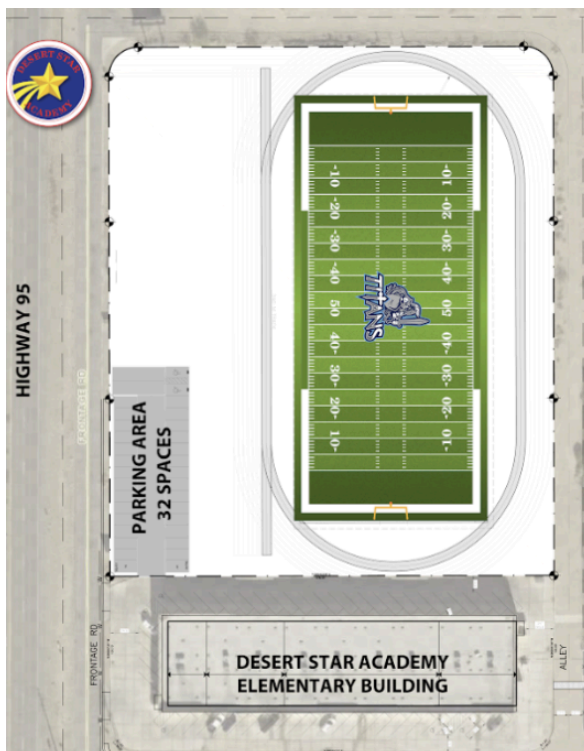


Athletic Fields:

Football Field next to Elementary Campus (*currently under construction*)

Basketball, Volleyball, Cheer in DSA Gym

Baseball / Softball Community Park in Mohave Valley



Academic Pathways

Desert Star High School is committed to providing every scholar a successful academy pathway towards post-graduation success. These pathways include:

University path, Community-College path, Career & Technical Education (Certification) path, & Military path.

Tentative Class Offerings for 2025/26 (Grades 9, 10, 11)

Grade 12 coming 2026/27

Freshman (9) Track					
English 9	Algebra 1	Biology	Elective 1	Elective 2	Elective 3 / CTE / MCC
Freshman (9) Honors Track					
Honors English 9	Honors Algebra 1	Honors Biology	Elective 1	Elective 2	Elective 3 / CTE / MCC
Sophomore (10) Track					
English 10	Geometry	Environmental Science	World History	Elective 1	Elective 2 / CTE / MCC
Sophomore (10) Honors Track					
Honors English 10	Honors Algebra 2	Honors Chemistry	World History	Elective 1	Elective 2 / CTE / MCC
Junior (11) Track					
English 11	Geometry	Chemistry or Honors Chemistry	World History	Elective 1	Elective 2 / CTE / MCC

**Scholars deficient in credits will be placed into a credit recovery class in place of an elective to successfully recover lost credits utilizing the SchoolsPLP software.*

Tentative CTE, Fine Arts, & Elective Class Offerings:

Electives & Fine Arts Offered on DSHS Campus					
Weights / Physical Education / Weights (<i>girls only</i>)	Intro to Gothic Literature / Edgar Allen Poe Elective	Scholar Council / Public Speaking	Creative Writing / Film Appreciation	Show Choir / Theater / Band / Art I & II	Podcasting Elective / Spanish (<i>remote learning</i>)
Career Technical Education (CTE) Offered on DSHS Campus					
Culinary Arts I & II	Digital Media & Communications I & II	Graphic Design I & II	Early Childhood Education I & II	Business Management I (<i>new</i>)	Automotive & Welding Technologies <i>TBD</i>
Mohave Community College (<i>Through Concurrent Enrollment online or in person.</i>)					
Foreign Languages	Psychology / Humanities	Sociology / Philosophy	<u>WAVE JTED Class Offerings</u>	<u>MCC CTE Offerings</u>	<u>MCC AGEC Courses</u>

Mohave Community College & WAVE JTED Partnerships

Desert Star High School has partnered with Mohave Community College & WAVE JTED to offer our scholars the opportunity to take college level courses tuition free through the **Early Start Scholarship Program**. Scholars can take advantage of these partnerships through concurrent enrollment, meaning they can receive dual high school and college credit simultaneously. Scholars can take college courses at the MCC campus, WAVE JTED central campus, and/or online from the DSHS campus in a study hall/independent study classroom.

To learn more about the MCC’s Early Start Scholarship Program visit:

<https://www.mohave.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/early-start-scholarship-program/>

To learn more about WAVE JTED course offerings visit: <https://www.wavejted.org/>

Curriculum

Math - Algebra & Geometry: Eureka Math + Workbooks, supplemented with Everything Algebra Curriculum, & IXL Math.

English - English 9-11: Top Score Writing and teacher created curriculum based on AZ State Standards supplemented with IXL ELA.

Resource Math/English - ImagineLearning: Edgenuity

Biology & Science TBD- Miller & Levine 9/10 Biology Student Textbook + Workbook

US History & World History - US & World History Textbook & Workbooks by Savvas

Credit Recovery - SchoolsPLP Software

Social Emotional Counseling & Career/Guidance Counseling - Mr. Paul Perkins

Graduation Requirements

DSHS will follow the graduation requirements set forth by the Arizona Board of Education. The requirements include:

Minimum Graduation Requirements: Total 22 credits*

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
History & Social Science	3 credits
<i>*One credit of American History + one credit of world history/geography; .5 credit of Civics /American government, including Arizona government; and .5 credit of economics</i>	
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education	1 credit
Electives	7 credits
<i>*Must pass Civics Test 70/100</i>	
<i>*CPR chest compression certified</i>	

DSHS Bell Schedule

0 <i>Homeroom</i>	7:40am - 7:55am (15 minutes)
1	8:00am - 9:05am (65 minutes)
2	9:10am - 10:15am (65 minutes)
3	10:20am - 11:25am (65 minutes)
4-LUNCH	11:25am - 12:00pm (35 minutes)
5	12:05pm - 1:10pm (65 minutes)
6	1:15pm - 2:20pm (65 minutes)
7	2:25pm - 3:30pm (65 minutes)

***Friday school offered once or twice a month for intervention, credit recovery, or D/F grades. (DSHS is committed that each scholar remain on track for graduation)**

Dress Code

DSHS will not require school uniforms. Scholar attire must follow appropriate dress including no holes in pants, no spaghetti straps, tank tops, or midriff showing, inseam must be 6" for shorts.

