



DESERT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL



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Class of 2019 Data

96% of DMHS 2019 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 2018
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing-610,
Math-614

ACT Mean Scores for the Class of 2018

Composite- 25.6, Reading-25.6,
Math-26.0

Class of 2019 Honors and Awards

11 National Merit Semi-Finalists
7 National Merit Finalists
15 Commended National Merit Scholars
79 AP Scholars
30 AP Scholars with Honors
31 AP Scholars with Distinction
3 National AP Scholar
46 International Baccalaureate
Diploma candidates
Arizona Department of Education
Achievement profile rating of "A"

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: 1%
White: 78%

Graduation Requirements

A total of **22 credits** are required to graduate: Class of 2020

English **4 credits**

Mathematics **4 credits**

Science **3 credits**

Social Studies **3 credits**

Physical Education **1 credit**

Fine Arts or Career & Technical Education **1 credit**

Electives **6 credits**

Required State Civics 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

H English I	H Earth & Space	IB MYP H American/AZ History	H Spanish II
IB MYP H English I	H Physics First	H French II	IB MYP H Spanish II
H English II	H Biology I	H French III	H Spanish III
IB MYP H English II	H Chemistry I	H French IV	IB MYP H Spanish III
H Geometry/Trigonometry	H Physics I	H Japanese III	H Spanish IV
H Algebra II	H Physics II	H Japanese IV	H Drawing & Painting III
IB MYP H Math Inquiry & Reasoning	H Astro-Physics	H Mandarin II	H Fashion & Textiles III
H Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus	H Human Physiology/Anatomy	H Mandarin III	H Photo/Digital Media III
H Calculus III/Differential Equations	IB MYP H World History	H Mandarin IV	H Sculpture 3-D Art III

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP English Language & Composition	AP Mandarin Language & Culture	AP US History	AP Biology	AP Statistics
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Computer Science A	AP World History	AP Chemistry	AP Drawing
AP Spanish Language & Culture	AP US Government & Politics	AP Psychology	AP Calculus AB	AP 2D Art & Design
AP French Language & Culture	AP Macroeconomics	AP Environmental	AP Calculus BC	AP 3D Art & Design

International Baccalaureate (IB)

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