



Saguaro High School

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2019 – 2020 School Profile

School and Community

Saguaro High School is a public, comprehensive, four year high school which emphasizes a college preparatory curriculum and nurtures student involvement in school and community.

Saguaro’s music programs have received national recognition and numerous regional and state awards. Saguaro’s Fine Arts Department is the only high school program in SUSD Dual Enrollment options for students. Our academic teams in Science Olympiad, Robotics, Science Bowl, and Academic Decathlon annually compete for state and frequently, national titles. DECA has won at state in two of the previous four years.

Saguaro students participate in fourteen sports sanctioned by the Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Association and in over 30 campus clubs and activities. Our football team has won eleven state championships in the past thirteen years, our baseball team won state titles in 2010 and 2011, girls’ basketball won the 2013 state championship and many other athletic teams on campus have consistently qualified and competed in their respective state tournaments and playoffs.

Saguaro Statistical Profile

Enrollment – 1293 students / School Year – 180 days / AZ Dept. of Education Achievement Profile Rating of “A”

Demographics: African America 6 % Asian 5% Hispanic 18% Multiple Races 2% Native American 4% White 64%

2019 Graduates – 309 with 87% Enrolled in Higher Education (45% 4ys. 38% 2yr.) 39% of grads offered a scholarship

2019 – 2020

1 National Merit Semi-Finalist	25% enrolled in an AP Course	SAT Results	SHS	AZ	ALL
1 National Hispanic Scholar	25% of AP students take 3 or more AP’s	Overall Mean	1197	no data	no data
2 Commended Scholars					

2018 - 2019

6 Commended Scholars/N. Merit	10 AP Scholars w/Distinction	SAT Results	SHS	AZ	ALL
1 perfect ACT composite score (36)	7 AP Scholars w/Honors	Overall Mean	1147	1149	1068
	22 AP Scholars				

2017 - 2018

1 National Hispanic Scholar	2 AP Scholars w/ Distinction	SAT Results	SHS	AZ	ALL
2 Commended Scholars/N. Merit	4 AP Scholars w/ Honors	Overall Mean	1149	1116	1060
	13 AP Scholars				

2016 - 2017

1 National Merit Finalist	5 AP Scholars w/Distinction	SAT Changed to New Format in Jan. 2016			
7 Commended Scholars	3 AP Scholars w/Honors				
1 perfect ACT composite score (36)	9 AP Scholars				

Graduation Requirements

English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
Physical Education	1 Credit
Fine Art or Career Tech	1 Credit
Electives	6 Credits
Total	22 Credits + Pass Civics Exam

Explanation of Transcript Abbreviations

AP	Advanced Placement
H	Honors
EVIT	Shared-Time Tech Program
R	Repeated Course
eL	Online Learning
N	Non Academic
CR	Credit Recovery

Grade Point Average and Class Rank

All classes with the designation of H or AP are honors or advance placement courses and carry a weighted grade value (for example, A = 5.0). The overall GPA includes all of the courses that a student has taken in grades 9-12, except courses with a grade Pass/Fail. Rank in class is computed and posted on the permanent record at the end of the sixth semester and is based on the Academic GPA. Both class rank and GPA are weighted. If a course is repeated, only the highest grade is used in computing GPA.

AP Courses:

Biology II
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry II
Computer Science (online only)
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Environment Science (online only)
Macroeconomics
Mandarin V
Psychology
Spanish Language and Culture
Statistics
Studio Art/Drawing
Studio Art/2D Design
Studio Art/3D Design
U.S. Government and Politics
U.S. History
World History/Modern

Honors Courses:

Algebra II
Biology
Biotechnology II
Calculus III
Chemistry
Drawing and Painting III, IV
English I, II
French III, IV
Geometry/Trigonometry
Human Physiology and Anatomy
Japanese III, IV
Mandarin III, IV
Photo/Digital Media III
Physics
Robotics
Sculpture, 3D Design III
Spanish III, IV
Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus

Dual Enrollment Courses:

Advanced Resistance Training
Advanced Sports Medicine
Advanced Vocal Ensemble
College English 1 & 2
French III, IV Honors
Health Careers
History of Rock and Roll
Human Physiology and Anatomy Honors
Marketing
Physics I Honors
Spanish III, IV Honors
Spanish V AP
Symphonic Orchestra
Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus Honors
U.S. History AP
Varsity Choir

Scottsdale Math and Science Academy

Saguaro High School became the designated location for the Scottsdale Math and Science Academy in 2008, inheriting 3 students from the previous location at Copper Ridge. Currently the program has 238 students participating.

MSA students take a rigorous course load of Honors, Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement courses with emphasis on science and mathematics. Their academic and career exploration is supported by a variety of guest speakers, field trips and enhanced communication regarding STEM careers and ongoing research.

Students pursuing the MSA diploma with Distinction must compete in two science competitions at a state/regional level and complete a field experience in their area of interest. MSA students have completed field experiences in hospitals and doctor's offices, T-Gen, Barrow's Neurological Institute, Scottsdale/Tempe Water Departments, AZ Fish and Game, Spektrre Works, Actuarial Strategies and Tactics, ASU Luminosity Lab and many other STEM related enterprises.

MSA graduates have gone on to undergraduate and graduate programs at prestigious institutions, including:

ASU/Barrett Honors College – U of A Honors College – Brown University – California Institute of Technology
UC Berkeley – UC Los Angeles – UC San Diego - Colorado School of Mines - DePauw University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University – Harvard University - Lewis and Clark College – University of Redlands
University of Southern California – Stanford University – Tufts University - Tulane University - U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Naval Academy – Vanderbilt University - Worcester Polytechnic Institute