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Tempe Union
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mountain Pointe High School

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PROFILE 2020-2021

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Tempe Union High School District COVID-19 Adjustments

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.

FALL 2020 – Instruction began Monday, August 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 at least Friday, October 2--the end of first quarter--or until the metrics for reopening provided by the AZ Dept. of Health Services (ADHS) can be met). Students enrolled in Tempe Union Online may have had to alter their course selections.

General Information

- Mountain Pointe High School is a public, coeducational school which provides a variety of academic and nonacademic opportunities for grades nine through twelve.
- Located in the south Phoenix area referred to as: Mountain Park Ranch / Ahwatukee / Foothills
- Opened in 1991 and graduated first senior class in 1994
- Accredited by Cognia
- Approximately 2,400 students attend with an average class count of 37
- Ethnic breakdown:
Anglo 24% | Asian 2% | Black 22% | Hispanic 35% | Native American 5% | Multi 7%
- Based on most recent available data of Mountain Pointe graduates:
 - ♦ 42% attend a four-year college or university
 - ♦ 31% enroll at a community college
 - ♦ 4% attend Technical/Vocational school
 - ♦ 21% go straight to work
 - ♦ 2% join the military

Honors and Awards

National Merit Finalist	1994 – 2020	95
National Merit Semifinalists	2020	10
National Merit Commended Students	1994 – 2020	119
National Hispanic Scholars	1994 – 2020	42
National Achievement Program	2011	01
AP National Scholar	2006 – 2020	38
AP Scholars	2002 – 2020	342
AP Scholar with Distinction	2002 – 2020	225
AP Scholars with Honor	2002 – 2020	132
Presidential Scholar	2015	01

Curriculum/Honors Course Offerings

The most challenging courses offered at Mountain Pointe High School by subject area are listed below.

English

Honors Freshman English
 Honors Sophomore English
 Honors Junior English
 AP English Language & Composition
 Advanced Composition
 Advanced Creative Writing
 AP English Literature & Composition

Mathematics

Honors Geometry
 Honors Algebra 3-4
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP Statistics
 Honors Computer Programming 1-2

Science

Honors Biology
 Honors Chemistry
 AP Chemistry
 AP Physics I
 Honors Anatomy/Physiology,
 Honors Earth Science
 Honors Biotechnology 1-2, 3-4
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Biology
 AP Physics C

Social Sciences

AP World History/Geography
 AP US/AZ History
 AP US/AZ Government
 AP Economics
 AP Psychology
 AP European History
 AP Human Geography
 Honors World History/Geography
 Honors US/AZ History
 Honors English 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

World Languages

Honors French 5-6, 7-8, 9-10
 Honors Spanish 5-6, 7-8, 9-10

Electives

Honors Art 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Advanced Multimedia,
 Honors Advanced Accounting
 Hrs. Professional Internship Program
 Advanced Studies
 Honors Music Exploration
 Honors Advanced PE
 AP Art History
 AP Computer Science

Honors Courses

Students enrolled in honors courses, our most rigorous curriculum, are awarded weighted rank points for their efforts.

Advanced Placement 2002-2003

Mountain Pointe began an AP program in math and social studies.

2004-2005

AP Economics, AP US Government, AP Psychology were added.

2005-2006

AP English Composition and AP English Literature were added.

Several of our honors courses are AP equivalent and students can opt to take the AP exams in May.

Dual Enrollment

In addition, some art, business, math, science, English and world language courses may be taken for college credit through Rio Salado College.

Academies

Mountain Pointe Academies offer students the ability to focus their attention in high school on specific interests and career choices.

Students are able to engage in courses that will prepare them for college and future careers.

Academies offered:

- Academy of Business,
- Family and Culinary Arts
- Academy of Sports and Wellness
- Academy of Visual and Performing Arts
- STEM Academy



Grades / Rank

The **Grade Point Average (GPA)** and **Class Rank** will be computed by placing the following point values on letter grades.

Grade Point Average: Add GPA points and divide by number of total semester classes completed (the maximum GPA is 4.0).

Class Rank: Class Rank is determined by adding all class rank points earned that are not over the limit. The student with the highest total is ranked first.

Numeric	GPA Points Regular / Honors Classes	Rank Points *Honors Classes (Weighted)	Rank Points Regular Classes
A = 90 – 100%	A = 4 points	A = 5 points	A = 4 points
B = 80 – 89%	B = 3 points	B = 4 points	B = 3 points
C = 70 – 79%	C = 2 points	C = 3 points	C = 2 points
D = 60 – 69%	D = 1 point	D = 1 point	D = 1 point
F = 0 – 59%	F = 0 points	F = 0 points	F = 0 points



Restrictions:

- A maximum number of credits will be used each semester in determining rank (see table on right).
- Grades awarded for administrative type credit given for non-class service will not be computed in the GPA or Class Rank.
- Only credits received in classes taken in high school, summer school, night school, concurrent enrollment, and correspondence courses will be used for class ranking purposes.
- If a student exceeds the credit limit for a given semester, rank points accumulated in courses will be used in the following order:
 - Core courses earning the most class rank points will be used until the credit limit is reached.
 - If the number of core courses does not exceed the credit limit, all core courses will be used.
 - Non-core courses earning the most class rank points will be used until the credit limit is reached.
 - Core courses are designated by + on transcript.
- Weighted rank points will be given to those courses identified in the Course Description Booklet.
- 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 points for a particular course.

Rank Qualifications	
Semester	Credit Limit
1	3.0
2	6.0
3	9.0
4	12.0
5	15.0
6	18.0
7	21.0
8	24.0

Diplomas Offered

Honors Diploma – Designed to meet current in-state university requirements. Students are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA, taking 16 core classes, of which a minimum of 3 must be designated as either AP or honors.

Diploma of Distinction – This diploma is designed to meet current highly selective university requirements. Students are required to maintain a 3.8 GPA, taking 18 core classes, of which a minimum of 8 classes must be designated as either AP or honors.

Grade Distribution Class of 2020	
Grade Average	# of Students
4.0	18
3.5 – 3.9	106
3.0 – 3.4	118
2.0 – 2.9	209
1.0 – 1.9	58
TOTAL	509

Graduation Requirements

Mountain Pointe has two semesters consisting of two nine-week quarters and six classes per semester.

A minimum of 23 credits (1 credit = 1 year) are required for graduation. See table below.

Credit	Subject Area
4.0	English
4.0	Math
2.0	Fine Arts / CTE
3.0	Lab Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Science Life Science
3.0	Social Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History/Geography US / AZ History US / AZ Govt/Economics
0.5	Health
1.0	Physical Education
5.5	Electives

Testing Programs Offered / Results

ACT | AP | ASVAB | AzMERIT | PSAT/NMSQT | SAT Reasoning | SAT

TEST	2019-2020	2018-2019
SAT (Students Tested)	Not available due to COVID-19	(370)
ERW		555
Math		592
TOTAL SCORE		1111
ACT (Students Tested)	Not available due to COVID-19	Not available
English Mean		
Math Mean		
Reading Mean		
Science Mean		
Composite Mean		
AP (Total Tests Taken)	303	314
Exams with grades of 3, 4, or 5	170	193

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