



DESERT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL



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Class of 2018 Data

96% of DMHS 2017 graduates attended a post-secondary institution.

69% 4-Year College

27% 2-Year College

4% Workforce or Military

79% of DMHS IB candidates received their diplomas.

Standardized Testing

SAT Mean Scores for the Class of 2017
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing-610,
Math-614

ACT Mean Scores for the Class of 2017

Composite- 22.4, Reading-21.6, Math-22.9

Honors and Awards

7 National Merit Semi-Finalists

7 National Merit Finalists

15 Commended National Merit Scholars

62 AP Scholars

26 AP Scholars with Honors

32 AP Scholars with Distinction

4 National AP Scholar

43 International Baccalaureate

Diploma candidates

Arizona Department of Education

Achievement profile rating of "B"

School and the Community

Opened in 1995, **Desert Mountain High School** is located in north-east Scottsdale and serves a community which strongly supports the school system. The school has a joint use city library facility, four computer labs, media studio, theater, college/career center and extensive athletic facilities.

Desert Mountain utilizes a year long scheduling format to serve its student population of 2,168 in grades nine through twelve. In 1998, Desert Mountain became an International Baccalaureate Member School and is a magnet program for the Scottsdale Unified School District. Desert Mountain offers students the choice of standard, honors, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes. All students in the IB program are diploma candidates.

Special programs are available for gifted, English Language Learners and Special Education students. Extensive vocational programs are also available through a partnership with East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) and Dual Enrollment courses are offered through a partnership with Maricopa Community Colleges.

Web information is available at <https://www.susd.org/index.php/schools/susd-high-school/desert-mountain-hs>

Accreditation

Desert Mountain High school is accredited through AdvancED. Desert Mountain is a member of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors and complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

School Year

The school year consists of 180 days. **Semester classes** meet for 54 minutes, five days a week. There are two semesters in a school year and students receive .5 credit per class each semester.

Faculty

The Desert Mountain Faculty includes five administrators, nine professional support staff members and one hundred and six teachers, of whom seventy two hold Master's Degrees and four hold Doctorates.

Extracurricular Activities

Desert Mountain students participate in a variety of extracurricular activities including Student Council, National Honor Society, performing arts, athletics at the freshman, junior varsity and varsity levels, as well as over fifty student clubs and organizations.

Demographics

The Desert Mountain community is made up of a diverse group of students representing 54 countries and 32 home languages.

Asian: 9%

Black/African American: 3%

Hispanic: 8%

Native/Indian: 1%

Other: 2%

White: 77%

Graduation Requirements

A total of **22** credits are required to graduate: Class of 2018

English 4 credits

Social Studies 3 credits

Mathematics 4 credits

Science 3 credits

Physical Education 1 credit

Fine Arts or

Career Education 1 credit

Electives 6 credits

Required State Civic Exam

Grade Point Average and Class Rank

Class rank is calculated on a weighted academic cumulative GPA for all courses grades 9 through 11. Honors, AP and IB classes carry a weighted grade value: an A=5 points, B=4 points, C=3 points. Official ranking is reported at the end of the student's sixth semester. The numeric ranking, reported as a fraction, can be shared by students who have identical grade point averages. The denominator is the number of students in 11th grade at the time of rankings. Rankings do not change after the sixth semester.

Grading Scale

Grade	Range	GPA
A	90-100%	4
B	80-89%	3
C	70-79%	2
D	60-69%	1
F	0-59%	0

The following classes are weighted in computing class rank.

Honors

English I H	Biology H	French III H	Spanish II H
English II H	Chemistry H	French IV H	Spanish III H
Algebra II H	Earth & Space H	Japanese III H	Spanish IV H
Geometry/Trigonometry H	Human Physiology/Anatomy H	Japanese IV H	Drawing & Painting III H
Calculus III-H	Physics H	Mandarin II H	Fashion & Textiles III H
Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus H	Physics First H	Mandarin III H	Photo/Digital Media III H
Astro-Physics H	French II H	Mandarin IV H	Sculpture 3-D Art III H

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP English Language & Composition	AP Calculus AB	AP US/AZ History	AP Chemistry	AP Studio Art
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Calculus BC	AP US Government & Politics	AP Biology	AP Studio Art 2D
AP French V	AP Statistics	AP Macroeconomics	AP Psychology	AP Studio Art 3D
AP Spanish V	AP Comp Science	AP World History		

International Baccalaureate (IB)

IB English III (HL)	IB Math (SL)	IB Biology (SL)	IB French (SL)	IB Art Design (SL)	IB Comp Science (SL)
IB English IV (HL)	IB Math (HL)	IB Biology (HL)	IB Mandarin (SL)	IB Art Design (HL)	
IB History (SL)	IB Math Studies (SL)	IB Chemistry (SL)	IB Spanish (SL)	IB Music (SL)	
IB Economics (SL)	IB Business (SL)	IB Chemistry (HL)	IB Spanish (HL)	IB Theater (SL)	
IB History (HL)	IB Psychology (SL)	IB Extended Essay	IB Theory of Knowledge	IB Theater (HL)	