ACP High School Information Night

Strive for the impossible and be extraordinary!

Tonight's Agenda

Who's Who - ACPHS Administration & Counseling

History of ACP

Program Offerings & Graduation Requirements

Course Offerings

Extracurricular Opportunities

General Information & Student Attire

Why ACP High School

Enrollment

Self-Guided Tour

ACPHS Administration

Front Row: Heather Osborn, Rob Bickes, Jaime McClure
Back Row: Josh Roth, Chris Driving Hawk

ACPHS Counseling

Front row: Kari Peterson, Amy Steele, Lory Beckmann
Middle Row: Eddie, Soto, Linda Bigelow, Margot O'Donnal, Felicha Brown
Back Row: Rachel O'Brien, Jayme Dixon, Lindsay Wilson

School History & Timeline

HAMILTON HP PREP

- **2007**
  - **Under the umbrella of Hamilton High School**
  - **Provide an alternative to larger CUSD high schools**
  - **College Prep Model – Honors & AP courses**

School History & Timeline

- **2012**

  Due to increased demand, the district looked for alternative opportunities for Hamilton Prep

  Repurpose and remodel of Erie Elementary

  Transition/rename Hamilton Prep to Arizona College Preparatory - Erie and Chandler Traditional Junior High to Arizona College Preparatory - Oakland (one school, two locations)

  Course structure changed - In addition to Honors/AP classes, core course were offered.

  Athletic program began

School History & Timeline

2020

The CUSD Governing Board voted to move ACP-Erie to the new high school location and incorporate a 2-square mile boundary (Cooper Rd. to Lindsay Rd. & Chandler Heights Rd. to Ocotillo Rd.)

Feeder schools include:

- ACP-Oakland
- Payne Junior High School
- Santan Junior High School
- *Carlson, Ryan, & Santan Elementary*

2021

July 2021 – ACP High School opened its doors to 1249 students in grades 9-12

2025

Current enrolment is 2646

- **9th Grade – 811**
- **10th Grade – 612**
- **11th Grade – 553**
- **12th Grade – 670**

Academic Program

Students can focus on an academic track that closely aligns with their personal, career, and collegiate goals

On-level, honors and AP courses available

Dual enrollment (DE)/AP opportunities

- Opportunities to earn college credit through DE & AP

Elective opportunities

Resource support for students who qualify (504's/IEP's)

Course Types

On-level Courses

- Designed to build strong foundational skills at an appropriate pace.
- Standard rigor aligned to state and district curriculum
- Daily practice and support to ensure mastery
- Balanced workload suitable for most students

Honors Courses

- Faster-paced and more demanding for students seeking an additional challenge
- Deeper content exploration and higher expectations for independence
- Increased critical-thinking, writing, and problem-solving requirements
- Prepares students for future AP coursework

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

- College-level courses
- Rigorous curriculum approved by the College Board
- Significant reading, writing, and independent study
- Students may earn college credit by taking the AP exam in May ($110/exam)
- Each college has different passing criteria

Dual Enrollment Courses

- High school courses partnered with CGCC taught by ACP teachers
- Students earn both high school and college credit simultaneously
- Students receive a college transcript upon successful completion
- Requires tuition payment to the college ($97/credit)
- College credit is generally transferable to many in-state and some out-of-state schools

Graduation Requirements

Curricular Course Requirement	CUSD Graduation Requirements	Arizona's University System Entrance Requirements
English	4 Credits	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits	4 Credits
Laboratory Sciences	3 Credits	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits	2 Credits
CTE/Fine Arts	1 Credit	1 Credits
World Language	No Requirements	2 Credits
Physical Education	1 Credit	No Requirements
Comprehensive Health	.5 Credits	No Requirements
Core Courses	16.5 Credits	16 Credits
Elective Courses	5.5 Credits	No Requirements
Total Required Credits	**22 Credits**	**16 Credits**

