

Desert Christian High School

Academic Profile

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School CEEB Code: 030483

Administration

Executive Director | Dick Luebke
Principal | Casey Robinson
Assistant Principal & Athletic Director | Josh Moore

Faculty Support

High School Admissions Director | Amy Garelick
Exceptional Student Services Director | Erin Thigpen
Director of Guidance | Maureen Flores

The mission of Desert Christian Schools is to pursue **EXCELLENCE** in Christian Education, foster **CHRIST-CENTERED** relationships, and endeavor to meet the **UNIQUE** learning needs of every student.

Accreditation:

- Association of Christian Schools International
- Cognia

Members:

- Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA)
- Christian Schools International (Association)
- Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)
- International Thespian Society Honors Club (ITS)
- National Honors Society (NHS)

Awards:

- 2-time winner: Director's Cup (AIA Top School Award for Arizona)
- USA Weekend (top musical theatre in the state)
- National High School Musical Theatre Award (NHSMTA)
- Red Cross Blood Leader Scholarship

STEM Program

- 7 Math Classes (Algebra 1 - AP Calculus)
- 8 Science Classes
- Robotics
- CAD/3D Printing
- AP Computer Science
- Engineering

Student Body:

216 students in grades 9-12
Approximately 105 churches represented

National Merit Scholars (Since 2005):

6 National Merit finalists
2 National Hispanic Recognition students
8 National Merit commended students

Standardized Tests Mean Scores:

DCHS students consistently outrank state and national averages in the SAT and ACT.

SAT - 2018

ERW: 572 MATH: 547 TOTAL: 1119

ACT - 5 Year 2014-2018 Trend

Composite Score Averages Range: 22.2 - 24.3

Consistently Scores 4-6 point higher than State Average

Grading System

A = 90 - 100 B = 80 - 89 C = 70 - 79 D = 60 - 69

Graduation Requirements:

Desert Christian requires students to earn 26 credits (1 credit = 1 full year class); to receive a diploma students must fulfill the following:

Bible.....	4 credits
English.....	4 credits
Foreign Language.....	2 credits
Fine Arts.....	1 credit
Mathematics.....	4 credits
Science.....	3 credits
Social Science.....	3 credits
Capstone.....	1 credit
Electives.....	4 credits

Graduation with Honor:

- With a minimum GPA of 3.60
- 5 Honors/Advanced classes, 2 departments
- 4 science OR 5 math OR 3 year's language
- Minimum 27 credits

Graduation with Distinction:

- With a minimum GPA of 3.80
- 6 Honors/Advanced Classes in 3 departments
- 4 science OR 5 math OR 3 years language
- Minimum 28 credits

Honors Courses:

- Art III/IV
- English I-IV
- Math
- Science
- Spanish I-IV
- Sports Psychology
- Yearbook

Advanced Placement/CLEP:

- Calculus AB
- Precalculus
- CLEP US History
- Chemistry
- Psychology
- Computer Science Principles

Dual Enrollment Credit:

Students can earn up to 18-22 units of university-level credit while attending DCHS. DCHS partners with Colorado Christian University, a nationally recognized dual credit program.

College Attendance:

Historically 88% of high school seniors attend college after graduating. 87% of these seniors attend a 4-year institution. DCS is also proud to share that many of our graduating seniors go on to serve in the Armed Forces and Public Service.

Colleges Attended by DCHS Grads:

Graduates attend a number of public, private and Christian universities. Notable schools include Baylor, Biola, Boston University, Emerson College, Harvard Business School, Hillsdale College, Pepperdine, Point Loma, University of Texas, Texas A & M, US Air Force Academy, US Coast Guard Academy, US Military Academy, US Naval Academy, and Yale University.