



Ironwood Ridge High School Mission Statement

The faculty and staff of Ironwood Ridge High School (IRHS) 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.

School & Community

Ironwood Ridge is located in the Tucson metropolitan area. The school serves the Oro Valley and Catalina communities. IRHS is accredited by Cognia and graduated its first class in 2004. This public high school, operating on a semester system, has a student population of approximately 1,600 students in grades 9 through 12. The mascot is the Nighthawk.

Strategic Goals

Goal 1: Students at IRHS have access to comprehensive, rigorous and relevant academic courses and opportunities to prepare them for success in post-secondary education and for careers in the military and service industries.

Goal 2: Students, staff, parents, and community members feel safe, respected, informed, and invested in maintaining a positive culture and climate at IRHS.

Goal 3: Students and staff will use twenty-first century technology proficiently and responsibly, demonstrate digital citizenship and literacy, and safely use cross-categorical digital skills and resources.

College Credit Opportunities

Students have the opportunity to earn high school credit and college credit simultaneously when they enroll in one or more of the following classes:

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| Bioscience I & II | Healthcare Foundations A/B |
| College Algebra A/B | History of the United States I/II |
| Culinary III & IV | Nursing Services I |
| Engineering 102 | Sports Medicine I |
| English Composition I/ II | |

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 22 credits for graduation:

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| English | 4 credits |
| Mathematics | 4 credits |
| Science | 3 credits |
| Social Studies | 3 credits |
| Fine Arts/CTE | 1 credit |
| Physical Education | 1 credit |
| Electives | 6 credits |

In 2022, 352 students completed a survey for plans after high school. Of those students, 47% were planning to attend a four-year college, 33% were planning to attend a two-year college, and the remaining 20% reported as other: join the military, work, take a gap year, or enroll in another post-secondary program. The class of 2022 consisted of 389 students with a graduation rate of 94% and was offered nearly \$10 million in scholarships.

IRHS Grading Scale

| | <u>Standard</u> | <u>Honors, AP, Weighted Classes</u> |
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| A (100-90) | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| B (89-80) | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| C (79-70) | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| D (69-60) | 1.0 | 2.0 |

- Students may begin earning high school credit in middle school through accelerated programs in mathematics and world language.
- Grade point average (GPA) and class rank are computed beginning with grades from fall semester of freshman year and recalculated each semester thereafter.
- Both weighted and unweighted GPAs are computed and listed on student transcripts; ranking is based on the weighted GPA.

IRHS Scholars Program

Students who meet the following criteria graduate as an IRHS Scholar:

- Overall weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Successful completion of 12 or more Scholars Program classes taken during their high school career.
 - The Scholars Program includes all classes designated as receiving a weighted grade, any dual-enrollment class taken on campus, any core academic class with the word "Advanced" in the title, and any math class accelerated at least one grade level.

2021-2022 Standardized Test Results

| SAT* Averages | IRHS Average | ERW: 585 | Arizona Average | ERW: 480 |
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| | | Math: 577 | | Math: 530 |
| ACT** Averages | IRHS Composite | 19.7 | Arizona Composite | 19.1 |

* N = 90

**N = 397

National Merit Scholarship Program

Class of 2023: Five Commended Students

Class of 2022: Two Finalists

Advanced Placement Courses Offered

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| Art & Design | Language & Composition |
| Biology | Literature & Composition |
| Calculus AB | Music Theory |
| Calculus BC | Psychology |
| Chemistry | Spanish Language & Culture |
| Computer Science A | Statistics |
| Computer Science Principles | US Government & Politics |
| Economics | US History |
| Human Geography | World History |



AP % With a 3 or Above – Spring 2022 Exams (N = 180/289 Tests)

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| Biology | 70% | Physics C-Mechanics | 67% |
| Calculus AB | 80% | Psychology | 61% |
| Calculus BC | 91% | Spanish Language | 79% |
| Computer Science A | 80% | Statistics | 75% |
| Computer Sci. Princ. | 83% | Studio Art: 2-D | 100% |
| English Language | 45% | Studio Art: 3-D | NA |
| English Literature | 100% | US Gov & Politics | 43% |
| Human Geography | 81% | US History | 62% |
| Macroeconomics | 20% | World History | 86% |
| Microeconomics | NA | | |

Clubs & Organizations

IRHS has over 54 clubs on campus that allow students to grow as leaders and become involved in the community at large. Student clubs and leadership opportunities include National Honor Society, Student Government, The *Iron Quill* Newspaper, Yearbook, Skills USA, Model United Nations, Key Club, Ironwood Cares, Green Club and Performing Arts.

Fine & Performing Arts Awards & Honors, 2019-2022

In addition to multiple students who have received full or partial scholarships to Division I universities to participate in their fine arts programs, IRHS has received the following awards and recognitions through the arts programs on campus:

- Marching Band – Two-time champion Holiday Bowl Field Show Competition and ranked All National
- Jazz Band – Awarded Superior Rating and ranked All National, Individual All State Jazz Band on drums
- Indoor Percussion – Qualified for Winter Guard International Percussion Semifinals (the only high school in AZ to do so)
- Theatre – Four students sent to the Jimmy Awards in NYC, two received special recognition

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Athletics

Nighthawk athletics has 24 programs that include baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, cross-country, football, golf, pomline, soccer, softball, spirit line, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. Last year, 19 IRHS seniors signed on to play collegiate sports. In 2020-2021, IRHS had 201 Individual AIA Scholar Athletes and received 5 Team Scholar Awards.

Athletic Accomplishments, 2019-2022

- Girls Golf – Three-time State Champions and 1 State Runner-Up
- Swimming – 3 Individual State 1st place finishers and an Individual State Runner-Up
- Softball – State Championship
- Cross Country- State Team Runner-up and Individual Runner-up
- Track and Field – 5 Individual State Championships and 1 Individual State Runner-Up
- Wrestling – Fourth in State; Individual won State in DII and another won second in State

Recent College Acceptances

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| Albright College | Northern Arizona University |
| Arizona State University | Pace University |
| Auburn University | Pacific Northwest College of Art (Portland) |
| Baylor University | Penn State |
| Boise State University | Pima Community College |
| Boston University | Stanford University |
| Brigham Young University | Texas A & M |
| Colorado School of Mines | US Air Force Academy |
| Colorado University | US Coast Guard Academy |
| Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences | US Merchant Marine Academy |
| Creighton University | US Military Academy |
| Dixie State University | US Naval Academy |
| Drexel University | UC-Berkeley |
| Eastern Arizona College | University of Arizona |
| Elon University | University of California-Berkely |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | University of Chicago |
| Emory University | University of Colorado |
| George Washington University | University of Missouri |
| Grand Canyon University | University of North Carolina |
| Harding University | University of Portland |
| Harvard College | University of San Diego |
| Lake Forest University | University of Rochester |
| Liberty University | University of Tennessee |
| Loyola Marymount University | University of Texas-Austin |
| Mesa Community College | University of Virginia |
| Middlebury College | Valencia College |
| Midland University | Valparaiso University |
| Missouri State University | West Virginia University |
| Mount Holyoke College | Whittier College |
| New Mexico State University | Western NM University |
| Northeastern University | Willamette University |
| | Yale University |