

Ironwood Ridge High School

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HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2011-2012

Ironwood Ridge High School is one of the premier high schools in Southern Arizona – recognized as an “Excelling” school and awarded a letter grade of “A” by the Arizona Department of Education

*U.S. News & World Report
2008 Best High Schools
Silver Medal Award*

*Newsweek America’s
Best High Schools
2010*

*Washington Post’s Best High
Schools in America
2011*

MISSION STATEMENT

The faculty and staff of Ironwood Ridge High School pledge to promote an educational experience that inspires and prepares learners to realize their unique potential. Young adults will be prepared to contribute to society as humane and responsible learners, workers and citizens who respect diversity and are able to compete successfully in a global society.

VISION STATEMENT

Ironwood Ridge High School is a learning community where students accept responsibility for their unique growth, where consistently rigorous and relevant instruction fosters each student’s unique potential, and where positive relationships promote individual growth and achievement.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Enrollment: 1950 (9-12)

Number of Teaching Faculty: 85

Number of Counselors: 6

Senior Class Size: 459

Accreditation: North Central Association

Located in the Tucson metropolitan area, Ironwood Ridge High School serves the Oro Valley and Catalina communities. In less than a decade, IRHS has emerged as one of the largest and premier high schools in Southern Arizona. As a comprehensive public high school operating on a semester schedule, IRHS serves the needs of a surprisingly diverse student body through programs including Advanced Placement, Career and Technical Education, along with numerous student clubs and athletics. The IRHS community emphasizes the 5 “R’s” of Relationship, Rigor, Relevance, Responsibility and Reflection through academics and extra activities alike.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

IRHS’ academic year is divided into two semesters with official grades reported in late December and in late May. Students are on a modified block schedule consisting of three days of six, 60-minute periods and two days of three, 114 minute periods.

CURRICULUM

Ironwood Ridge High School offers a comprehensive curriculum. Program options range from special education to Pre-AP, Honors, Advanced and AP courses. Students may begin earning high school credit in middle school through an accelerated program in mathematics and/or foreign language. IRHS offers 8 Pre-AP Courses, 9 Advanced Courses and 15 AP courses.

AP Courses are offered in:

American Government and Politics

Biology

Calculus (AB and BC)

Chemistry

Environmental Science

French

Language and Composition

Literature and Composition

Psychology

Spanish Language

Spanish Literature

Studio Art

US/AZ History

World History/Geography

Additional Pre-AP, Honors and Advanced courses are available through all disciplines. For more detailed information regarding IRHS courses please refer to the IRHS course description book which is available through our website.

NATIONAL MERIT

Two students in the class of 2011 received recognition as National Merit Finalists and four students were designated as National Merit Commended Students. Three students were recognized as National Hispanic Scholars.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

IRHS has been highly successful in academic and athletic competitions at the local, regional, state and national levels. Music and theatre groups compete annually with distinction. Student clubs and leadership opportunities include National Honor Society, Student Government, Academic Decathlon, Odyssey of the Mind, Iron Quill Newspaper, Tri-M, Yearbook, Model United Nations, DECA, Key Club, People Club, among others.

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

The class of 2011 was comprised of 402 seniors. 50% of these students entered a four-year institution and 37% entered a two-year institution.

TESTING INFORMATION

The summary of scores for the Class of 2011 graduates, who took the ACT and/or SAT Reasoning Test in 2010-2011, is provided below:

<u>Average SAT I Scores</u> (246 students tested)			
Arizona	Math 523	Verbal 517	Writing 499
IRHS	Math 553	Verbal 541	Writing 528
<u>Average ACT Composite Score</u> (76 students tested)			
Arizona	19.7		
IRHS	24.0		
National	21.1		

RANK and GRADE EXPLANATION

Letter Grade	Percentages*	Points**
A	90 – 100	4.0
B	80 – 89	3.0
C	70 – 79	2.0
D	60 – 69	1.0
F	below 60	0.0

*suggested grading guidelines

**Pre-AP, Honors and AP courses are weighted as follows:

A = 5.0, B = 4.0, C = 3.0, D = 2.0, F = 0.0

Grade point average and class rank are computed beginning with the fall of the freshman year data and each semester thereafter through the eighth semester. Both weighted and un-weighted GPAs are computed. Ranking is computed based on the weighted GPA.

2011 ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS

In the spring of 2011, 265 IRHS students took 445 Advanced Placement examinations in twelve different subjects. Eighty six percent of the students who took AP exams passed the exam with a score of a 3 or higher.

AP% with 3 or above:

Calculus AB	100%	World History	79%
Calculus BC	100%	Govt & Politics	92%
Chemistry	100%	Spanish Lang	71%
English Language	86%	French Lang	100%
English Literature	79%	US/AZ History	88%
Environmental Sci	88%	Psychology	74%

CREDITS & GRADUATION

A minimum of 22 credits are required to receive a high school diploma.* One-half credit is awarded for each semester-long course which is completed with a passing mark of at least a 60%. While the majority of students elect to take four years of solid academic courses, the minimum distribution of credits for an IRHS High School Diploma must include:

English – 4	Science - 3
Mathematics – 3	Physical Education – 1.5
Social Studies – 3	Electives – 6.5
Fine Art or Career/Tech – 1	

ATHLETICS

IRHS is a member of the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA). Nighthawk athletics include baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. The athletes that participate in these sports consistently win regional and state championship honors.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Michael Bejarano	<i>Principal</i>
Ms. Terri Amonson	<i>Assistant Principal</i>
Mr. Michael Szolowicz	<i>Assistant Principal</i>
Mr. Phil Tilicki	<i>Assistant Principal</i>

COUNSELING

Ms. Eileen Jonaitis	<i>Counselor A-C</i>
Mr. Todd Slaney	<i>Counselor D-H</i>
Mr. David Goldberg	<i>Counselor I-M</i>
Mrs. Leah Evans	<i>Counselor N-Sh</i>
Mrs. Carrie Lujan	<i>Counselor N-Sh</i>
Mrs. Marva Jeffers	<i>Counselor Si-Z</i>

REGISTRAR

Mrs. Kandi Clark

See the IRHS website for additional contact information:

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