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Canyon del Oro High School

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Canyon del Oro High School has a 50-year long reputation of providing students with an excellent educational foundation to prepare them for post-secondary opportunities. The campus was built in 1962 and started as a middle school. CDO was founded as a public comprehensive 9-12 high school in 1964. The school is located in Oro Valley, Arizona, located 6 miles (9.7 km) north of Tucson at the base of Pusch Ridge. At one time, CDO had over 3000 students enrolled prior to the building of Ironwood Ridge High School in 2001.

During the AdvancED accreditation process, our school community realized that we did not have a strong mission and vision statement to direct the work we do together. Members of all stakeholder groups participated in a process to write new statements that are reflective of the work we do at CDO. Moreover, there are several key words and phrases in our mission and vision statements which align directly with the Amphitheater School District Values. The word **innovative** supports the values of creativity and curiosity. Our desire is to empower students to be **knowledgeable** aligns with the values of achievement and diligence. And finally, the concept of educating our students to be **compassionate members of a global community** and providing a **supportive and respectful environment for all students** are aligned with the values of caring, diversity, fairness, honesty, kindness, respectfulness, and service to the community. The remainder of this narrative will provide evidence to the various ways Canyon del Oro High School is committed to upholding and advancing each of the values of the Amphitheater School District.

Current Mission and Vision Statements:

Dorado Pride:

*The mission of the faculty and staff at Canyon del Oro High School is to provide diverse educational opportunities that empower students to become **innovative, knowledgeable, and compassionate members of a global community.***

The Gold Standard:

*The vision for Canyon del Oro High School is to be a model of excellence in secondary education through the use of **instructional best practices**, a **comprehensive and challenging curriculum**, and a **supportive and respectful environment** for all students.*

School Demographics:

The CDO demographic continues to change slightly over time. These are the current demographics:

Average Daily Attendance – Year End: 90.0%
Free & Reduced Lunch: 25% (2010-2011 it was 22%)
Current Enrollment: 1610
English Language Learners: .1%
Special Education Students: 11.2%
REACH Students: 12.9%
Graduation Rate: 83.2%
Drop-Out Rate: 1.8%

Ethnic Distribution:

Asian: 3.5%
Black: 2.9%
Hispanic: 31.8%
Native American: 1.7%
White: 59.1%
Multi-racial: .9%

These distributions have remained consistent since 2010-11 with the exception of a 6% increase in Hispanic students and a 6% decrease in White students.

Data of Interest:

Teacher Retention:

CDO only had 6 teacher positions to fill last year. These positions were due to the following reasons:

- Promotion to AP Position
- Went back to the school where they did their student teaching
- Family Health
- Retirement
- Husband had to relocate
- Opportunity to teach in Dubai

CDO tends to be a school a school where most teachers want to be and where many teachers end up staying until retirement.

Student Mobility: Student mobility has improved over time since the 2010-2011 school year.

- 2010-2011: 18.4%
- 2011-2012: 18.7%
- 2012-2013: 16.0%
- 2013-2014: 16.5%
- 2014-2015: 12.3%

CDO has consistently been rated as an “A” school by ADE since 2011-2012 based on AIMS.

Average ACT Composite Score 14-15:

- CDO = 24
- Arizona = 19.7
- Nation = 21

Average SAT Score Performance 14-15:

- CDO Reading: 518.4 Nation Reading: 496
- CDO Math: 526.4 Nation Math: 514
- CDO Writing: 499.6 Nation Writing: 488

AzMERIT:

AzMERIT Subject	Canyon del Oro Percent Passing	Amphitheater Percent Passing	Arizona Percent Passing
ELA 9	36	29	26
ELA 10	48	35	32
ELA 11	48	37	30
Algebra	21	33	32
Geometry	38	32	30
Algebra II	49	41	30

Enrollment:

- 2010-2011: 1693
- 2011-2012: 1586
- 2012-2013: 1577
- 2013-2014: 1624
- 2014-2015: 1621

- Current: 1600

Open Enrollment:

591 students are open enrolled - 36%

353 are out of district students - 60%

238 are in district students - 40%

Out of District Students

11 – Catalina Foothills

43 – Flowing Wells

112 – Marana

148 – Oracle

34 – TUSD

In District Students:

