

# DESERT STAR HIGH SCHOOL

Informational Packet  
**2026-2027**

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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 added grade 11 for the 2025-2026 school year, and will be adding 12th grade for this upcoming 2026-2027 school year.

We are proud to announce that DSHS successfully completed Cognia Accreditation during the 2025-2026 school year!

DSHS is committed to educating your scholars and preparing them for a successful career or post-secondary education. 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.

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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Principal

Mr. Jonathan Clark  
Athletic Director

Mrs. Margie Montgomery, M.Ed.  
Founder / Director

Mr. Paul Gladeau  
CTE Director

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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  
Athletic Director  
CTE Director  
Administrative Assistant

Mr. Jesus Osuna  
Mr. Jonathan Clark  
Mr. Paul Gladeau  
Mrs. Megan Demmer

### Teachers

Language Arts  
Language Arts  
Language Arts/CTE  
History  
Mathematics  
Mathematics  
Environmental Science/Art  
Biology/Anatomy & Physiology  
Fine Arts  
Theater / Set Design  
Weights  
Physical Education  
Counselor / Scholar Council  
CTE Culinary Arts  
CTE Early Childhood Education  
CTE Business Administration  
Special Education/ESS

Ms. Jody Carroll  
Ms. Lori Garner  
Mr. Thomas Herline  
Mr. Erik Johnson  
Mr. Kye Ostby  
Ms. Noel King  
Mr. Lawrence Perales  
Ms. Ashley Osborn  
Ms. Maddisyn Myers  
Ms. Tiffany DeSpain  
Mr. Mitchel Mulcahy  
Mr. Amaro Contreras  
Mr. Paul Perkins  
Mr. Robert Hazlegrove  
Mrs. Kylee Melcher  
Mr. Frank Sagasta  
Mr. Jose Rosario

### Directors

DSA Director  
Director of Exceptional Student Services

Mrs. Margie Montgomery  
Mrs. Lina Engelhardt



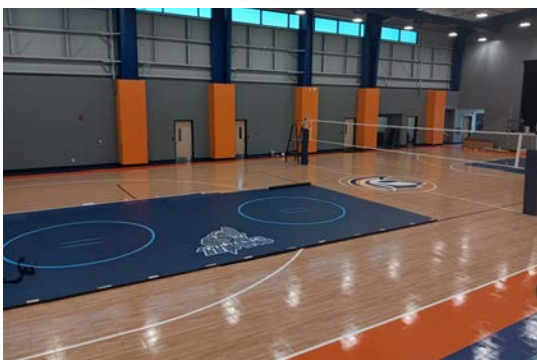
## High School Facilities

### DSHS Present Site:

Desert Star High School will continue to implement a split campus for the 2026-2027 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 Shuttle.

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. We will also be using temporary classrooms in the elementary building for CTE Business & Early Childhood Ed.

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 secured financing for a future state-of-the-art high school building that will be a 2-story building complete with turf field, bleachers, lights, 16 classrooms, conference room, in-door / out-door commons area, and a hospitality room on the 2nd floor overlooking the field!



**Tentatively  
Scheduled for  
Completion in  
February 2027!**



**New DSHS Turf  
Field & Stadium  
coming July 2026!**



# DSHS Back-to-School Registration Night: Wednesday, July 29th

1st Day of School: Monday, August 3rd

4 Day School Week

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## 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 2026/27 (Grades 9, 10, 11,12)

<b>Freshman (9) Track</b>					
English 9	Algebra 1	Environmental Science	Elective 1	Elective 2	Elective 3 / CTE / MC
<b>Freshman (9) Honors Track</b>					
Honors English 9	Honors Algebra 1	Environmental Science	Elective 1	Elective 2	Elective 3 / CTE / MC
<b>Sophomore (10) Track</b>					
English 10	Geometry	Biology	US/AZ History	Elective 1	Elective 2 / CTE / MC
<b>Sophomore (10) Honors Track</b>					
Honors English 10	Honors Geometry	Biology	US/AZ History	Elective 1	Elective 2 / CTE / MC
<b>Junior (11) Track</b>					
English 11	Algebra 2	Anatomy & Physiology	US/AZ History	Elective 1	Elective 2 / CTE / MC Early Release (work based)
<b>Junior (11) Honors Track</b>					
Eng101/102 Duel Enrollment	Honors Geometry	Honors Anatomy & Physiology	US/AZ History	Elective 1	Elective 2 / CTE / MC Early Release (work based)
<b>Seniors (12) Track</b>					
English 12	Senior Math	Civics & Economics	Elective 1	Elective 2	Elective 3 / CTE / MC / Early Release

