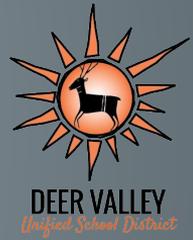


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Pathways to Excellence: High School Achievement 2024–25

DVUSD Board Meeting
September 9, 2025

Purpose



The purpose of this presentation is to celebrate the accomplishments and successes of our high school students during the 2024–25 school year, highlighting academic achievement as well as broader opportunities such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Dual Enrollment, CTE certifications, and other measures of readiness. Along with sharing these highlights, the presentation will provide insights into how ACT, AP, IB, and other assessment results guide our ongoing efforts to strengthen college, career, and life readiness for all students.



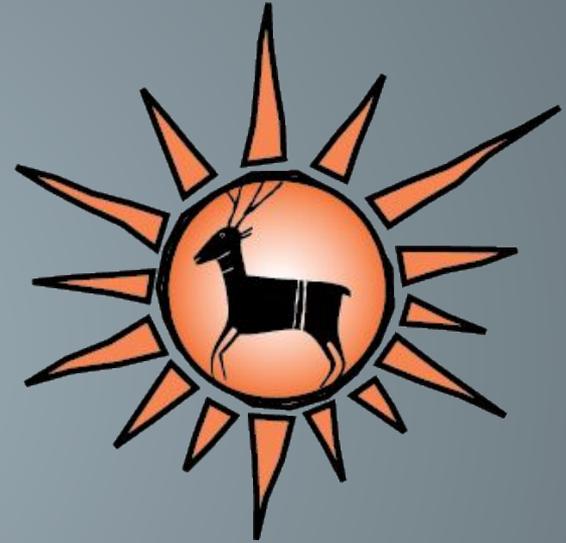
Presentation Agenda



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- Arizona Assessments
 - Review
- Assessment Results
 - AzSCI (Grade 11)
 - ACT Aspire (Grade 9)
 - ACT (Grade 11)
 - AZELLA (Grades 9-12)
- High School Highlights
 - Advanced Placement (AP)
 - International Baccalaureate (IB)
 - Dual Enrollment
 - CTE Certifications
 - Arizona Diploma Seals
 - Graduation Rate
- Points of Pride

Assessment Overview

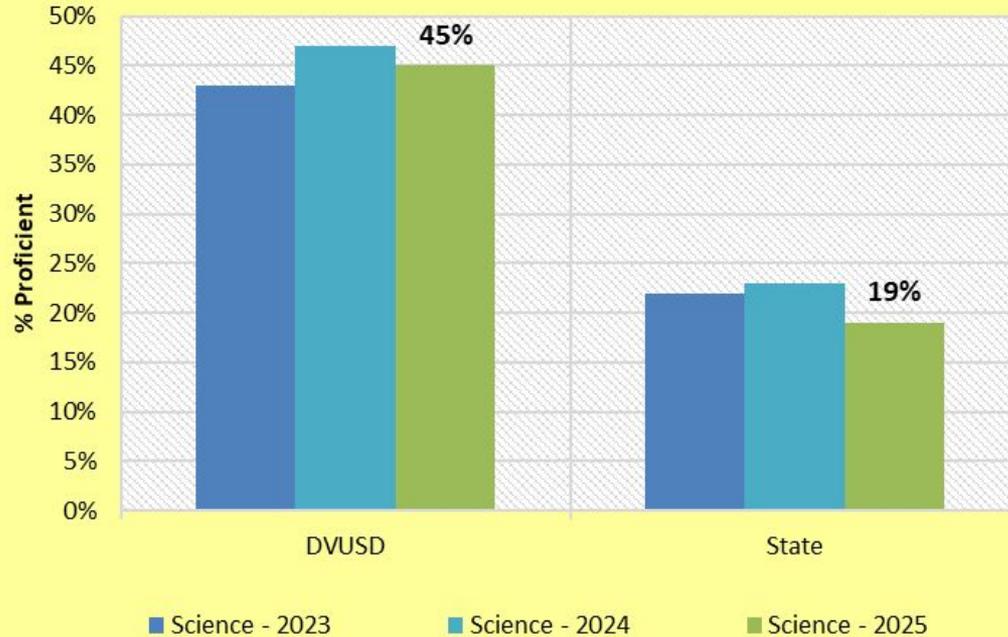


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AzSci (Grade 11)



AzSci - Science - Proficiency - HS



ACT Aspire (Grade 9)



EHS 9 English	Ready + Exceeds	
	FY24	FY25
School	FY24	FY25
Aspire	83%	82%
BGHS	46%	43%
BCHS	74%	73%
DVHS	57%	54%
MRHS	81%	76%
SDOHS	74%	72%
District	69%	66%
State	48%	45%

EHS 9 Reading	Ready + Exceeds	
	FY24	FY25
School	FY24	FY25
Aspire	65%	55%
BGHS	31%	24%
BCHS	52%	47%
DVHS	35%	30%
MRHS	57%	57%
SDOHS	53%	45%
District	48%	43%
State	31%	31%

EHS 9 Mathematics	Ready + Exceeds	
	FY24	FY25
School	FY24	FY25
Aspire	9%	18%
BGHS	16%	15%
BCHS	38%	40%
DVHS	33%	31%
MRHS	52%	53%
SDOHS	43%	45%
District	39%	40%
State	25%	23%

EHS 9 Science	Ready + Exceeds	
	FY24	FY25
School	FY24	FY25
Aspire	35%	45%
BGHS	17%	18%
BCHS	39%	35%
DVHS	19%	22%
MRHS	47%	48%
SDOHS	37%	41%
District	34%	36%
State	19%	21%

ACT (Grade 11)



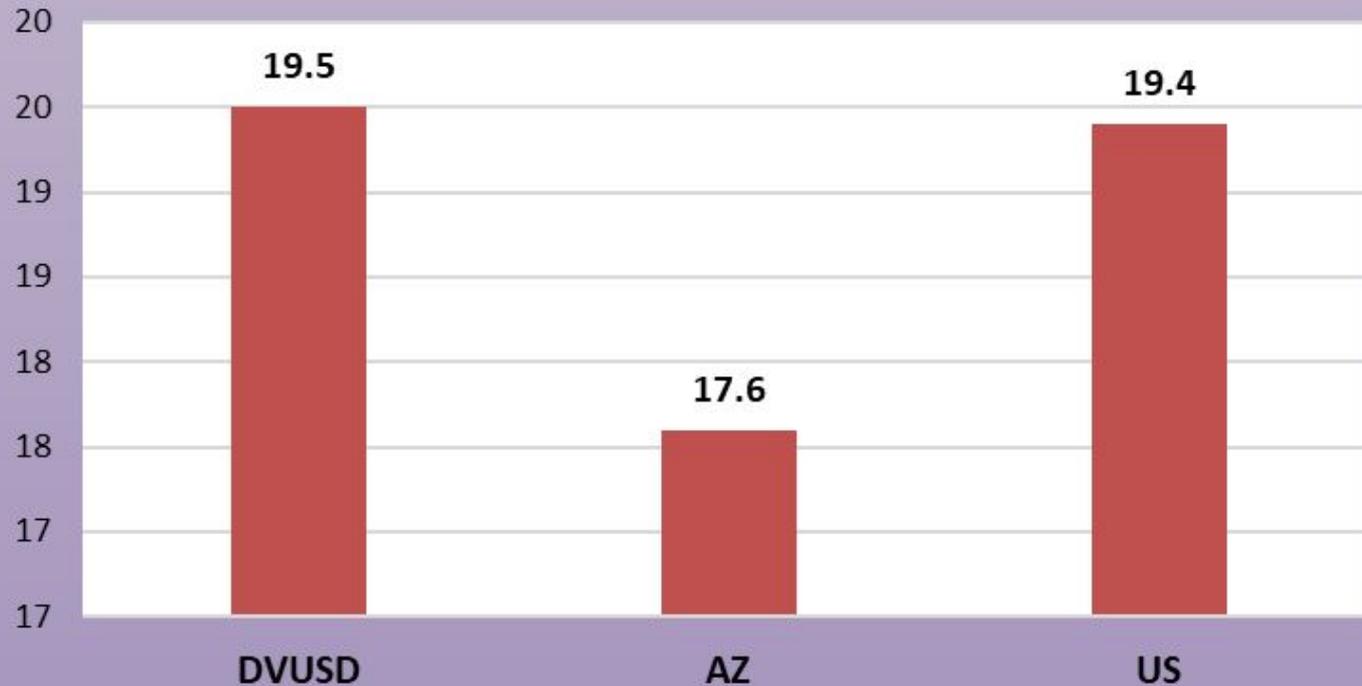
	ACT Scale Scores - April Assessments Only							
	Math		Science		STEM		Composite	
	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
AO	17.4	16.9	17.5	17.8	17.7	17.5	17.9	17.9
BGHS	17.0	16.9	17.5	18.0	17.5	17.7	17.0	17.3
BCHS	18.9	20.6	19.2	20.5	19.3	20.8	19.3	20.8
DVHS	17.4	18.3	17.4	17.5	17.6	18.2	17.4	17.5
MRHS	20.4	22.3	20.6	21.9	20.8	22.3	20.9	22.2
SDOHS	20.9	21.3	21.1	21.3	21.2	21.5	21.2	21.7
DVUSD	19.2	20.3	19.5	20.2	19.6	20.5	19.5	20.3
State	17.6	17.6	17.9	17.8	18.0	18.0	17.6	17.6