1 credit = 1 year of study

Students earn ½ credit per semester

Explanation of Grades & GPA

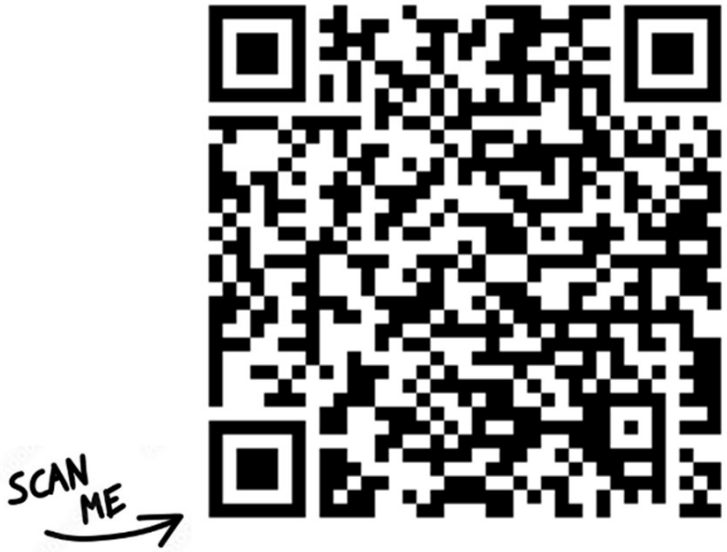
All courses taught for credit receive a letter grade and corresponding point value. Weighted values are assigned to courses that are accelerated and more challenging. A 5.0 grade-point value is possible for such courses.

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Point Value (Core & Pre-AP)	Weighted Value (Honors & AP)
90-100	A	4.0	5.0
80-89	B	3.0	4.0
70-79	C	2.0	3.0
60-69	D	1.0	1.0
0-59	F	0	0

Course	Grade	Point Value
Pre-AP English 2	A	4
Honors Biology	B	4
Geometry	B	3
Honors Spanish 3	A	5
World History	C	2
PE	A	4
Total Points		**22**

GPA Calculation	Point value earned divided by number of class enrolled	GPA Earned
	22/6	3.67

ACPHS Academic Offerings



2026-2027 Course Catalog

Math Courses

Algebra 1

Geometry

Honors Geometry

Algebra 1/Honors Geometry Block

Algebra 2

Honors Algebra 2

Pre-Calculus

AP Pre-Calculus

College Math

College Algebra

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

Multivariable Calculus & Differential Equations

Introduction to Statistics

AP Statistics

Linear Algebra & Advanced Math Topics

ACPHS Math Pathways

It's the starting point that is most critical

	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option E
9th Grade	Algebra 1	Algebra 1	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra 2	AP Pre-Calculus*
10th Grade	Geometry	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra 2	AP Pre-Calculus* AP Statistics	AP Calculus AB* AP Calculus BC*
11th Grade	Algebra 2	Honors Algebra 2	AP Pre-Calculus* AP Statistics	AP Calculus AB* AP Calculus BC*	AP Calculus BC* Multivariable Calculus & Differential Equations
12th Grade	College Algebra* Pre-Calculus* Intro to Statistics AP Statistics*	AP Pre-Calculus* Intro to Statistics AP Statistics*	AP Calculus AB* AP Calculus BC* Intro to Statistics AP Statistics*	AP Calculus BC* Multivariable Calculus & Differential Equations* Intro to Statistics AP Statistics	Multivariable Calculus & Differential Equations* Linear Algebra and Advanced Math Topics* Into to Statistics AP Statistics*

** Denotes Current Dual Enrollment Options*

ACPHS Math Placement

- Students new to CUSD will be required to take a math placement assessment in April.
- Taking of the placement assessment is STRONGLY ENCOURAGED for current CUSD students but not required.
- No studying/preparation is necessary.
- This year's assessment will be offered on Saturday, April 11th and Saturday, April 18th
- This assists with opening lines of communication and having academic conversations.
- Ensures students are placed appropriately at the start of their high school career. Remember, it is the starting point that is critical.
- Provides an opportunity for students to practice taking an academic placement exam, for example SAT, ACT or certification exams.