132 – Amphi (55.5%)

106 – Ironwood Ridge High School (44.5%)

Focus for 2015-2016:

The following goals were collaboratively set with the CDO school community based on achievement data and AdvancED survey results:

- **Communication & Parent Satisfaction:** Increase the survey average score to 3.0 regarding the number of parents who report that teachers keep them regularly informed how their student is being graded.
- **Graduation Rate:** CDO will achieve a graduation rate of at least 91% during the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Attendance:** Increase the year end attendance rate from 90% to 92% during the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Grading Procedures:** Create three opportunities for facilitated conversations with a clear protocol regarding effective and common grading practices.
- **Improved Math Achievement:** 80% of continuously enrolled students will show growth on the CDO math assessment.

Professional Development:

- We have formed a committee to study student attendance trends and possible improvement strategies
- We also have a committee working on marketing ideas and strategies
- Review of research on effective grading practices
- Department collaboration to review achievement data and improve instructional practices
- Improved communication and transition to Schoolwires

Focus Programs:

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) approved Canyon del Oro High School to offer the IB Diploma Program, beginning in the school year of 2012-2013. The IBO is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding students understanding of the world. Currently, there are more than 3600 IB schools in over 146 countries, nearly 800 of which are located in the United States.

The IB program is a rigorous two-year comprehensive curriculum for grades 11 and 12, which seeks to prepare students for post-secondary study through courses and instructional techniques that emphasize:

- Critical thinking
- Application of knowledge
- An interdisciplinary approach with a strong international focus

Students who have earned the IB Diploma attend prestigious universities throughout the world. Successful completion of the IB Diploma can equal up to a full year of college. However, the IB Diploma is really secondary to the skills students learn and the preparation they receive for their post-secondary plans. The IB Program is a key marketing tool at CDO and has helped us introduce our school to the community through various recruitment activities that we sponsor.

Career and Technical Education:

We are also proud to offer the most comprehensive Career and Technical Education Program in Southern Arizona. Programs include the following:

- Early Childhood Education
- Advanced Construction Tech
- Technical Theater
- Culinary Arts
- Sports Medicine
- Software Development
- Bioscience
- Web Page Development
- Digital Photography
- Architectural Drafting
- Automotive Technologies

CTE is preparing students to help drive America's success and vitality. Further, it is creating an educational environment that integrates core academics with real-world relevance.

- 2014-2015: 1,087 students participated in CTE programs at CDO
- 98% of the concentrators graduated last year (State = 86%)
- 86% of the concentrators were placed (State = 65%)

Canyon del Oro is proud to offer the following 18 different Advanced Placement courses. AP provides students with the opportunity to earn credit or advanced placement for college and to stand out in the admissions process. AP helps students develop better study habits, improve writing skills, and sharpen problem-solving abilities, skills vital to success in college and in life.

271 Students took AP tests in 2015.

72% of the students who took AP tests received passing scores.

CDO offers 18 different AP courses:

- Language and Composition
- Literature and Composition
- Psychology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Statistics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics C/Mechanics
- Computer Science A
- Studio Art
- US Government & Politics
- US History
- World History
- Spanish Language
- French Language
- German Language
- Economics – Macro

Why Choose CDO?

I believe the strongest argument for a family to choose to send their child to CDO for high school has to do with opportunity, academics, and community. We provide students with a caring and supportive environment where they have multiple opportunities to become active members in our school community. Students perform better when they develop a sense of belonging at their school. There are multiple academic programs our students can choose from to meet their individual post-secondary goals and needs. Moreover, our students take tremendous pride in being Dorados.

- Supportive and Dedicated Faculty and Staff
- More than 50 different clubs and organizations
 - Odyssey of the Mind, Academic Decathlon, YES Team, Link Crew, NHS
- A variety of academic programs such as IB, CTE, and AP
- Academic Support Programs
 - Special Education, 504, Tutoring, Gold Program, and Math and English Intervention Lab
- Over 40% of our students participate in Fine Arts
 - Band, Orchestra, Theater, Choir, Art, Photography, & Dance
- Competitive Athletic Programs