	ACT Scale Scores - April Assessments Only							
	English		Reading		Writing		ELA	
	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
AO	17.7	17.1	18.3	19.2	7.1	6.7	18.5	18.4
BGHS	15.3	16.1	17.3	17.7	6.4	6.5	16.8	17.5
BCHS	18.4	20.2	20.2	21.5	6.9	7.5	19.0	21.4
DVHS	16.2	15.9	18.0	17.6	5.9	6.6	16.4	17.5
MRHS	19.7	21.3	22.3	22.8	6.8	7.7	20.1	22.4
SDOHS	20.8	21.5	21.7	22.0	7.5	7.6	21.2	22.1
DVUSD	18.8	19.5	20.3	20.8	6.8	6.8	19.1	20.7
State	16.7	16.7	17.8	17.8	6.3	6.2	17.1	17.4

ACT (Grade 11)



Average ACT Composite Score - FY24

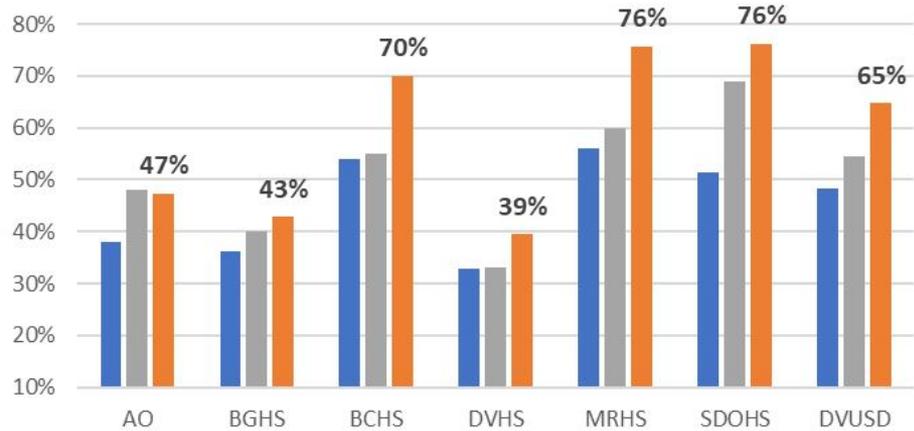


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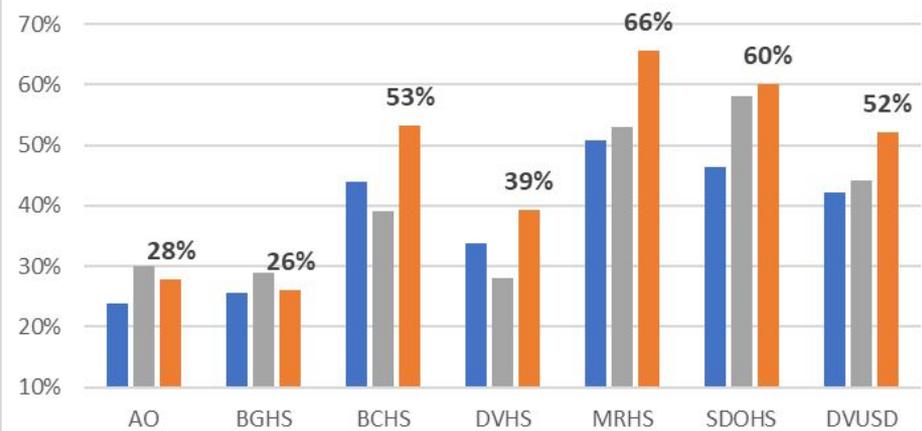
Proficiency on State Assessment - ELA

FY23 FY24 FY25



Proficiency on State Assessment - Math

FY23 FY24 FY25

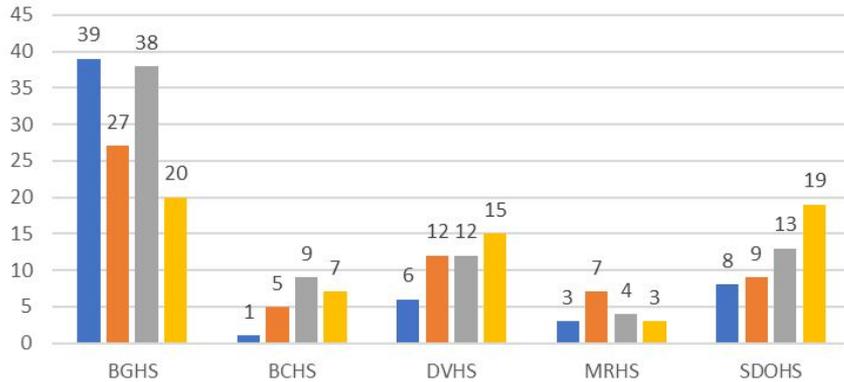


AZELLA (Grade 9-12)



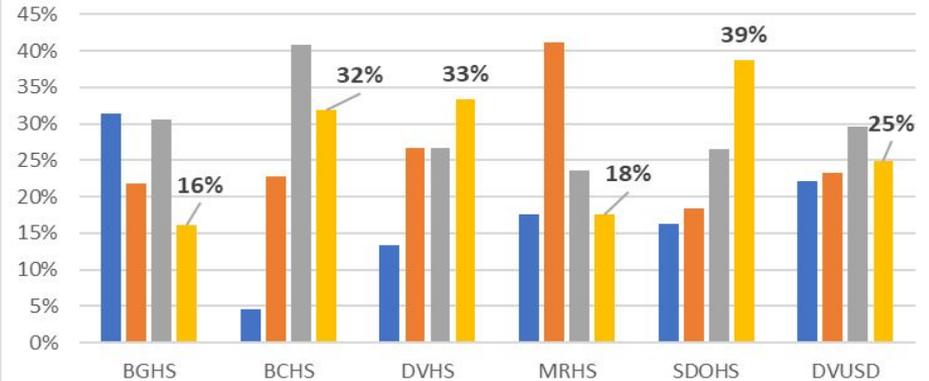
FY25 Azella Reassessment Proficiency Levels