Science Courses

Biology
Honors Biology
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry

AP Biology
Marine Biology
AP Chemistry
Physics
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C
AP Physics C E&M
Anatomy & Physiology
AP Environmental Science
Honors STEM Research
Biotech 1
Biotech 2

ACPHS Science Pathways

- When choosing a science pathway, the most important question is whether your student is considering a future in a health-related, science, or engineering field. If so, we strongly recommend the Honors Science sequence. These courses are designed with higher standards that build college-level science and lab skills.
- On-level science courses are excellent options for students pursuing non-science career interests, but they *do not* cover all of the foundational content needed for future Honors, AP, or college-level science courses. Moving from on-level into honors later isn't impossible, but it usually requires significant extra work to bridge those gaps.
- Finally, for freshmen, we recommend taking only one college-level honors class during their first year at ACP to help ensure a smooth transition.

ACPHS Science Pathways

	Option A	Option B	Option C
9th Grade	Biology	Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry *concurrent enrollment* AP Biology* (not recommended)
10th Grade	Chemistry Environmental Science Systems	Honors Chemistry *concurrent enrollment* AP Biology* (not recommended) AP Physics 1*	AP Biology* AP Chemistry* AP Physics 1* AP Physics C*
11th-12th Grade	Marine Biology* Physics Anatomy & Physiology Environmental Science Systems Honors STEM Research Biotech 1 Biotech 2	AP Biology* AP Chemistry* AP Physics C* AP Physics C E&M* Anatomy & Physiology AP Environmental Science Honors STEM Research Biotech 1 Biotech 2 Marine Biology*	AP Physics C E&M* Anatomy & Physiology AP Environmental Science Honors STEM Research Biotech 1 Biotech 2 Marine Biology*

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English Courses

English 9

Honors English 9

Pre AP English 2 (ACPMS only)

English 10

English 11

English 12

Honors English 10

AP Seminar/Honors English 10 (Year 1 of AP Capstone)

AP English Language & Composition

Honors Science & Technical Writing

AP English Literature & Composition

EVIT English 11/12

ACPHS English Pathways

	Option A	Option B	Option C ACPMS Students Only
9th Grade	English 9	Honors English 9	Pre-AP English 2
10th Grade	English 10	Honors English 10 AP Seminar (year one of AP Capstone)	AP Seminar (year one of AP Capstone)
11th Grade	English 11	AP Language*	AP Language*
12th Grade	English 12 College English Honors Science & Technical Writing*	AP Literature Honors Science & Technical Writing*	AP Literature Honors Science & Technical Writing*
** Denotes Current Dual Enrollment Options*			

Social Studies Courses

World History/Geography
Honors World History/Geography
AP World History/Geography*

AP Human Geography
Mexican-American Experience
AM/AZ History
AP AM/AZ History
AZ/US Government & Constitution*
AP AZ/US Government & Constitution*
AP Comparative Government & Politics*
Economics
Holocaust & Genocide Studies
AP Microeconomics
Psychology
AP Psychology

* *Denotes Current Dual Enrollment Options*

World Language Courses

American Sign Language 1*
American Sign Language 2*
Honors American Sign Language 3
Honors American Sign Language 4
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Honors Spanish 3*
AP Spanish Language & Culture*
AP Spanish Literature & Culture*
DLI Spanish Program
Native Speakers Spanish Program*
Mandarin Chinese 1
Mandarin Chinese 2
Honors Mandarin Chinese 3*
AP Chinese Language & Culture [Year 4]*
AP Chinese Language & Culture [Year 5]*
AP Chinese Language & Culture [Year 6]
Tamil

** Denotes Current Dual Enrollment Options*

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- Film & TV Production
  - Multimedia and Film 1
  - Multimedia and Film 2
- Marketing
  - Marketing 1
  - Marketing 2
  - School Based Enterprise*
- Software & App Design
  - AP Computer Science Principles 1
  - AP Computer Science A
- Tech Theater
  - Tech Theater 1
  - Tech Theater 2

