



ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL

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Alhambra High School was founded in 1962. Alhambra is a public school that emphasizes traditional studies and expects its students to develop competence in English, mathematics, history, science, a foreign language, technology, and an appreciation of the fine arts. Alhambra seeks to develop the best of academic and social growth for each of its students.

Alhambra families share diverse backgrounds and personal histories. Some have been in the district for generations, while others have only recently immigrated to the United States. The cultural diversity enriches our school community, educational environment and extracurricular programs.

Whatever their stories, Alhambra families are bonded by their commitment to the education of their children. In fact, many families have made impressive sacrifices to invest in the education of their children. There is great emphasis on preparation for higher education and for sustaining excellent educational programs and services.

Fast Facts 2010-2011

Grades	9-12
Student Enrollment	2832
Teaching Faculty	145
Support Staff	74
Student-Faculty Ratio	20:1
Average Class Size	15:3
Attendance Rate	98.2%
Four-Year Graduation Rate	76.5%
Students on Free & Reduced Lunch	91%
Arizona Achievement Profile	Performing

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Programs

English Language Learners	328	12%
Exceptional Student Program	299	11%
Medical Arts Magnet	480	17%
AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)	94	3%
Non-Program Students	1631	58%

Ethnic Breakdown

Hispanic	2194	78%
Anglo	167	5%
Black	207	7%
Native American	43	2%
Asian	196	7%

Grading System

Grading is numerical; letter grade equivalents and grade points are as follows:

A = 100-90 (Excellent) = 4.0 grade points
 B = 89-80 (Very Good) = 3.0 grade points
 C = 79-72 (Satisfactory) = 2.0 grade points
 D = 71-70 (Passing) = 1.0 grade points
 F = Below 70 (Failing) = 0.0 grade points
 WP = Withdrawn from course with passing mark
 WF = Withdrawn from course with failing mark

Honors and A.P. marks are weighted 5 points for grade-point averages (GPA) and class rank.

Grades – Class of 2011

Un-Weighted			
2.49>	2.5-2.99	3.0-3.49	3.5-4.0
236	107	101	38

Weighted			
2.99>	3.0-3.49	3.5-3.99	4.0<
322	88	46	24

Graduation Requirements

	2011-2012	2013 and on
English	4	4
Fine Art or CTE	1	1
Mathematics	3	4
Biology	1	1
Science Lab	1	2
Social Science	3	3
Health	.5	.5
Electives	6.5	6.5
TOTAL	20 Credits	22 Credits

Honors and Advanced Placement

Honors courses in English, math, social studies, sciences, and foreign languages are offered. AP classes in English, Statistics, Calculus, Biology, US Government and US History are also offered. These courses are designated as such on the transcript. High school subjects taken in the eighth grade also receive honors credit.

Honor Rolls

Student honor roll is based upon the student's numerical average. Grades for students in Honors or Advanced Placement Courses are weighted five points for Honor Roll computation purposes.

Dean's List - 89.50 or higher average (No grade below 85)

Honor Roll - 85.00 or higher average (No grade below 80)

Dual Enrollment

Students may receive both high school and community college credit while enrolled in high school courses that are approved to offer dual enrollment credit. All courses are taught by PUHSD teachers who are community college certified. Some dual enrolled courses require that students take and pass a community college ASSET test prior to enrolling.

Magnet Program

The **Center for Medical Arts & Health Studies** is designed for students interested in preparing for careers in medical or health fields. There are three major strands: Sports Medicine, Medical Research and Health Careers. Students enroll in "Introduction to Medical Arts" their first year and choose a strand for their remaining three years. Students are encouraged to take advanced science and math courses in conjunction with the Magnet curriculum. This program works with local Health Systems in a close partnership to provide opportunities for our students to observe medical professionals at work in various health facilities and complete clinical experiences as nursing assistants.

Post-secondary Plans

Graduates who enter post-secondary education - 46%

Graduate who enter the workforce - 5%

Graduates who enlist in the military - 4%

College Scholarships: \$2.25 million

College Acceptance - Class of 2011

Arizona State University	University of Arizona
Northern Arizona University	Southern Missouri
University of the Pacific	St. Mary's University - San Antonio
Grand Canyon University	Johnson & Wales - Miami
Loras College	University on New Mexico
New Mexico State University	New Mexico Highlands
Eastern New Mexico University	Glendale Community College
Phoenix College	Gateway Community College
Scottsdale Community College	Estrella Mountain Comm. College

Awards and Recognitions

* Over 100 Alhambra's students from the 2011 graduating class, earned more than \$2.2 million in college and university scholarships.

* In the past few years, Alhambra has produced a Gates Millennium Scholar, a Flinn Foundation scholar, a U.S. Army Academy appointee and a City of Phoenix Outstanding Young Woman of the Year.

* 711 Alhambra students took 72 Honors and Advanced Placement classes last school year.

* The Junior ROTC, one of the largest in the state, has earned the highest ranking of Honor Unit with Distinction.

* Alhambra's Boys Cross Country team has won the State Championship three of the last four years.

* Cheerleaders have won several first place awards from the Universal Cheerleading Association.

* The Chess Team won the regionals, and placed 5th in the AIA State Team Championship last year.

* Alhambra's four-year graduation rate has improved from 60% to over 80% in the last decade.

Accreditation

AdvanceEd

Phoenix Union High School District

Mission: Preparing every student for success in college, career and life.

Student Achievement is Phoenix Union's top priority. According to the Arizona accountability system, all schools are "Performing" or better. Bioscience High School broke into the "Excelling" category. The rankings reflect improving trends in test scores, graduation rates and a dropout rate that has declined below state and national averages. Expanded Honors and Advanced Placement classes, innovative programs like AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination) and Read 180, and the implementation of new strategies in math instruction, Special Education inclusion and English as a Second Language are paying dividends.

Phoenix Union is also a leader in adopting instructional technologies to the classroom that improve teaching and enhance the learning environment for children through increased participation and interaction.

Phoenix's growth is legendary, and the District reflects and responds to the population explosion. An increase of over 1200 students in the past three years followed a \$205 million bond approval by voters, which is funding the construction of new schools, campus renovations and technology enhancement. Franklin Police and Fire High School, focusing on law enforcement and fire science, and Bioscience High School, reflecting Phoenix's emerging biotech industry, are examples of the Small Schools Initiative the District is embracing.

The largest high school district in the state is also the most diverse. Over 60 languages are represented, and more than half of our students come from homes where English is not the primary language. Latino students represent over 75 percent of the enrollment, and the District boasts the largest enrollment of African American students in the state.

With 26,000 students, 16 schools and 2,900 dedicated employees, the Phoenix Union High School District stands poised to deliver a 21st century education for our community.