

2020-2021 School Profile

<https://www.tempeunion.org/desertvista>

CEEB Code 030-328

School & Community

Desert Vista High School is a comprehensive public high school of approximately 3000 (down to 2800 this year from kids transferring to our online school) students building a bridge to excellence in academics. It is located in the Ahwatukee/Foothills section of Phoenix, Arizona. Accredited by Cognia, Desert Vista has students enrolled in grades 9-12. The freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes have approximately 700, 755, 683 and 662 students respectively. Based on the 2020 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. The graduates of 2020 were admitted to 194 different national and international colleges and universities, earning over \$23 million in scholarship offers.

Graduation Requirements

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

	Credits
English	4.0
Math	4.0
Algebra and Geometry	
Lab Science	3.0
Life and Physical Science	
Social Studies	2.5
World History/Geography	
US/AZ History	
US/AZ Government .5	
Fine Art/CTE	2.0
Physical Education	1.0
Health	0.5
Free Enterprise	0.5
Electives	5.5

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

Desert Vista Administration

Michael Deignan

Principal

Temako Roque

Academics

TJ Snyder

Activities

Tommy Eubanks

Athletics

Desert Vista Counseling Office

Amie Hickel

Department Chair

Gifted Student

Counselor Class of 2021

Grades 9-12 Tj-Z

Kate Dowd

Gifted Student

Counselor

Classes of 2022, 2023, & 2024

Rory Ruelas

Grades 9-12 A-Co

Ricki Cassutt

Grades 9-12 Cr-G

Sarah Hollow

Grades 9-12 H-L

Mickey Krebs

Grades 9-12 M-Q

Helen Hale

Grades 9-12 -R-Ti

Michele Thompson

Office Assistant

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.

Fall 2020

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 at least Friday, Oct 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.

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

Updates for all Tempe Union High School District schools will post here: <https://www.tempeunion.org/Health-Safety>

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 or South Mtn Community College.

Advanced Placement Courses

Biology	Human Geography
Calculus BC	Physics C
Chemistry	Psychology
Computer Science A	Spanish Language
English Language and Composition	Statistics
English Literature and Composition	US Government & Politics
Environmental Science	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. Classes with a grade of a P (pass) are 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 [Course Catalog](#), 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

2019 & 2020 Advanced Placement Scores

Number of exams 2019 – 724
 Percent of AP Students with Scores 3+ 86%
 Number of exams 2020- 568
 Percent of AP Students with Scores 3+ 79%

2019 & 2020 SAT and ACT Results:

2018-2019 SAT:	960 exams
ERW Average:	582
Math Average:	591
Average Total (1600)	1173
2019-2020 SAT:	517 exams
ERW Average:	576
Math Average:	571
Average Total (1600)	1164
2019 ACT:	263 exams
English:	24.3
Math:	25.1
Reading:	24.8
Science:	24.3
Composite:	24.7

National Merit Semi-Finalists

2020-9
 2019-11
 2018-8
 2017-15
 2016-10
 2015-20

Flinn Scholar Awards

2020-1
 2019-1
 2015-1

Dual Enrollment and/or Honors Courses

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

2019-20

Over 1000 students enrolled in dual credit.