** Denotes Current Dual Enrollment Options*

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles*
- Honors Python*
- Culinary Arts
  - Culinary Arts 1
  - Culinary Arts 2
  - Culinary Arts 3
- Digital Photography
  - Digital Photography 1
  - Digital Photography 2
- Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation
  - Sports Medicine 1*
  - Sports Medicine 2*
- Biotechnology
  - Biotechnology 1
  - Biotechnology 2
- Education Professions
  - Education Profession 1*
  - Education Professions 2*
- Internships for Seniors (completers)

** Denotes Current Dual Enrollment Options*

Fine Arts

Theatre

Choir

Orchestra

Band

Marching Band

Jazz Band

Percussion

Guitar

Company Theatre

Dance

Color/Winterguard

AP Music Theory

Fine Arts

Ceramics 1

Ceramics 2

Ceramics 3

AP Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio

AP Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio

AP Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio

Drawing and Painting 1

Drawing and Painting 2

Drawing and Painting 3

Digital Photo 1

Digital Photo 2

Multimedia and Film 1

Multimedia and Film 2

AP Art History

Physical Education Courses

Physical Education

Athletics Locker

Spiritline

Comprehensive Health

Yoga

Dance

Weight Lifting

Partner PE

Miscellaneous Offerings

Academic Decathlon

Release Time (Religious release)

AP Research (Year 2 of AP Capstone)

Creative Writing

Life, College & Career Prep

Journalism

Newspaper

Yearbook

Speech

Speech & Debate (5-time state champion)

Student Government

LINK Crew

Academic Decathlon

EVIT

Air Force Junior ROTC (via HHS)

Athletic Offerings
AIA 6A Conference

Fall Season	Winter Season	Spring Season
Tackle Football (5A)#	Boys Basketball	Softball
Girls Volleyball	Girls Basketball	Baseball
Boys Cross Country	Boys Soccer#	Boys Volleyball*#
Girls Cross Country	Girls Soccer#	Boys Tennis*
Boys Swim & Dive*	Boys Wrestling	Girls Tennis*
Girls Swim & Dive*#	Girls Wrestling	Boys Track & Field
Girls Badminton*	Spiritline	Girls Track & Field
Spiritline		Girls Beach Volleyball
Freshmen Tennis		
Boys Golf#		
Girls Golf		
Girls Flag Football		
Boys Beach Volleyball		

** Denotes State Champion; # Denotes State Runner-Up*

Athletic Facilities

- Interior Facilities
  - Main Gymnasium
  - Locker Rooms (6)
  - Auxiliary Gym
  - Wrestling Room
  - Weight Room
  - Equipment Room
  - Training Room
- Exterior Facilities
  - Varsity football/soccer field
  - Rubberized track
  - Varsity baseball & softball fields
  - JV baseball & softball fields
  - 8 tennis courts
  - Practice field
  - Fieldhouse
    - 2 locker rooms
    - Traditional classroom
    - Training room
    - Concession stands

Campus Clubs

- ACP has over 100 student clubs that students can join
- If a desired club is not offered, students can “bring” the club to our school
- Some clubs and organizations require certain membership criteria be met (e.g. National Honor Society)
- Clubs are sponsored by faculty, staff, parents, and community members
- Current clubs and organizations are listed on our school’s website (Parents & Students channel)

General Information

- **District Transportation**
  - Transportation will continue to be provided for students who choose to open enroll and do not live in established boundaries
  - Additional bus depot sites will be added to accommodate students that live in the northern part of the district
- **School Start & End Time**
  - 7:25-2:15
  - Zero hour 6:30-7:20
- **School Size**
  - We anticipate an enrollment of 2750 students next year