■ Emerging ■ Basic ■ Intermediate ■ Proficient

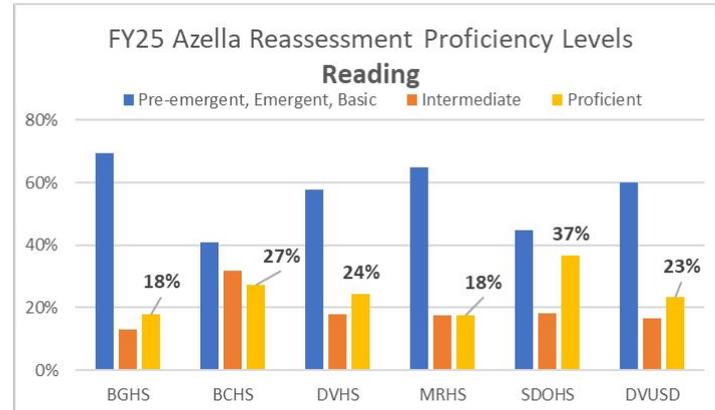
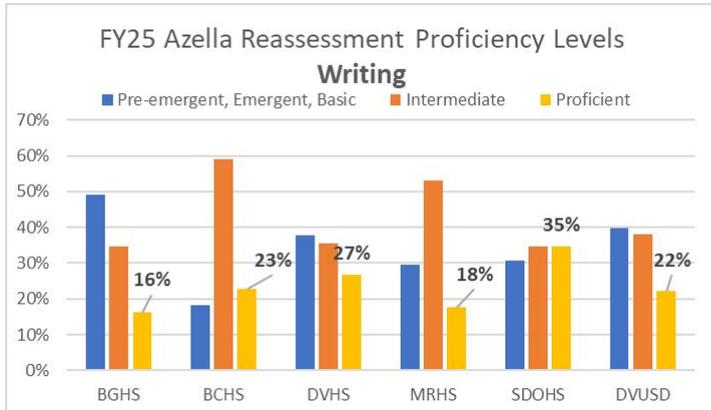
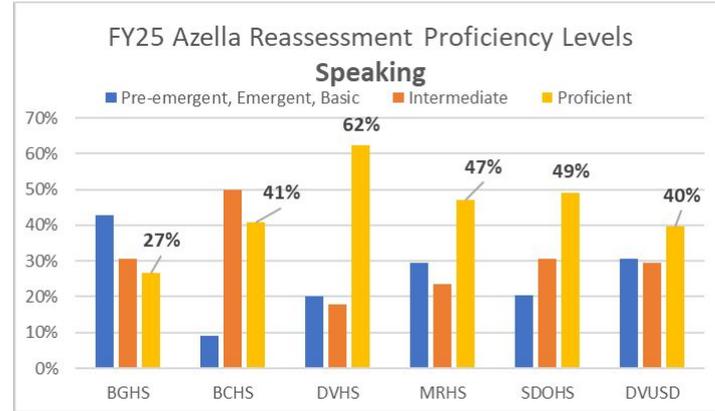
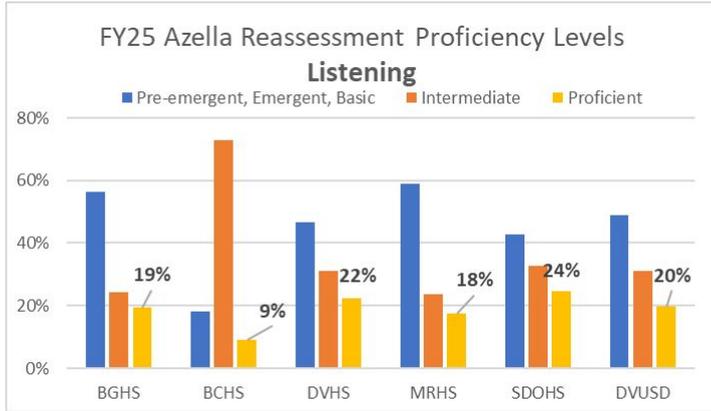


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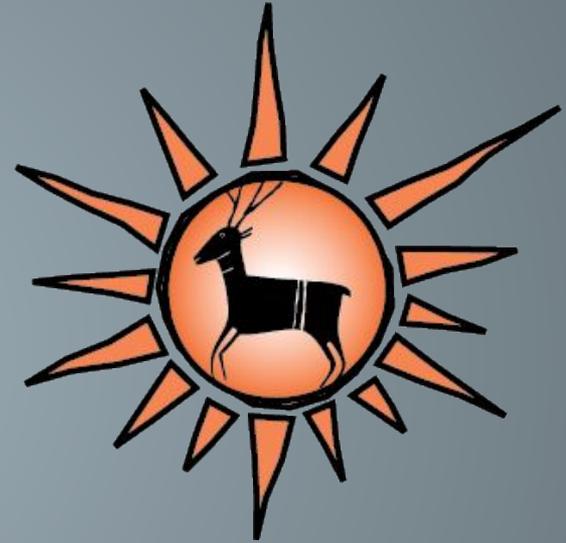
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AZELLA (Grade 9-12)



High School
Advanced Academic
Highlights

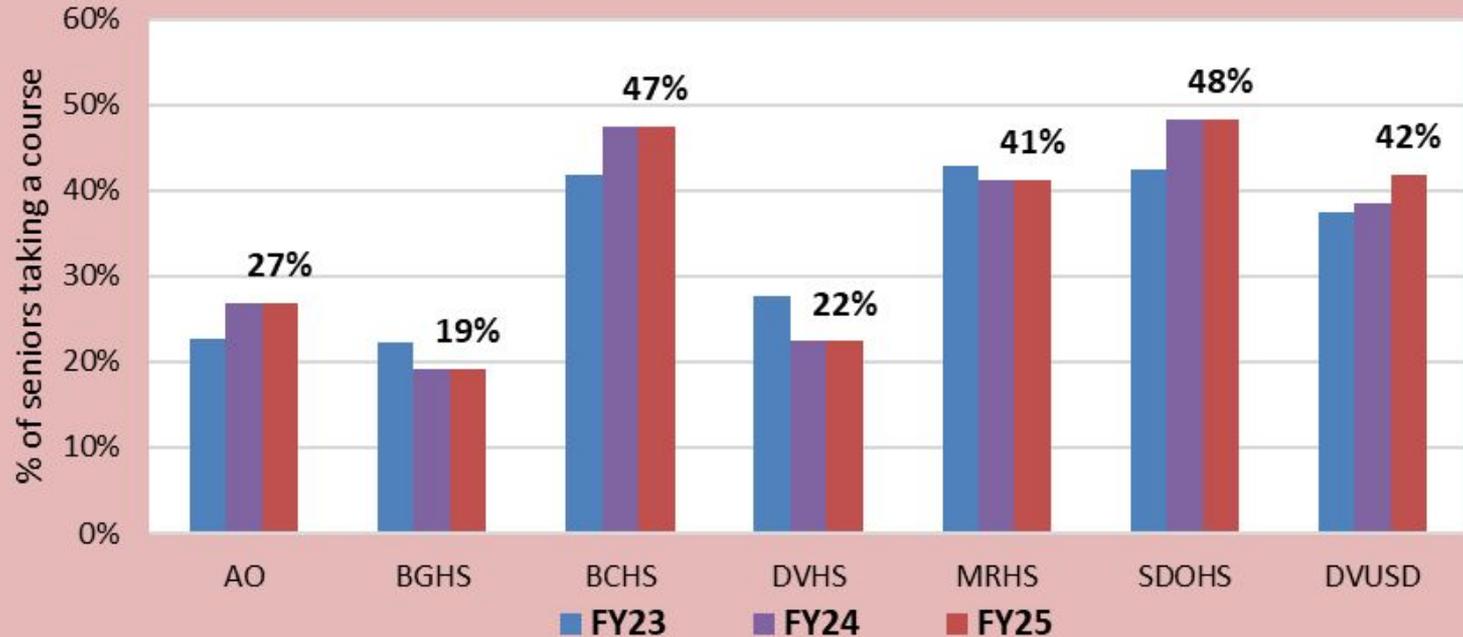


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Advanced Placement (AP)



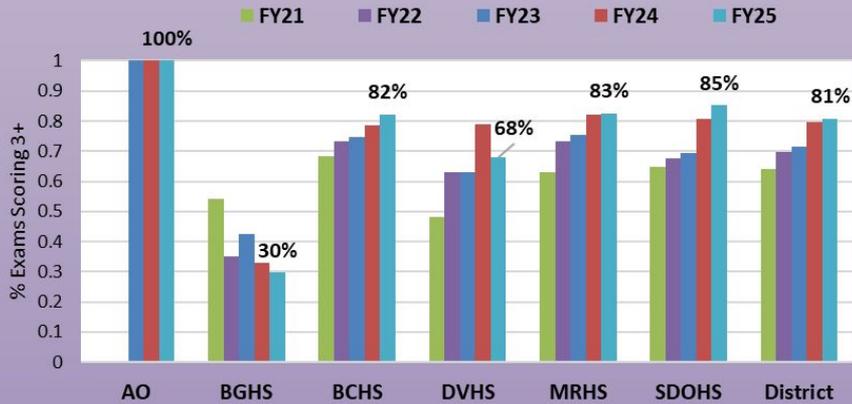
Percent of Seniors Taking at Least 1 AP Course During HS



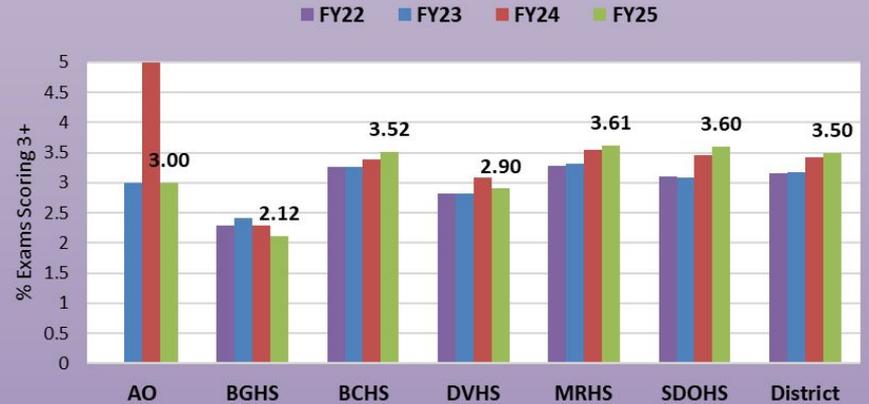
Advanced Placement (AP)



