Desert Vista High School is a comprehensive public high school of approximately 3,100 students building a bridge to excellence in academics. It is located in the Ahwatukee/Foothills section of Phoenix, Arizona. Accredited by AdvancEd, Desert Vista has students enrolled in grades 9-12. The freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes have approximately 822, 751, 797, and 743 students respectively. Based on the 2021 graduation class, 70% of the students are attending a four-year college or university, 15% attending a two-year college, and the remaining 15% pursuing full-time employment, military or vocational training.

Graduation Requirements
A minimum of 23 credits (1 credit = 1 year)

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Desert Vista has two semesters consisting of two nine-week quarters and students can take six classes daily.

COVID Information

Spring 2020 Students completed the third quarter on March 6 and went on Spring Break. Students never returned to in person instruction. Semester letter grades were issued on May 20 based on third quarter grades with supplemental online instruction opportunities that allowed students to raise, but not lower, their March 6 letter grade. Graduation requirements were not changed.

2020 - 2021 Instruction began Mon, Aug. 3 with families having two choices for their learning options—first semester fully online through our online program (Tempe Union Online) or in-person classes following provided Arizona Distance Learning guidelines, with instruction beginning virtually through Friday, Oct 2—the end of first quarter. Students enrolled in Tempe Union Online may have had to alter their course selections.

In-person students were instructed virtually (via Google Meetings) with teachers in Quarters 1 and 3, and students were allowed to meet with teachers either in person or virtually (via Google Meetings) in Quarters 2 and 4.

In either option, students will have unchanged graduation requirements, school calendars and school counselor services. All students will continue to earn traditional letter grades.

Grading System: A= 90-100%, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, D=60-69%, F=0-59%

*D is lowest passing mark
**Some AP and Honors classes use a 92% scale
Curriculum/Honors Course Offerings

Class Levels: Courses are offered at the following levels: Regular, Dual Enrollment, Honors, Advanced Placement

Honors / Advanced Placement (AP): Honors and AP classes are designed for students demonstrating exceptional aptitude and achievement in the discipline and have demonstrated a desire to pursue the curriculum beyond the regular level.

Dual Enrollment: Courses are offered at Desert Vista for both college and high school credit. Depending on the course, college credit is awarded by either Rio Salado Community College.

Advanced Placement Courses

- Biology
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science
- Physics C: Mechanics & Electricity and Magnetism
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Statistics
- US Government & Politics
- US History
- World History: Modern

Class Rank and GPA

The number of classes taken to produce the students’ grade point average (GPA) divides total grade points earned. Only semester grades are used in computing the GPA and corresponding rank in class. Class rank and GPA are reported on the official transcripts at the end of the seventh semester and are considered the final class rank. Administrative Assistant is not used when computing the GPA. Also, repeated classes do not earn credit. The higher grade earned in a repeated course is used in computing the GPA. Weighted rank points will be given to those courses underlined in the Registration Handbook, however, the GPA remains unweighted. The weighted GPA is computed on the transcript for informational purposes only and is not officially reported by the school. Weighted rank points will not be given for courses from other schools for which we do not give weighted rank points. The transferring school and the receiving school must both have awarded weighted grades/rank for a particular course.

Testing Results

2021 Advanced Placement Scores
Number of exams 682
Percent of AP Students with Scores 3+ 76%

SAT and ACT Results:

2019-20 SAT:
- ERW Average: 576
- Math Average: 541
- Average Total (1600) 1164

2019-20 ACT:
- English: 24.3
- Math: 25.1
- Reading: 24.8
- Science: 24.3
- Composite: 24.7

National Merit Semi-Finalists

- 2021-3 2021-1
- 2020-9 2020-1
- 2019-11 2019-1
- 2018-8
- 2017-15
- 2016-10
- 2015-20 2015-1
- 2014-17 2014-1

Flinn Scholar Awards

Dual Enrollment and/or Honors Courses

- Advanced Composition
- Advanced Studies
- Biology 3-4
- Biotechnology 1-2
- Chemistry 1-2
- College Mathematics
- Business Economic Applications
- Business Management
- Business Technology Applications
- Creative Writing
- Debate 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
- Finance for Business Management
- Forensic Speech 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
- German 3-4, 5-6
- Honors Advanced Biology 3-4
- Honors Advanced Business Management
- Honors Algebra 3-4
- Honors American/Arizona History
- Honors Art 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
- Honors Biology 3-4
- Honors Biotechnology 1-2, 3-4
- Honors Brief Calculus
- Honors Business Marketing
- Honors Calculus 3
- Honors Chemistry 1-2
- Honors Computer Programming 1-2, 5-6
- Honors Differential Equations
- Honors Earth Science
- Honors Economics
- Honors Exercise Physiology
- Honors Finite Math
- Honors French 5-6, 7-8
- Honors Freshman English
- Honors Geometry
- Honors German 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
- Honors Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Honors Junior English
- Honors Latin 3-4, 5-6
- Honors Linear Algebra
- Honors Music Exploration and Performance
- Honors Physics 1-2, 3-4
- Honors Sophomore English
- Honors Spanish 5-6, 7-8, 9-10
- Honors World History/Geography
- Honors US Government
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Humanities
- Mechanical Engineering 5-6, 7-8
- Organic Chemistry 1
- Photography 3-4
- Physics 1-2
- Pre-Calculus
- Psychology
- Technology, Leadership and Career Success
- Spanish 5-6, 7-8
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- Sociology

2019-2020
Over 1000 students enrolled in dual credit.