General Information Student Attire

Shirts	Approved ACP Polo's (purple, black, grey, or white) with ACP logo, approved white oxford shirts with ACP logo.
Pants/Shorts/Capris/Skirts/Skorts	Approved black, khaki, purple, grey, white, denim or plaid in school colors. Pajama bottoms are not permitted. Modesty is expected.
Outerwear (sweaters/jackets/hoodies/sweatshirts)	Outerwear must be in any combination of school colors. Outerwear promoting any military branch or college and university is also permitted and may be any color and type.
Socks	Solid tights may be worn if they are in school colors. Modesty is expected.
Shoes	Show must always be worn. Flip flops (ones that could be worn around water), and slippers are not permitted on campus. Heels or platforms of shoes must not exceed two inches due to safety reasons.
Undershirts/Turtlenecks	Short and long-sleeved undershirts,/turtlenecks in solid black, purple, gray, or white are permitted.
Headwear & Sunglasses	Hats and sunglasses are not permitted in the building (unless approved by administration).

Why ACP High School?

Connections

Campus community provides all faculty and staff with opportunities to connect with your child and to know them as a person in the classroom and outside of the school setting.

Community

Real-world community. Students work together and know one another. Upperclassmen help and mentor underclassmen.

Content

Coursework and instruction prepare students for a seamless transition to career and/or college.

Why ACP High School?

Dedicated instruction

- 85% of Arizona Prep instructors have graduate degrees
- All Arizona Prep instructors sponsor a school club or extracurricular activity
- Before & After-School Tutoring
- Advisory

College & Career Support

- Brings colleges to the students and students to the college
- Generates career knowledge and exploration
- Promotes scholarship opportunities for students

Why ACP High School?

- Dual Credit Opportunities
  - Students have the opportunity to earn dual credit from Chandler Gilbert Community College, Mesa Community College, and University of Arizona
    - Must earn a "C" or higher in the course to earn the credit
  - 4547 dual enrollment credit hours were earned by ACPHS students last year (highest in the state of Arizona)
- Advanced Placement Opportunities
  - Advanced placement exams are offered through the College Board
  - Students scoring 3-5 on the exam might be awarded college credit
  - 1707 students (75%) enrolled in AP courses last year (highest number in CUSD)

Why ACP High School?

Family Connections

- Prep PTO
- Athletic Booster Clubs
- Site Council
- Club Advisor
- Guest Speaker Opportunities
- Daily Volunteers

Why ACP High School?

- Scholarship
  - Average academic offer of $150,000/student (highest per pupil average in CUSD)
  - Class of 2025 Accolades
    - AP Scholar Honors
      - 182 AP award recipients
    - Arizona State Seal Awardees
      - 121 - Arts, Biliteracy, Civics, Personal Finance
    - Additional recognitions
      - 11 National Indigenous Scholar
      - 16 National African American Scholars
      - 41 National Hispanic Scholars
      - 20 National Merit Scholars
        - *Class of 2026 has 38 National Merit Semifinalists - most in Arizona*
      - 1 Flinn Scholar

Why ACP High School?

- Post High School Success
  - ACP graduates have a 96% matriculation rate from their freshman to sophomore year of college
    - *State average is 78%*
  - ACP graduates have a 90% graduation rate from college within six years
    - *State average is 38%*

Proven Academic Excellence

- 2025 Arizona State Board of Education #1 School in Arizona
- 2019 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School
- Arizona Education Foundation A+ School of Excellence
- Newsweek Magazine Top American High School
- U.S. News & World Report America's Best High School (#3 public high school; #1 comprehensive)
- Niche.com Top Arizona High School
- An All-Arizona Subjects Higher Performing School (ACT)
- Best Public High School in Arizona (msn.com)
- Earned an A rating from the Arizona Dept. of Education
- 97.6% graduation rate
- 93% matriculation rate to four-year college upon graduation (National Clearinghouse)
- Part of the Chandler Unified School District
  - Top Ranked District in AZ (Niche)

Enrollment Processes

ACPHS Boundary & ACPMS Families

- Students currently attending a CUSD school or enrolled in ACPMS are automatically enrolled in ACP High School.
- Students not currently attending a CUSD school will be able to complete the online registration beginning January 7,2026.