Percent of AP Exams with a Score of 3 or Higher



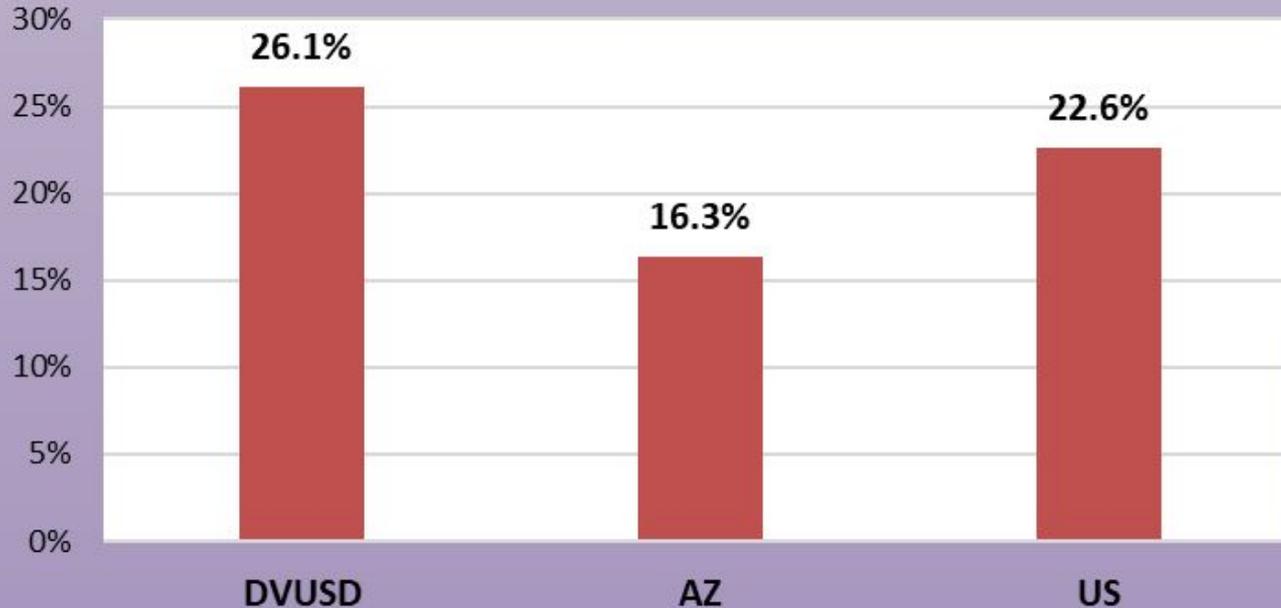
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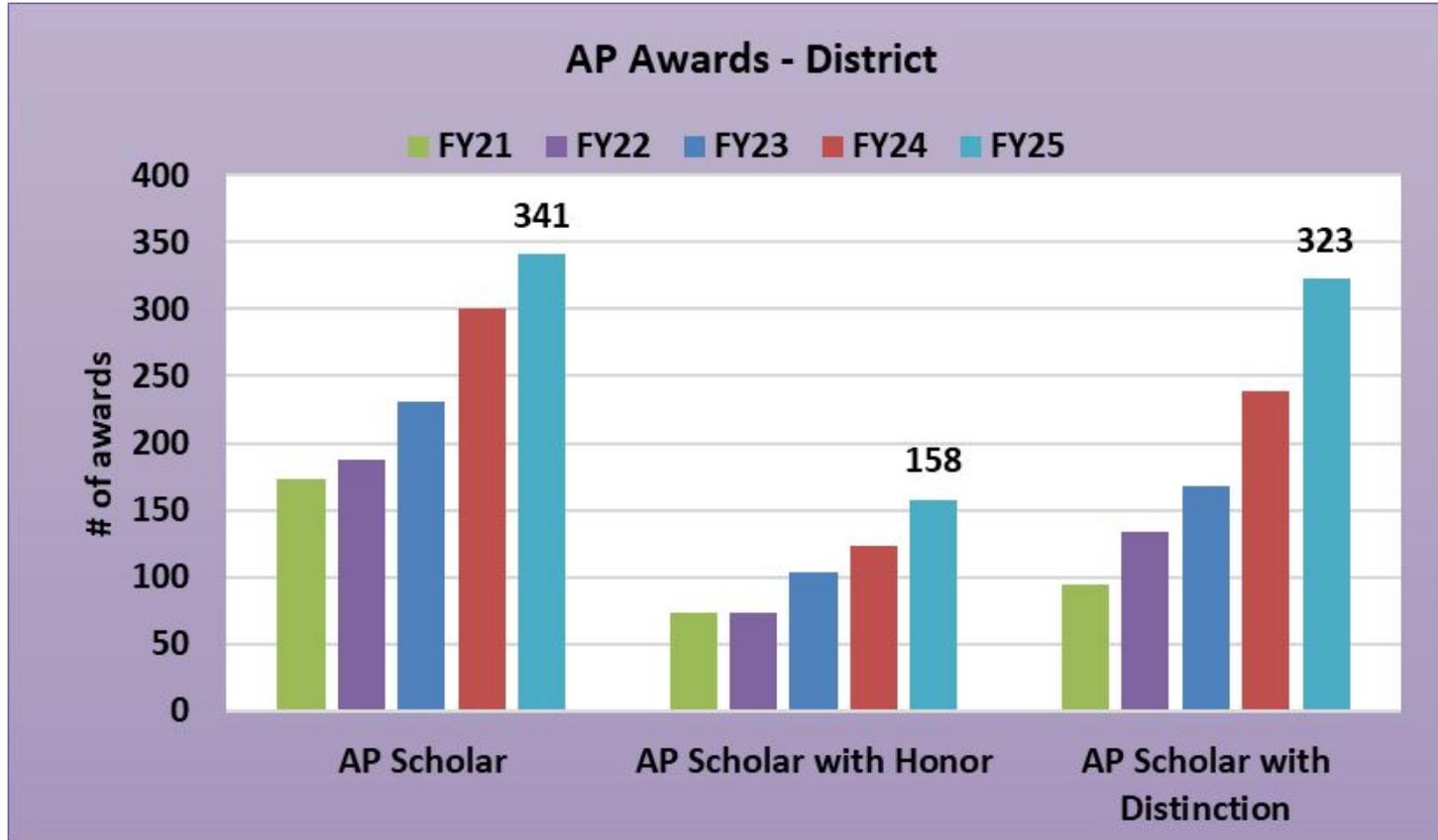
Advanced Placement (AP)



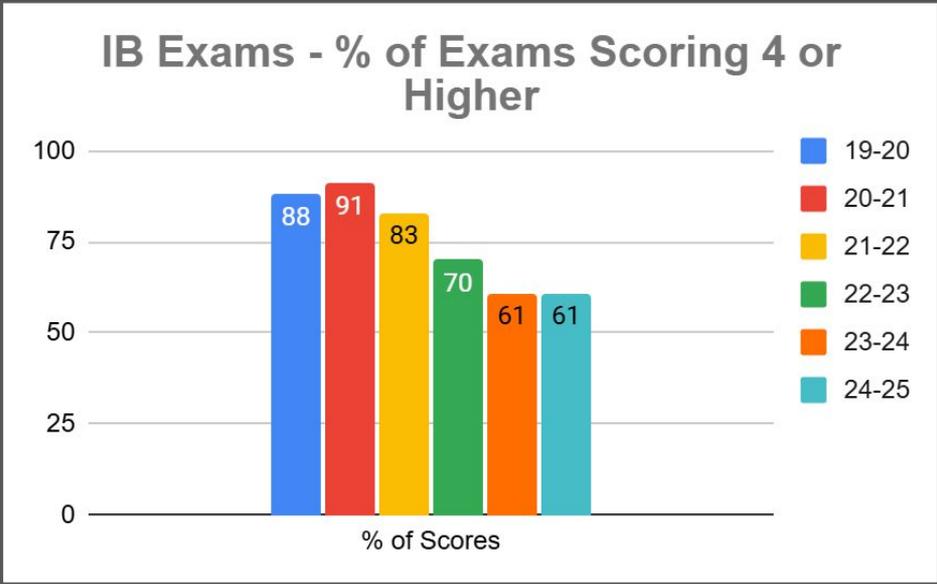
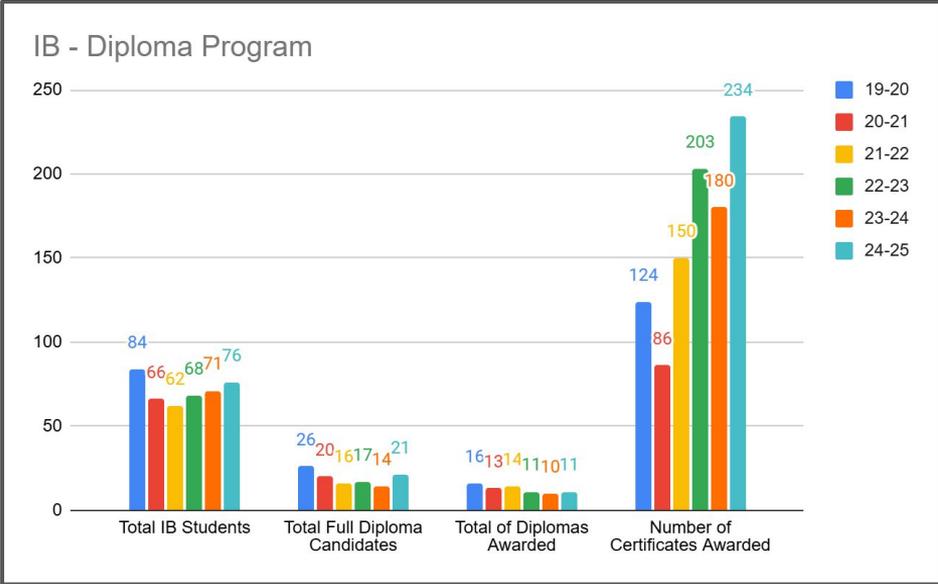
Percent of Graduating Class Scoring a 3 or Higher on at Least 1 AP Exam



