



NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

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Opened in 1939, North High School has a rich history of academic success within the Phoenix Union High School District. North is a comprehensive high school where all students are able to achieve an education which meets their specific needs. For academically gifted and motivated students, North High School offers the prestigious International Baccalaureate Program and has been an IB World School since 1985. For honors students, North offers a full complement of honors, AP, and dual enrollment courses. Other students benefit from diverse coursework including classes in the English for Language Learners Program, the Exceptional Student Program and over 125 electives. To date, North High has been recognized as one of the top high schools in the United States by Newsweek magazine and annually graduates students who exceed state and national standards.

Honors and Advanced Placement

Honors classes are offered in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art and Performing Arts. Advanced Placement courses are offered in Spanish, Government, Economics, US/AZ History, Junior English.

Honor Rolls

North bases student honor roll 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)

Awards and Recognitions

• Since 1990, North High School has had 94 National Merit Finalists and 103 Commendees.

PSAT

| IB Class of 2010 Mean Average | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Critical Reading | 55 |
| Math | 59 |
| Writing | 55 |

SAT

| IB Class of 2010 Mean Average | |
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| Critical Reading | 622 |
| Math | 635 |
| Writing | 605 |

Magnet Program

Our **International Baccalaureate (IB) Program**, established in 1985, is the second oldest in the state of Arizona. Our highly selective urban magnet school chooses students based on an application that includes test scores, teacher recommendations, an essay, previous grades, attendance, and discipline reports. Although the international curriculum of IB begins junior year, our students take two years of rigorous pre-IB coursework. Our program is a comprehensive four-year course of study. Typically, North IB students earn more Diplomas than any other school in the state. North's IB Diploma class of 2011 earned twelve perfect scores in Higher Level Spanish, three in Standard Level Math Studies, one in HL Math, HL English, SL Anthropology, and HL Visual Arts. North High's scores were above the world average in English, Spanish, Biology, Chemistry, and Math.

Our International Baccalaureate Program offers a four-year curriculum in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language (French & Spanish), Art, Photography and Theatre Arts. Beyond the demands of the curriculum, IB Diploma candidates have additional requirements including an independent research paper called the Extended Essay. They also complete a course entitled Theory of Knowledge, which explores the relationship among a variety of disciplines and the students are also obligated to earn 250 hours of "Creativity, Action, and Service to the community."

Ethnic Breakdown

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|-----------------|------|-------|
| Hispanic | 2009 | 78% |
| Anglo | 185 | 7.2% |
| Black | 200 | 7.8% |
| Native American | 95 | 3.7% |
| Asian | 50 | 1.95% |

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 |
| 183 | 134 | 101 | 157 |

| Weighted | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|------|
| 2.99> | 3.0-3.49 | 3.5-3.99 | 4.0< |
| 264 | 96 | 61 | 58 |

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 |

Fast Facts 2010-2011

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| Grades | 9-12 |
| Student Enrollment | 2307 |
| Teaching Faculty | 149 |
| Support Staff | 65 |
| Student-Faculty Ratio | 16:1 |
| Average Class Size | 30:1 |
| Attendance Rate | 97.7% |
| Four-Year Graduation Rate | 76.4% |
| Students on Free & Reduced Lunch | 75.8% |
| Arizona Achievement Profile | Highly Performing |

Key Contacts

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Programs

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| English Language Learners | 52 | 2.25% |
| Exceptional Student Program | 195 | 8.45% |
| International Baccalaureate | 199 | 8.62% |
| AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) | 154 | 6.67% |
| Non-Program Students | 1707 | 74% |

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.

College Acceptance

Approximately 68% of our IB graduates stay in state for their college education and the following is a list of some of the out-of-state schools other students have attended. Many of the institutions listed have more than one of our students in attendance or as an alumnus.

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| American University | Marquette University | Tusculum College |
| Amherst College | Masters College | U. of British Columbia |
| Ball State University | McGill University | U. Calif. Berkeley |
| Barnard College | Middlebury College | U. Calif. Los Angeles |
| Baylor University | M.I.T. | U. Calif. Riverside |
| Biola University | Mills College | U. Calif. San Diego |
| Boston College | Milwaukee Inst. of Art | U. Calif. Santa Barbara |
| Boston University | Montana State | U. Calif. Santa Cruz |
| Brigham Young Univ. | Morehouse College | University of Chicago |
| Brown University | Morgan State University | University of Colorado |
| Bryn Mawr College | Morris Brown College | University of Dallas |
| Butler University | Mount St. Mary's Univ. | University of Denver |
| California Baptist | New York University | University of Florida |
| California Lutheran | N. Carolina Sch. of Arts | University of Hawaii |
| Cal Poly | Northeastern University | University of Houston |
| Calvin College | Northwestern Univ. | University of Kansas |
| Caltech | Notre Dame | University of Michigan |
| Carleton College | Oakwood College | Univ of New Hampshire |
| Carnegie Mellon | Oberlin | University of Oregon |
| Chapman College | Occidental | University of the Pacific |
| Claremont McKenna | Ohio Wesleyan | Univ. of Pennsylvania |
| Colgate University | Olivet College | Univ. of Puget Sound |
| Colorado Christian Coll. | Oregon State University | Univ. of Redlands |
| Colorado School of Mines | Pastors College | Univ. of Rochester |
| Colorado College | Penn | Univ. of San Diego |
| Columbia University | Pepperdine University | Univ. of San Francisco |
| Concordia University | Pitzer College | Univ. of S. Carolina |
| Cornell University | Point Loma | U. of Southern California |
| Dartmouth | Pomona College | University of Tennessee |
| De Pauw | Portland State Univ. | University of Texas |
| Drew University | Princeton University | University of Tulsa |
| Duquese | Pratt Institute | University of Utah |
| Embry Riddle | Reed College | University of the South |
| Emory University | Rensselaer Polytechnic | University of Washington |
| Evansville University | Rice University | U. of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Evergreen College | Richmond College | U. of Wisconsin- |
| Fairleigh Dickinson | Rhodes College | Milwaukee |
| Fordham | Rhode Island School of | U.S. Air Force Academy |
| George Washington U. | Design | U.S. Coast Guard Acad. |
| Georgetown | Sacramento College | U.S. Military Acad. at West |
| Gettysburg College | San Diego State Univ. | Point |
| Great Lakes Academy | San Francisco Al | U.S. Naval Academy |
| Grinnell College | St. Johns College | Vanderbilt University |
| Hampton University | St. Mary's College | Vassar College |
| Harding University | Santa Clara University | Wabash College |
| Harvard | Scripps College | Washington University |
| Harvey Mudd | Smith College | Wellesley College |
| Howard University | Southern Nazarene | Wesleyan University |
| Indiana University | Southern Utah Univ. | West Coast Baptist |
| Iowa State | Southwest Baptist Univ. | College |
| Johns Hopkins | Spelman College | Whittier College |
| Juniata | Stanford University | Whittman College |
| Knox College | Stephens College | Whitworth College |
| Lindenwood University | Swarthmore College | Williams College |
| Lewis & Clark | Texas A & M | Williams & Mary |
| Loyola Marymount | Texas Christian Univ. | Yale University |
| Macalester | Trinity College | York College |
| Manhattan College | Trinity University | |
| Mankato State Univ. | Tulane University | |