*\*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.*

**CTE, Fine Arts, & Elective Class Offerings:**

<b>Electives &amp; Fine Arts Offered on DSHS Campus</b>					
Weights / Physical Education	Spanish I & II <i>(Remote)</i>	Scholar Council	Band / Art I & II	Concert Choir / Show Choir / Girls Choir	Theater / Set Design / Speech & Debate
<b>Career Technical Education (CTE) Offered on DSHS Campus</b>					
Culinary Arts I & II	Graphic Design II & III	Business Management I & II	Early Childhood Ed. I & II	Law & Public Safety <i>New</i>	
<b>Mohave College</b> <i>(Through Dual &amp; Concurrent Enrollment online or in person.)</i>					
Foreign Languages	Psychology / Humanities	Sociology / Philosophy	<a href="#">WAVE JTED Class Offerings</a>	<a href="#">MC CTE Offerings</a>	<a href="#">MC AGECE Courses</a>

**Mohave College & WAVE JTED Partnerships**

Desert Star High School has partnered with Mohave 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 dual & concurrent enrollment, meaning they can receive dual high school and college credit simultaneously. Scholars can take college courses at the Mohave College campus, WAVE JTED central campus, and/or online from the DSHS campus in a study hall/independent study classroom.

To learn more about the Mohave College’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 1 & 2 & Geometry: Eureka Math + Workbooks, supplemented with IXL Math.
- **English** - English 9-12: Savvas MyPerspectives ELA Curriculum and Top Score Writing, supplemented with IXL ELA.
- **Science** - Savvas Curriculum for Miller & Levine Biology and Environmental Science & Pearson Anatomy and Physiology
- **History & Social Science** - Savvas Curriculum for US & World History, Civics/Government, and Economics
- **CTE** - CTE Curriculum Connection, eDynamics Curriculum, Pearson GMetrix
- **Credit Recovery** - SchoolsPLP Software
- **Resource Math/English** - ImagineLearning: Edgenuity
- **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

*\*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*

Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education	1 credit
Electives	7 credits

*\*Must pass Civics Test 70/100*

*\*CPR chest compression certified*

## DSHS Bell Schedule 26-27

<b>High School</b> <i>5 Min Rally - Pledge/Announcements 8:25am</i>			
Homeroom / Advisory	8:30 AM	8:40 AM	10 Minutes
1st Period	8:40 AM	9:40 AM	60 Minutes
2nd Period	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	60 Minutes
3rd Period	10:50 AM	11:50 AM	60 Minutes
4th LUNCH	11:50 AM	12:30 PM	40 Minutes
5th Period	12:35 PM	1:35 AM	60 Minutes
6th Period	1:40 AM	2:40 PM	60 Minutes
7th Period	2:45 PM	3:45 PM	60 Minutes

**\*Daily before school and after school tutoring opportunities available**

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

### **Dress Code**

DSHS does not require school uniforms. Scholar attire must follow appropriate dress including no spaghetti straps, tank tops, or midriff showing, no pajamas, and no hoods or hats inside classrooms.

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

Field trips: DSHS polo shirts required.

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

'Titan Tuesday' Spirit days with Titan 'Hangout' time & Titan 'Tutoring' time.

## 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-TBD, Co-ed Golf, Track & Field

A participation fee of \$50 per sport with a maximum family out of pocket cost of \$200 per academic school year for participation in scholastic sports at Desert Star Academy starting Fall 2026. \*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 fine arts 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, college campus visits, & field trips (New York, Greece, & more!). 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 2026-2027 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 tempory living arrangement? Yes  No

If yes, is this tempory living arrangement due to loss of housing or econocmic 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:
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**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 memember of a reserve force in the United States military.
- None of the above.

If this scholar has sibilings 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 sibilings: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Print Parent / Guardian Name