

# Admissions Profile\*

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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:

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

\* admissions profile is updated annually

## Administration

Admissions Director | Jesse Hauser  
Principal | Jon Self  
Executive Director | Dick Luebke

## Faculty Support

Guidance Counselor | Kelly Weber, M.Ed.  
Athletic Director | Iram Alday  
Skills Center Coordinator | Carrie Johnston