



Desert Mountain High School

CEEB Code: 030396

School Profile

2021-2022



Principal: Dr. Lisa Hirsch

Assistant Principals: John Andrews, Stephen Cervantez, Rebecca Cate, & Amy Hardy

Counselors: Jonathon Brechner, Leslie Jones, Michelle Okun, Veva Pacheco, & Marie Cooper

Class of 2021 Data

- 93% of DMHS graduates attended a post-secondary institution.
- 73% 4-Year College
- 20% 2 Year College
- 7% Military or Workforce
- 90% of DMHS IB candidates received their diplomas.

Standardized Testing

SAT Mean Scores for class of 2021
Evidence Based Reading & Writing -609 .
Math -607

ACT Mean Scores for class of 2021
Composite - 22.5, Reading - 23, Math - 22.1

Class of 2021 AP Scholars

- 28 AP Scholars with Honors
- 31 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 1 AP International Diploma
- 777 AP tests administered
- 63% earned 3 or better

Class of 2021 National Merit Scholars

- 2 National Merit Scholars
- 3 National Merit Finalists
- 5 National Merit Semi-Finalists
- 15 National Merit Commended Scholars

*The Class of 2022 currently has
12 National Merit Semi-Finalists

Advanced Coursework

- 43% of students enrolled in Honors courses
- 39% of all seniors enrolled in Advanced Placement course
- 47 Seniors in IB (9% of graduating class)

School and the Community

Desert Mountain High School opened in 1995 and is located in North Scottsdale, serving 2000 students in grades 9-12. Desert Mountain is ranked 20th within Arizona and #1 high school in Scottsdale by US News and World Report. Students have the opportunity to take AP coursework and exams. The AP participation rate at Desert Mountain is 53%. In 1998 Desert Mountain became an International Baccalaureate member school and is the sole IB program for the District. We offer a choice of standard, honors Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes. All students in the IB program are IB Diploma candidates.

The total minority enrollment is 23% and 5% are economically disadvantaged. DMHS is 1/5 high schools in Scottsdale Unified School District and offers programs for gifted, English Language Learners and Special Education students. Extensive Career and Technological programs are also available through a partnership with East Valley Institute Technology. Dual enrollment courses are offered through a partnership with Maricopa Community Colleges.

Desert Mountain has state of the art facilities including a 1200 seat auditorium, newly renovated football field, and 18,000 square foot multi-use library.

Accreditation

Desert Mountain High School is accredited through COGNIA and given an A rating by the Arizona Department of Education. DM sports participate in the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

School Year

The school year consists of 180 days. Semester classes meet for 54 minutes, five days per 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 96 teachers, of whom 77 hold Master's Degrees and four hold Doctorates.

Extracurricular Activities

Desert Mountain students participate in Student Government, National Honor Society, performing arts, athletics at the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity levels, as well as over fifty student clubs and organizations. Our Baseball, Girls' Swim, and Girls' and Boys' Tennis teams won state championships in 2021.

Demographics

The Desert Mountain community is made up of a diverse group of students representing 44 countries and 27 spoken languages. Our demographic include 13.4% Asian, 10.6% Hispanic, 5.5% Black/African American, 1.4% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.5% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander and 88.5% White.