Full dress code available at: <https://www.desertstaracademy.org/highschool>

Field trips: DSHS shirt or sweater required.

PE / Weights: DSHS t-shirt and shorts and athletic shoes to protect the basketball court.

'Titan Thursdays' Spirit days every Thursday & Game Days!

Athletics

Athletic Director: Mr. Jonathan Clark

DSHS offers the following AIA certified athletic programs:

Fall: 11-Man Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Swimming, Cheer

Winter: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Soccer - TBD, Cheer

Spring: Baseball, Softball, Co-ed Golf, Track & Field

Pay to play is now free at no cost to parents and scholars!!!

*The AZ Tax Credit can still be used towards all interscholastic sports and clubs if you would like to voluntarily support our programs.



Fine Arts

Director: Ms. Maddisyn Myers

DSHS is committed to providing our scholars with the best fine arts department in the area. DSHS offers the following music programs: Drama/Theater, Show Choir, & Band. Multiple concerts, events, art shows, and performances are scheduled throughout the school year to showcase our talented scholars.

**DSHS will offer our scholars the opportunity to earn Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency on their graduation diploma.*



Clubs & Organizations

DSHS is proud to offer the following Clubs & Organizations:

Interact, Scholar Council, SkillsUSA, FCCLA, FBLA, Art/Media Club, Yearbook, Culinary Club, Titan Honor Society, & more.

Community Service

At the heart of Desert Star Academy is a passion for cultivating a servant leadership spirit within our scholars. DSHS participates in various community service projects including community park clean ups, free public servant car washes, volunteering with food distribution opportunities, and working closely with local community organizations to improve the quality of life for others.



Scholar Activities & Recognition

DSHS is committed to providing the full high school experience through scholar activities like pep rallies, dances, college & career events, sport banquets, pancake breakfasts, group meals, and field trips. Our scholars are recognized both at the school level and throughout the community for their achievements and community service efforts.

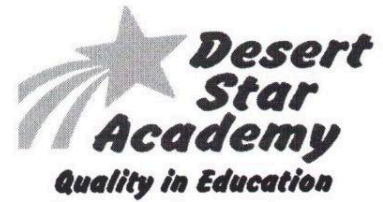


Ready to Enroll? Complete this Pre-Enrollment interest form for the 2025-2026 school year!



DESERT STAR ACADEMY
Enrollment Form

5902 Hwy 95 Fort Mohave AZ, 86426



School Year: **20** - **20**

928-770-4523

Scholar Information

Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	MI: _____	Gender: _____	Grade: _____
Date of Birth: _____	City of Birth: _____	State: _____	Home Phone# _____	
Street Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____	
Mailing (if different): _____	City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____	

Previous School History

Scholars Previous School: _____	City: _____	State: _____
Has your scholar ever been expelled from a school district? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please explain: _____

Home Language

Responses to the following statements will be used to determine whether the student will be assessed for English Language Proficiency (ELL):

What is the primary Language used in the home regardless of the language spoken by the student: _____

What is the language most often spoken by the student? _____

What is the language that the student first acquired? _____

Please answer both of the following optional questions regarding ethnicity:

Race (optional) :	Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/>		
Ethnicity (optional):	White <input type="checkbox"/>	Native American <input type="checkbox"/>	Asian <input type="checkbox"/>	African American <input type="checkbox"/>

ESEA (Title I) Income Eligibility

Charter schools must clearly state that completion of the income eligibility form is voluntary and that income level is not a consideration for enrollment.

Official Use Only

1. Immunization Record: <input type="checkbox"/>	3. Transcript: <input type="checkbox"/>	Student ID#: _____
2. Birth Certificate: <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Proof Residency: <input type="checkbox"/>	Grade: _____
Data Entered into SMS by: _____	Data Entry Date: (mm/dd/yy): _____	

Parent / Guardian Information

Name: _____ (Father / Stepfather / Legal Guardian)

Living with Scholar? Yes No Physical Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell # _____ Home # _____

Place of Employment: _____ Work # _____

Name: _____ (Mother / Stepmother / Legal Guardian)

Living with Scholar? Yes No Physical Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell # _____ Home # _____

Place of Employment: _____ Work # _____

Is your address a temporary living arrangement? Yes No

If yes, is this temporary living arrangement due to loss of housing or economic hardship? Yes No

Emergency Contacts

I authorize the following individuals to pick-up my scholar from school in case of emergency or if I cannot be contacted:

Name/Relation: _____	Phone: _____
Name/Relation: _____	Phone: _____
Name/Relation: _____	Phone: _____

Military Connected Student

- Student is a dependent of a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard on Active Duty.
- Student is a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard)
- Student is a dependent of a member of a reserve force in the United States military.
- None of the above.

If this scholar has siblings currently attending one of the following schools please circle that school:

DESERT STAR ELEMENTARY

DESERT STAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

DESERT STAR HIGH SCHOOL

Name(s) of siblings: _____

Person enrolling scholar is: Legal Parent Relative w/ Guardianship Foster Parent (temp)
 Court Appt. Guardian Court Appointed Guardian Other: _____

Signature of Student

Print Student Name

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Print Parent / Guardian Name