Outside ACPHS Boundary

- Students will go through the open enrollment process. The application and details can be found here

Registrar contact info:

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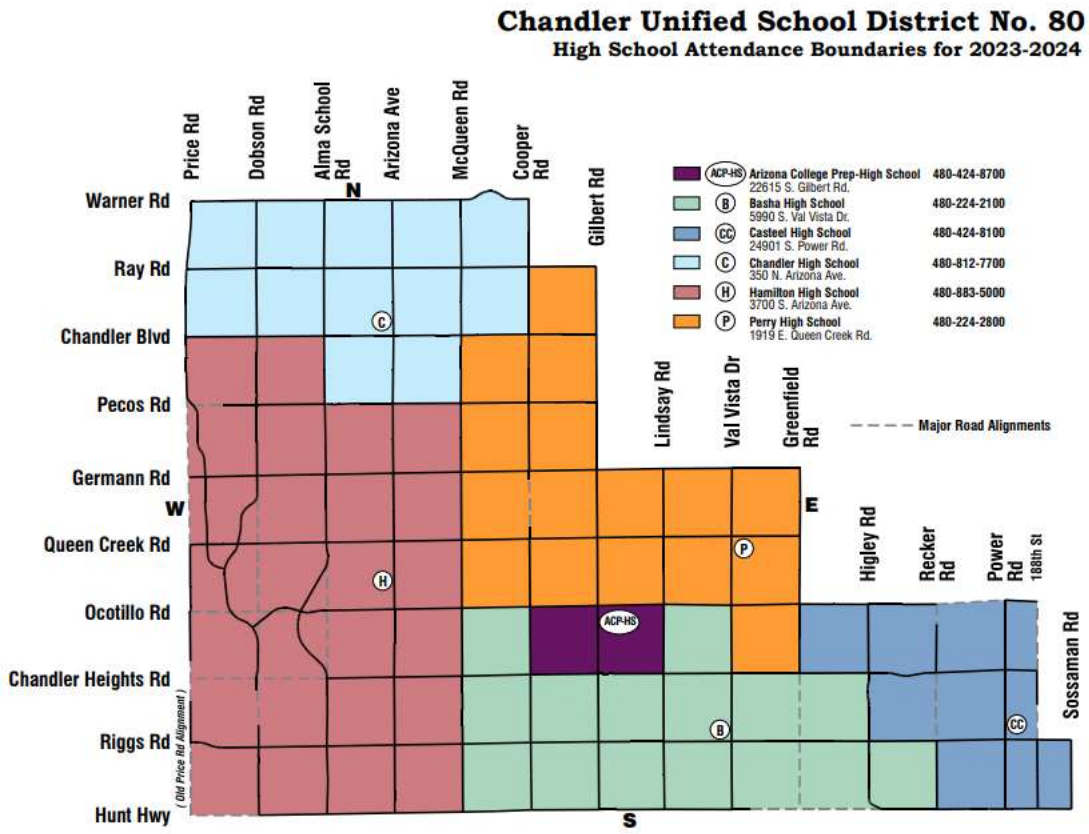

Upcoming Registration Dates

ACP High School counselors will be meeting with boundary school students in the coming weeks.

- ACP Middle School
  - 1:1 Student Meetings: December 8th through December 12th
- Payne Junior High School
  - Registration Overview: January 12th
  - 1:1 Student Meetings: January 27th
- Santan Junior High School
  - Registration Overview: January 13th
  - 1:1 Student Meetings: January 30th

Upcoming Registration Dates

Families new to CUSD, along with current CUSD families, will have opportunities to attend a small group registration meeting in March and April.

- March 24, 2026 - ACPHS Cafeteria - 8:30 AM
- March 26, 2026 - ACPHS Auditorium - 5:15 PM
- March 31, 2026 - ACPHS Auditorium - 8:30 AM
- April 2, 2026 - Location TBA - 5:15 PM
- April 11, 2026 - ACPHS Auditorium - 9:00 AM
- April 18, 2026 - ACPHS Auditorium - 9:00 AM
- April 21, 2026 - ACPHS Auditorium - 8:30 AM
- April 23, 2026 - ACPHS Auditorium - 3:00 PM

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