Advanced Placement (AP)



International Baccalaureate (IB)



International Baccalaureate (IB)



Rhodes Scholar - **2009**



National Merit Finalist - **2025**



Flinn Foundation Recipient - **2022 (2), 2024**



Alpha Scholar - **2024**

Flinn Foundation Semi Finalist **2025**



US Naval Academy Appointment - **2009, 2025**



Bezo Scholar - **2024**

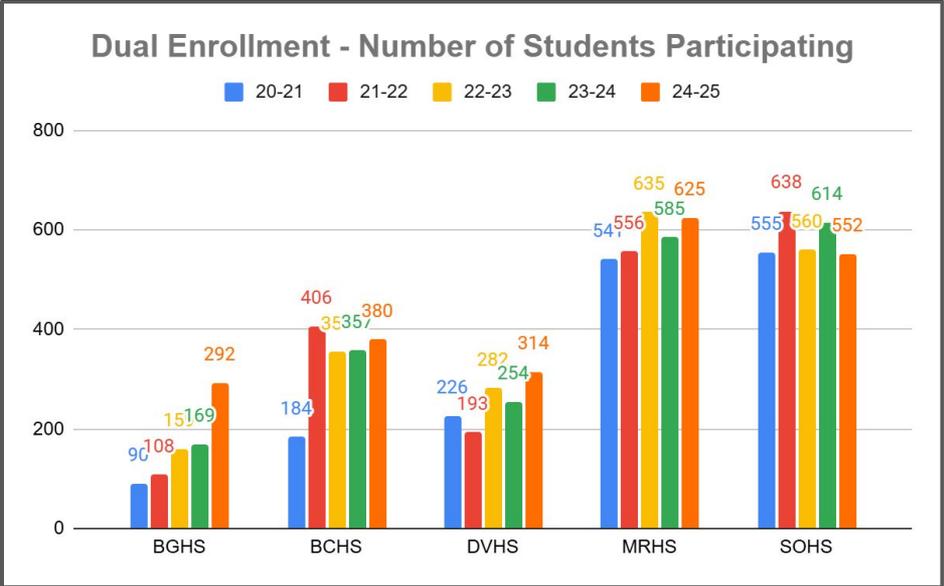
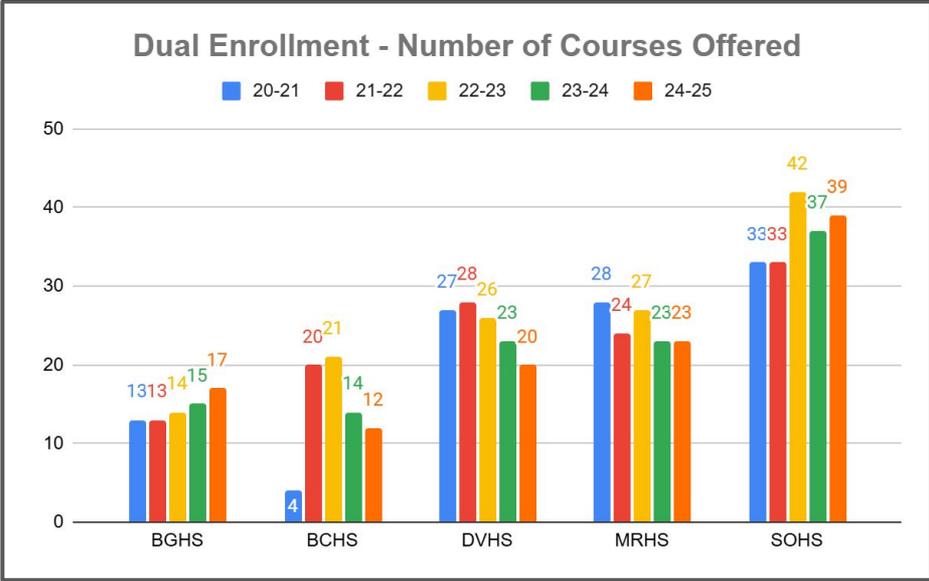


Air Force Academy Appointment - **2025**

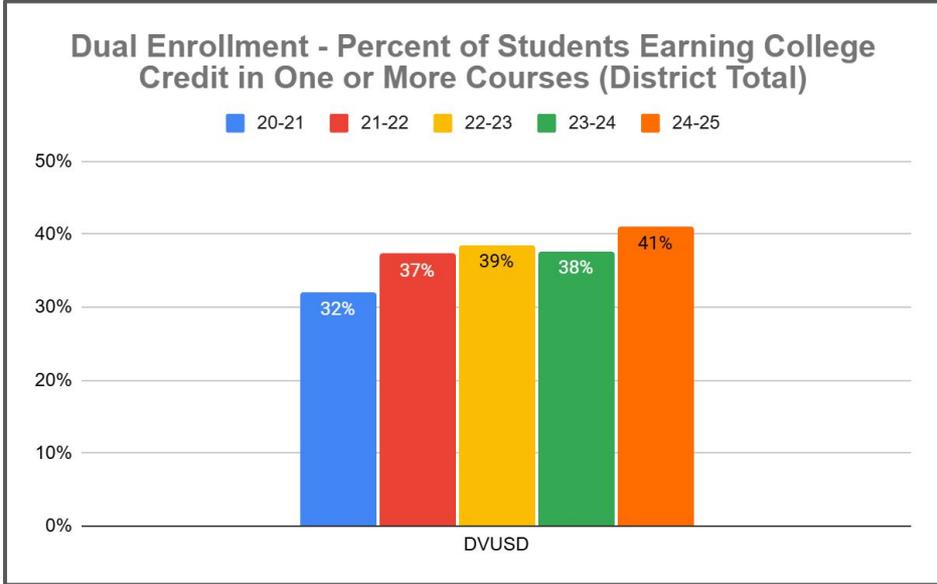
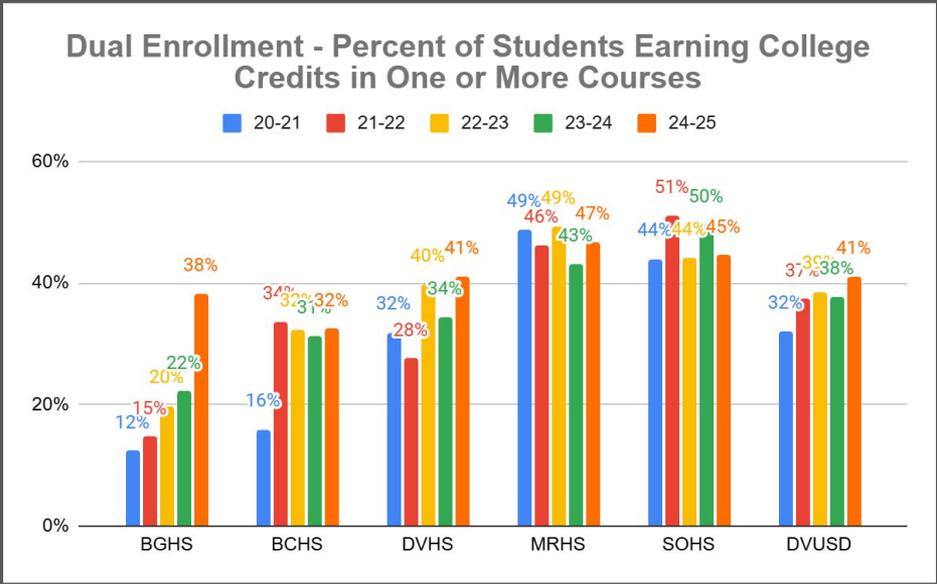


