

Ironwood Ridge High School

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Ironwood Ridge High School is one of the premier high schools in Southern Arizona and has been recognized as an "Excelling" school by the Arizona Department of Education.

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2009-2010

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: 1975 (9-12)
Number of Teaching Faculty: 95
Number of Counselors: 6
Senior Class Size: 475
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, 53-minute periods and two days of three, 93-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 10 Pre-AP Courses, 19 Honors courses, 8 Advanced Courses and 16 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
Music Theory
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.

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

The class of 2009 was comprised of 460 seniors. 36% of these students entered a four-year institution and 45% entered a two-year institution.

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.

NATIONAL MERIT

Two students in the class of 2009 received recognition as National Merit Finalists and two students were designated as National Merit Commended Students. One student was recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar and one received the National Achievement Scholarship which is awarded to scholastically talented Black American high school students.

TESTING INFORMATION

The summary of scores for the Class of 2009 graduates, who took the ACT and/or SAT Reasoning Test in 2008-2009, is provided below:

<u>Average SAT I Scores</u> (233 students tested)			
Arizona	Math 521	Verbal 516	Writing 497
IRHS	Math 530	Verbal 527	Writing 503
<u>Average ACT Composite Score</u> (43 students tested)			
	National	21.1	
	Arizona	21.9	
	IRHS	22.6	

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.

2009 ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS

In the spring of 2009, 276 IRHS students took 437 Advanced Placement examinations in twelve different subjects. Eighty-two percent of the students who took AP exams passed the exam with a score of a 3 or higher.

AP score	% of Total IRHS Scores, 2007	% of Total IRHS Scores, 2008	% of Total IRHS Scores, 2009
5	22	26	24
4	30	25	27
3	30	30	31
2	13	15	14
1	4	4	4

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	

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Michael Bejarano	<i>Principal</i>
Mr. Will Kreamer	<i>Assistant Principal</i>
Mr. Michael Szolowicz	<i>Assistant Principal</i>
Ms. Catherine Combe	<i>Instructional Support Asst.</i>

COUNSELING

Ms. Eileen Jonaitis	<i>Counselor A-C</i>
Mr. Todd Slaney	<i>Counselor D-G</i>
Mrs. Drema Lange	<i>Counselor H-L</i>
Mrs. Marva Jeffers	<i>Counselor M-R</i>
Mrs. Leah Evans	<i>Counselor M-R</i>
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REGISTRAR

Mrs. Carolyn Richey

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