



### Ironwood Ridge High School 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.

### School & Community

Ironwood Ridge is located in the Tucson metropolitan area and serves the Oro Valley and Catalina communities. IRHS is accredited by AdvancED and graduated its first class in 2004. This public high school, operating on a semester system, has a student population of approximately 1,800 students in grades 9 through 12.

In 2018, 47% of the graduating class were planning on attending a 4-year college and 43% were planning to attend a 2-year college. The graduation rate is 96%.

### Graduation Requirements

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Fine Arts/CTE	1 credit
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Electives	5.5 credits

Students must earn 22 credits for graduation.

### AP Courses offered in:

AB Calculus	Language & Composition
BC Calculus	Literature & Composition
Statistics	French Language & Culture
Biology	Spanish Language & Culture
Chemistry	Government & Politics
Physics	Macroeconomics
Studio Art	Microeconomics
Music Theory	United States History
Psychology	World History

### College Credit Opportunities

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

- Engineering 102
- Biotechnology II
- Writing 101 & 102 at Pima Community College

Students can also earn college credit if they score a 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement Exam.

*\*The class of 2018 saved \$664,000 in college tuition by earning college credit through AP exams.*

### Class of 2018 Standardized Test Results

**SAT Averages** ERW: 582, Math: 576 N= 221 taken 2017-2018  
(Arizona: ERW 563, Math 553)

**ACT Average** IRHS: 23.5 composite N=130 taken 2017-2018  
(Arizona: 19.2)

### National Merit Program

Class of 2018: 1 National Merit Scholar, 2 National Hispanic Scholars

### AP% with 3 or above ~ Spring 2018 exams: N = 270 / 438 tests

Biology	77%	Microeconomics	100%
Calculus AB	91%	Music Theory	57%
Calculus BC	100%	Physics C-Mechanics	42%
Chemistry	94%	Psychology	82%
English Language	79%	Spanish Language	100%
English Literature	69%	Statistics	70%
French Language	67%	United States History	88%
Government	83%	World History	88%
Macroeconomics	100%		

### IRHS Grading Scale

	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Pre-AP, AP, Dual Enrollment</u>
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 an accelerated program in mathematics and foreign language.
- Grade point average and class rank are computed beginning with the fall of the freshman year and each semester thereafter.
- Both weighted and unweighted GPA's are computed and listed on the transcript.
- Ranking is computed based on the weighted GPA.

### Clubs & Organizations

IRHS has over 76 clubs on campus which 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, Iron Quill Newspaper, Yearbook, Skills USA, Model United Nations, Key Club, Kindness Club, and Performing Arts. IRHS music and theater groups compete annually with distinction.

### Athletics

Nighthawk athletics has 23 programs that include baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, cross-country, football, golf, pomline, soccer, softball, spiritline, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. In 2017-2018, IRHS had 213 Individual AIA Scholar Athletes and five AIA Team Scholar Awards. In 2016, IRHS won the AIA Director's Cup.



### IRHS Scholars Program

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

- Overall weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Successful completion of 12 or more Scholars' Program classes taken during high school career.
- Scholars' Program includes all classes designated as receiving a weighted grade as well as any math class accelerated at least one grade level.

### Honors/Awards:

- Class of 2018 was offered over \$13 million in scholarships
- Athletics/Fine Arts:
  - Swimming - 2 State Championships
  - Swimming - Individual State Runner-Up
  - Track & Field - 2 Individual State Runners-Up
  - Softball - State Runner-Up
  - Marching Band - 1st place at Holiday Bowl Field Show Competition
  - Jazz Band awarded Superior Rating
  - Winter Drumline - 3rd place at State
  - International Competition of HS Acapella - 1st place
  - 2018 - 2 Show Choir students sent to Nationals
  - High School Show Choir AA Disneyland - 1st place
  - Two students received National High School Musical Awards (Jimmy Awards)

### Recent College Acceptances

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Albright College             | Northern Arizona University |
| Arizona State University     | Pace University             |
| Auburn University            | Penn State                  |
| Augustana College            | Stanford University         |
| Baylor University            | US Military Academies       |
| Boston University            | UC-Berkeley                 |
| Brigham Young University     | University of Arizona       |
| Creighton University         | University of Chicago       |
| Denison University           | University of Colorado      |
| Drexel University            | University of Missouri      |
| Emory University             | UNC-Chapel Hill             |
| George Washington University | University of Portland      |
| Grand Canyon University      | University of San Diego     |
| Harvard College              | University of Rochester     |
| James Madison                | University of Tennessee     |
| Lake Forest University       | University of Texas-Austin  |
| Loyola Marymount University  | University of Virginia      |
| Miami University of Ohio     | Valparaiso University       |
| Middlebury College           | West Virginia University    |
| Missouri State University    | Willamette University       |
| Mount Holyoke College        | Yale University             |
| Northeastern University      |                             |

"I have a unique perspective about Ironwood Ridge High School. I am a parent as well as a faculty member. I know the culture, the mission and the passion of our Nighthawk community from the inside and I will tell you that I have NEVER second-guessed my choice for sending my three kids to Ironwood Ridge. Our school has integrity, rigor and pride that make this an incredible place to work AND to educate my children."

-Liza Taylor (Parent & Educator)

"My Senior has attended Ironwood Ridge High School since his freshman year and his brothers will follow in his footsteps. Ironwood Ridge High School is a phenomenal school that emphasizes a well-rounded experience for all students. Their sports, music, arts, clubs, Student Government and many class offerings allow students to explore areas of interest and step out of their comfort zone. The facility and staff have encouraged and stood beside our son throughout all his many activities. He has been encouraged to play multiple sports, be involved in Student Government, other clubs and outside school activities. All teachers and coaches have worked with his busy schedule to allow him to succeed in all he has tried. The administration, counselors, teachers and coaches prepare the students for college and adult life. The opportunities are endless. IRHS community is a place for everyone."

-Stephanie and Chuck Mustain (Parents)



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**Winter Break:** Dec 24, 2018 - Jan 4, 2019

**Spring Break:** March 18 - March 22, 2019

**Graduation:** May 22, 2019