Dorrance Finalist - **2025**
Semi Finalist - **2025**

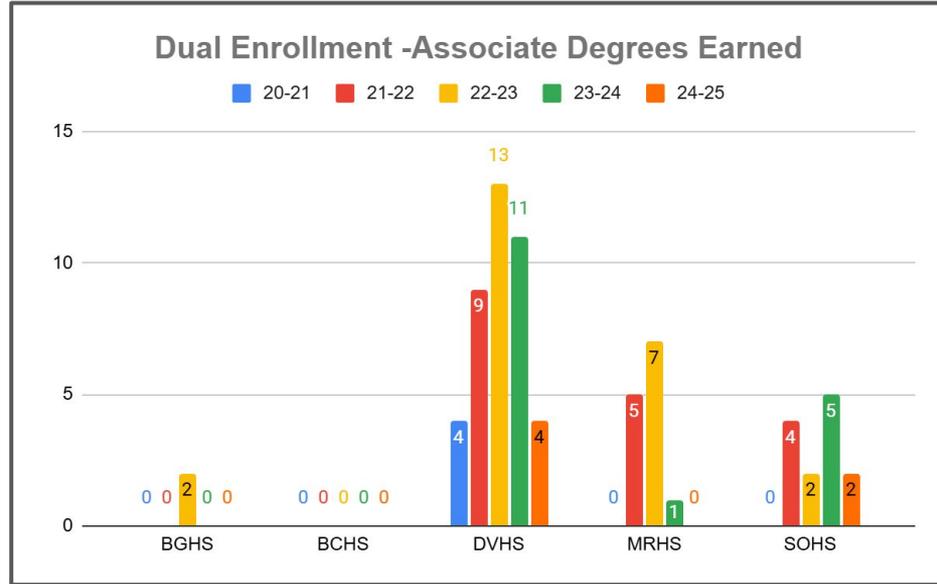
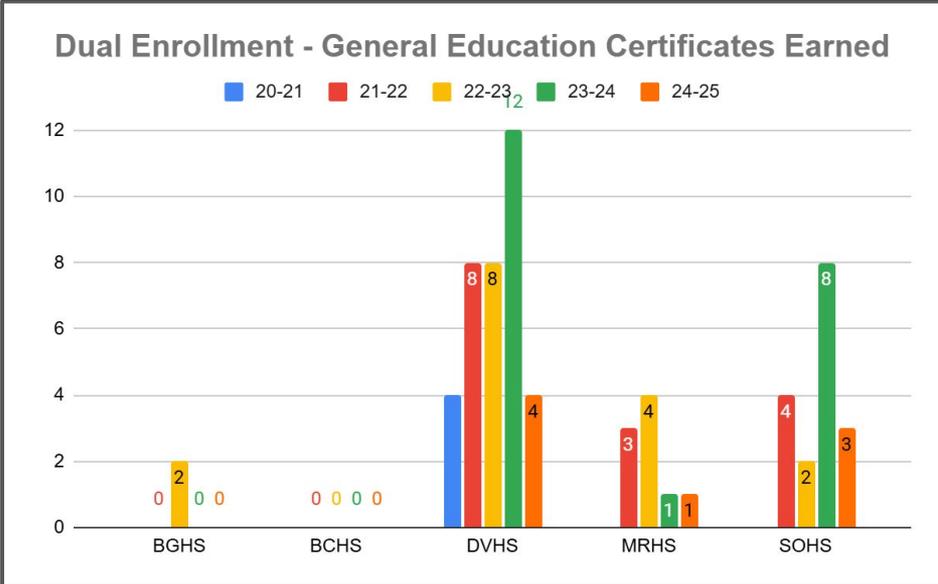
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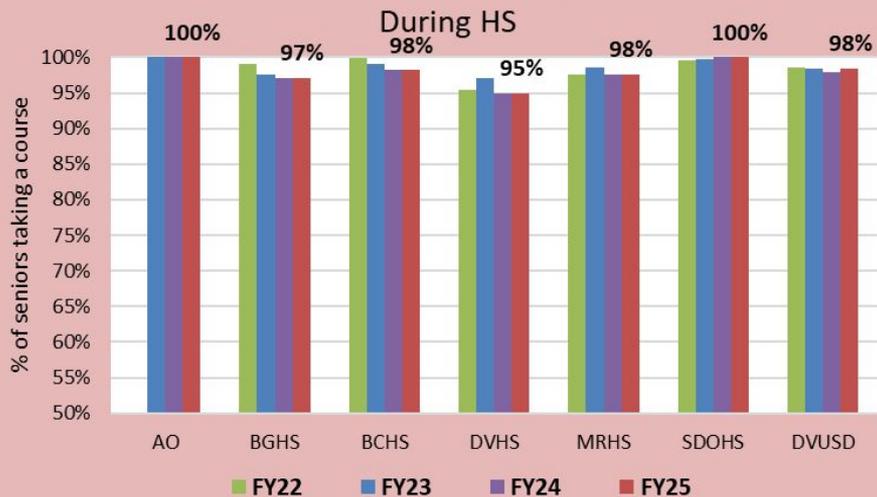


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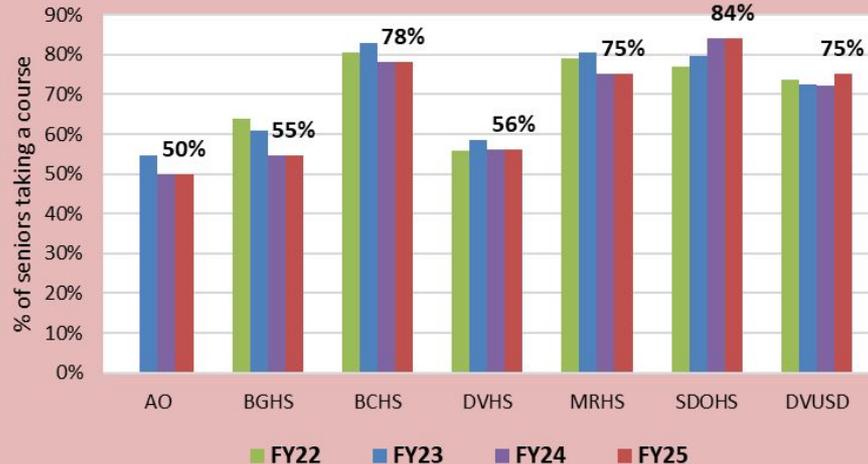


Advanced Academic Participation

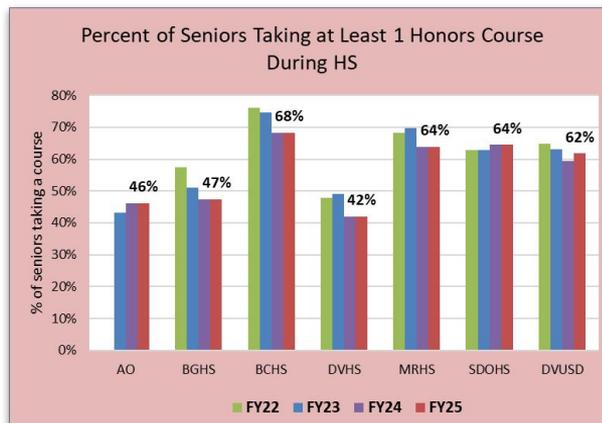
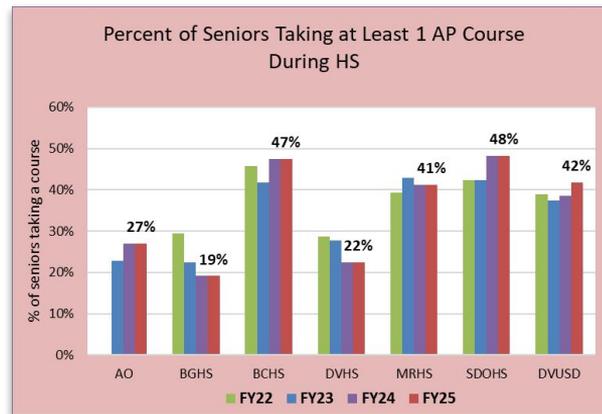
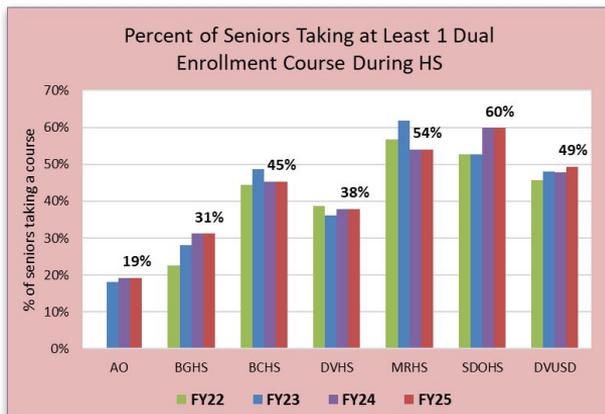
Percent of Seniors Taking at Least 1 AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, Honors, World Language or CTE Course



