

Opened in 1999, Cesar Chavez is a large comprehensive high school in Laveen. Our highly educated and committed staff serves a diverse population of students with a wide variety of programs. We offer solid academics, with one of the largest and most successful Advanced Placement programs in the district, allowing students to earn college credit in thirteen different courses in five content areas. We have established an excellent tutoring program and are supporting the success of our 9th graders with our new Freshman House program. AVID is an important component of student success and is implemented school wide. Our students participate in a wide range of sports, clubs, and electives, including excellent programs in the fine arts, the performing arts, and JROTC. A student who is educated at Cesar Chavez gains a solid foundation in reading, writing, and math, as well as a thorough grounding in the technology necessary to success in the 21st century. Our robotics team recently travelled to the White House to meet President Obama; this is just one example of the rich and varied opportunities available on to students on our campus

Fast Facts 2010-2011

Grades	9-12
Student Enrollment	2411
Teaching Faculty	126
Support Staff	60
Student-Faculty Ratio	17 to 1
Average Class Size	30
Attendance Rate	94%
Four-Year Graduation Rate	2008-86% 2009-85% 2010-82.8% 2011-77.7%
Students on Free & Reduced Lunch	64%
Arizona Achievement Profile	Performing Plus B

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Programs

English Language Learners	37 students	students
Exceptional Student Program	319	
	students	
AVID (Advancement Via	400	students
Individual Determination)		

Ethnic Breakdown

Hispanic	67.19%
Anglo	3.48%
Black	15.30%
Native American	2.94%
Asian	1.78%

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- WP = Withdrawn from course with passing mark WF = Withdrawn from course with failing mark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.

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

Accreditation

AdvanceEd

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.w

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.

Awards and Recognitions

Academic Decathlon Region Champions MIT Award Robotics White House Visit State of Union Visit Classified Employee of the Year Elevate Phoenix Partnership Strong AVID Program

Post-secondary Plans

Graduates who enter post-secondary education - 50% Graduate who enter the workforce - 48% Graduates who enlist in the military - 2%

College Scholarships: \$1,600,000.00

College Acceptance - Class of 2011

ASU U of A NAU St. Mary's Xavier University MIT USC Cal Lutheran GCU St John's University of Rochester George Washington University

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.