



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 and 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.

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, careers, 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 when they enroll in one or more of the following classes:

Biotechnology II	College Algebra A / B
Culinary III and IV	Elementary Spanish I
Engineering 102	English Composition I
Healthcare Foundations A / B	Intro to Psychology
History of the United States I / II	Intro to Politics
Human Anatomy, Physiology and Histology	

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 22 credits for graduation.

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 2020, 242 students completed a survey for plans after high school; 67% were planning to attend a 4-year college, 29% were planning to attend a 2-year college, and remaining 4% reported as other: join the military, work, gap year, or another post-secondary program. The class of 2020 consisted of 430 students, with a graduation rate is 92%.

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 world 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.

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 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, as well as any math class accelerated at least one grade level.

2019 Standardized Test Results

SAT Averages IRHS ERW: 574, Math: 577 N = 164
 (Arizona: ERW = 577, Math = 572)

ACT Average IRHS: 21.5 composite N = 505
 (Arizona composite: 19.5)

National Merit Program

Class of 2020: 3 National Merit Commended Scholars
1 National Hispanic Scholars

AP Courses offered:

AB Calculus	Language & Composition
BC Calculus	Literature & Composition
Statistics	Spanish Language & Culture
Biology	US Government & Politics
Chemistry	Macroeconomics
Physics	Computer Science Principles
Studio Art	Computer Science A
Psychology	United States History
World History	

*The class of 2020 saved over \$725,000 in college tuition by earning college credit through AP exams.



AP% with 3 or above ~ Spring 2020 exams: N = 217/376 tests

Biology	86%	Music Theory	50%
Calculus AB	77%	Physics C-Mechanics	80%
Calculus BC	100%	Psychology	77%
Chemistry	83%	Spanish Language	100%
Computer Sci. Prin.	0%	Statistics	63%
Drawing	100%	Studio Art: 2-D	100%
English Language	60%	Studio Art: 3-D	40%
English Literature	65%	US Gov & Politics	86%
Macroeconomics	100%	US History	71%
Microeconomics	100%	World History	63%

Clubs & Organizations

IRHS has over 54 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, Green Club and Performing Arts.

Athletics

Nighthawk athletics has 24 programs that include baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, cross-country, football, golf, pom-line, soccer, softball, spirit-line, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. Students have been offered 68 athletic scholarships in the last three years. IRHS won the AIA Director's Cup in 2016. In 2018-2019, IRHS had 214 Individual AIA Scholar Athletes and 27 AIA Team Scholar Awards.

Honors/Awards:

- Class of 2020 was offered over \$7 million in scholarships
- Athletics/Fine Arts: (2017 – 2020)
 - Girls Golf – State Runner Up
 - Swimming - 4 Individual State Championships and an Individual State Runner-Up
 - Softball – State Championship & State Runner-Up
 - Track & Field – Individual State Championship and 2 Individual State Runners-Up
 - Marching Band – 2-time champion Holiday Bowl Field Show Competition and ranked All National
 - Jazz Band awarded Superior Rating and ranked All National
 - Indoor Percussion placed in top 3 for last 3 years
 - International Competition of High School Acapella - 1st place
 - 2 Show Choir students sent to Nationals
 - High School Show Choir AA Disneyland - 1st place
 - School year 2019-2020, students won Best Actress and Best Up and Coming for the Monte Awards, plus 2 other finalists
 - 4 students competed in the Jimmy Awards in NYC and two received special recognition

- Winterguard International placed 3rd in Southwest
- Multiple students have received full or partial scholarships to Division I universities to participate in their fine arts programs.

Recent College Acceptances

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

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