Percent of Seniors Taking at Least 1 AP, IB, Honors, or Dual Enrollment Course During HS



Advanced Academic Participation



Arizona Diploma Seals



Seal of Civic Literacy

Sandra Day O'Connor HS - 2 students

- First time we have had students
- Goal to have more schools participate



Seal of Personal Finance

- Setting goals to have students complete this year



Seal of Arts Proficiency

Deer Valley HS - 13 students

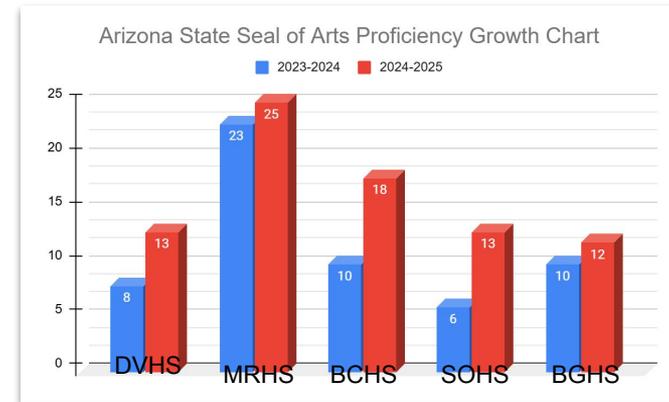
Mountain Ridge HS - 25 students

Sandra Day O'Connor HS - 13 students

Barry Goldwater HS - 12 students

Boulder Creek HS - 16 students (18 Seals)

2 Students doubled sealed in both dance and choir, Jeremy Wood and Grace Palmer.

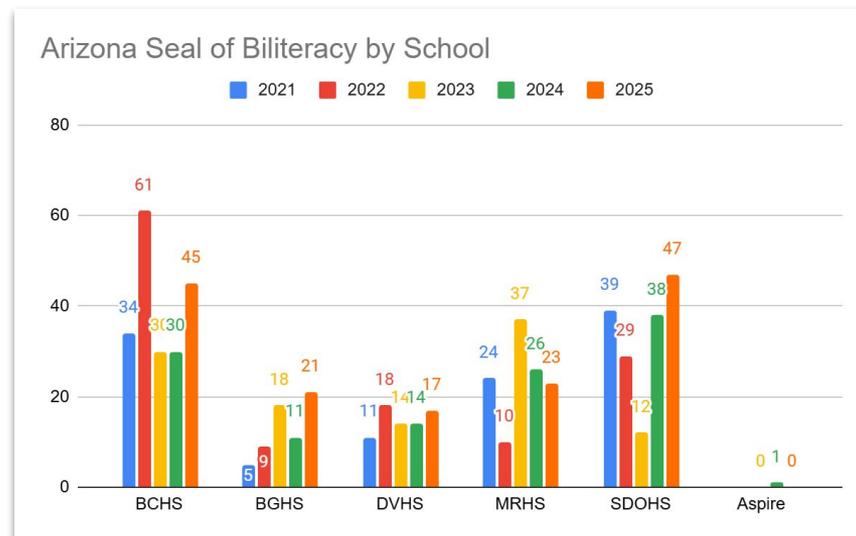
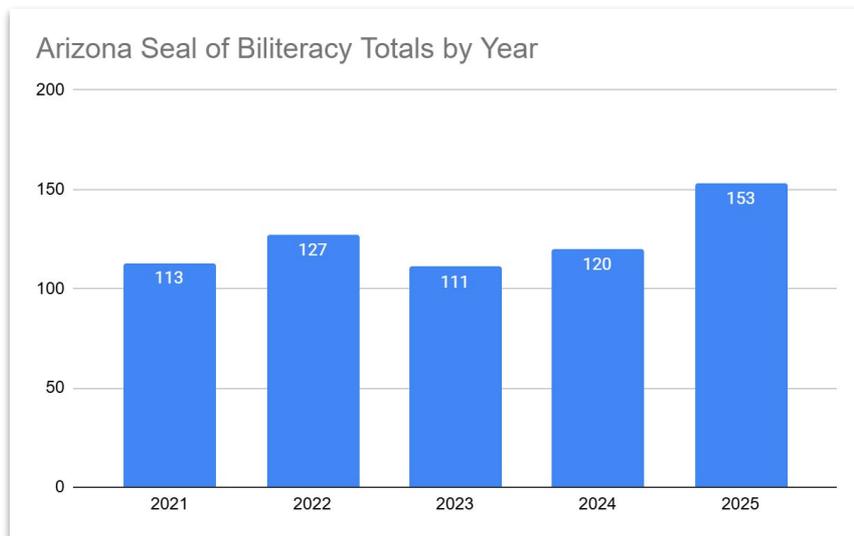


42% growth in seals for the 2025 School Year.

