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
- Christian Schools International (Association)

Members:
- Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA)
- 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)

STEM Program
- 6 Math Classes
- 8 Science Classes
- Robotics

Student Body:
166 students in grades 9-12
Approximately 65 churches represented

National Merit Scholars (Since 2005):
5 National Merit finalists
2 National Hispanic Recognition students
6 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
Health/P.E.........................................................1 credit
Mathematics.......................................................4 credits
Public Speaking.............................................0.5 credit
Science.............................................................3 credits
Social Science.....................................................3 credits
Senior EXPO.................................................0.5 credit
Electives............................................................3 credits

Graduation with Honor:
- With a minimum GPA of 3.60
- 5 Honors/Advanced classes, 2 departments, and 4 science OR 5 math OR 3 year’s language
- Minimum 28 credits

Graduation with Distinction:
- With a minimum GPA of 3.80
- 6 Honors/Advanced Classes in 3 departments, and 5 science OR 6 math OR 4 years language
- Minimum 29 credits

Honors Courses:
- English I and II
- Math
- Science
- Spanish
- Econ

Advanced Placement:
- Literature/Composition
- Language Composition
- Calculus AB
- 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:

*admissions profile is updated annually