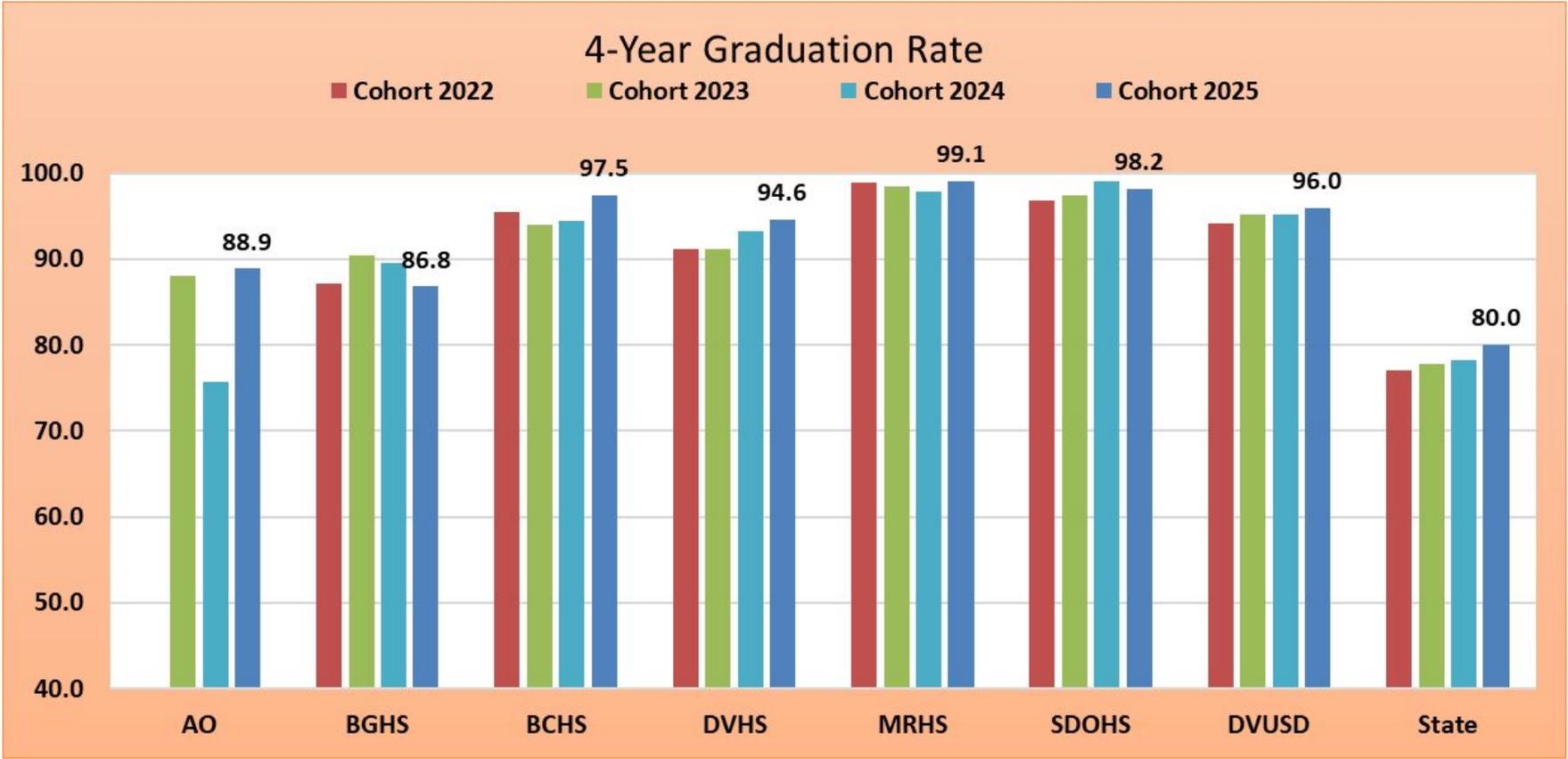
Arizona Seal of Biliteracy



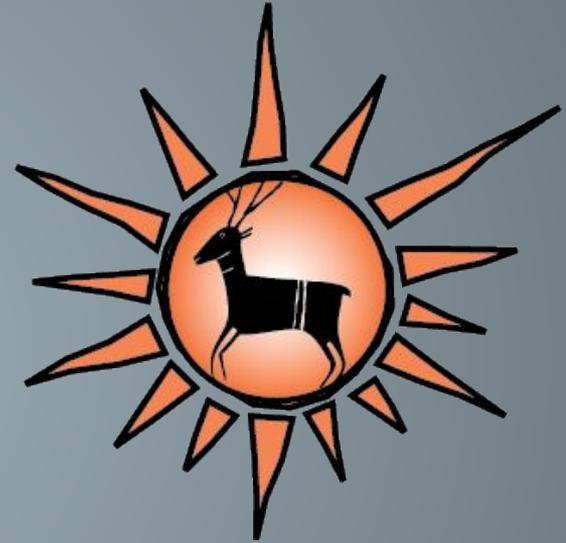
2025 Total - 153



Graduation Rate



Points of Pride



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Celebrating Student Success: Aspire

Aspire continues to excel in many areas of online education, with our highly ranked school recognized both nationally and at the state level as one of the best online providers in the U.S. This year, we also celebrated several momentous student successes.

- ✨ One of our students was published in a local magazine for her article on the importance of voting.
- ✨ Two students achieved a perfect 100% score on their AASA test.
- ✨ Another student proudly graduated as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), ready to step into the healthcare workforce.

McCormick: The importance of young voters

Posted Friday, September 20, 2024 1:55 pm



Mandie McCormick
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By Mandie McCormick | Glendale

As a young American who is turning 18 before this year's election, I cannot wait to perform my civic duty by voting in the Nov. 5 general election.

Unfortunately, many other members of my generation do not share the same enthusiasm. The 2020 presidential election had the highest voter turnout of 18- to 24-year-olds of the 21st century; however, that amounted to only 51.4% of this age group.

My goal in speaking out is to encourage others in my age group to vote in national, local and state elections because the officials elected and how they will govern directly affects our future.

In such an unprecedented time regarding issues such as America's housing crisis, women's right to reproductive freedom and climate change, it is essential for Generation Z to take our future into our own hands.

Voting is extremely important in a battleground state such as Arizona to ensure that your voice as the future of America is heard. Our future will be directly affected by the results of this election, and we

ally do not possess, so we should not affect how we live and work, so it is

l Arizonans over the age of 18 without a ore information on voting, key 2024 cretary of State's [elections page](#).

already, and perform your civic duty as

at [Aspire Online Academy](#). A Lumberjack ns and science disorders degree in r's degree in language and speech inions@inlusa.org.



Aspire, Deer Valley's Online Academy Rankings

Niche rankings are based on rigorous analysis of key statistics from the U.S. Department of Education and millions of reviews.

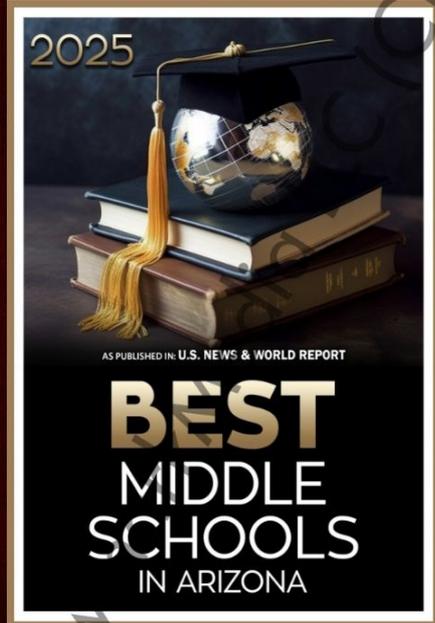


Best Online High Schools in Arizona
#2 of 33

Best Public Online High Schools in Arizona
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Best Public High School Teachers in Arizona
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[See All Aspire, Deer Valley's Online Academy Rankings >](#)



Aspire, Deer Valley's Online Learning Program
Best Middle Schools In Arizona
U.S. News & World Report - 2025

Celebrating Student Success: BCHS



- **Academics & Recognition:** Social teacher Emmett Burnton recognized as the 2025 Arizona Teacher of the Year; students honored as National Merit Scholars and Mandarin speech champions.
- **Arts:** Choir hosted the third annual “Showdown in the Desert” with 500+ performers, arts programs earned the State Seal of Arts Proficiency, and visual and performing arts students showcased award-winning work across disciplines.
- **Athletics & Community:** Girls’ soccer named DVUSD Team of the Year and advanced to Open Division playoffs; DECA and FCCLA students earned top awards; students and staff raised \$10,000 for Make-a-Wish and engaged in impactful community service.



Celebrating Student Success: BGHS



Academics & Arts: “A” Rated School, Solution Tree – PLC Promising Practices School, Theatre honors at ASU Gammage, Culinary Arts signature program, 20+ years of IB success, award-winning CTE & gifted programs, *ABODA State Marching Band Champions*, a clean sweep of all caption awards, National Merit Semi-Finalist

High Growth ACT ELA



Hinn National Merit Semi-Finalist

Athletics: State titles in track & relay, new beach volleyball court, student-athlete signings, staff recognition



Bianca Leonard
Barry Goldwater High School

Staff & Community: Assistant Principal of the Year, Dawn Pace, renovated Giving Closet, PACK program promoting positive school culture



Celebrating Student Success: DVHS



- **Academics:** Recognized gifted education program with mentorship opportunities; rigorous Honors, AP (5 Capstone Diplomas), and Dual Enrollment courses (14 AA/AS Degrees); strong integration of technology to build 21st-century skills.
- **Athletics:** Boys' basketball team was the 4A State Championship Runner-up and named DVUSD High School Team of the Year; standout athletes Tori Wefel-Hayes recognized as DVUSD Female Athlete of the Year; recent 4A Boys Volleyball state champions, 3X consecutive region cross-country champions.
- **Career & Technical Education (CTE):** Students thrive in hands-on programs such as Hospitality/Marketing, Nursing, Sports Medicine, Graphic Design, and Software, preparing them for college and career pathways.
- **JROTC:** Cadet Reese Thompson was selected for the Air Force Flight Academy, earning a \$25,000 scholarship toward gaining his Private Pilot License last summer.



Celebrating Student Success: MRHS



Academics & Programs: Named an A+ School of Excellence, Brain Bee team earned top honors, Enhanced Diploma recipients celebrated, and the Biomedical Science program received national recognition from Project Lead the Way

Arts: “Pride of the West” Marching Band won its fourth consecutive state championship; arts programs earned consistent local, state, and national recognition

Athletics: First Arizona school to achieve NFHS Level 1 – 3 Coaching Distinction, recipient of the NIAAA Quality Program Award, standout athletes and coaches recognized at district and state levels



Celebrating Student Success: SDOHS



Academics: Celebrated 223 AP Scholars across 27 subjects; student Maya Ysabella Bustos named a Flinn Scholar; expanded advanced programs including the Academy of American Studies and West-MEC partnerships.

Athletics: Girls' Beach Volleyball won its fourth consecutive Division I state title; Boys' basketball was the first team in the district to make the Open State Semifinals, football opened the season with a major win; SDOHS recognized as DVUSD Athletic School of the Year with individual and team awards for excellence.

Student Opportunities: Award-winning Fine Arts programs in Dance, Choir, Band, Theatre, and AP Studio Arts; Air Force JROTC fosters leadership and citizenship; O'Connor Institute Ambassadors expanded to include scholarships and graduation recognition.



Top 3...



Areas of Achievement

- High Graduation Rates – Exceptional student readiness
- Advanced Academics – Success in AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, CTE
- Athletics & Arts – State and national recognitions, scholarships



Areas for Improvement

- IB Diploma Participation – Grow enrollment and exam success
- CTE Certifications – Increase the percentage of students earning industry certifications
- AZELLA Proficiency – Continue to increase English learner outcomes

Thank you!



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Continuing the Journey of Excellence

- Sustain high levels of academic rigor and opportunity
- Prepare every student for college, career, and life success