



# IRONWOOD RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Ironwood Ridge High School

### Vision

Ironwood Ridge High School is a learning community where students accept responsibility for their unique growth, where consistently rigorous and relevant instruction fosters each student's unique potential, and where positive relationships promote individual growth and achievement.

### Mission

The faculty and staff of Ironwood Ridge High School pledge to promote an educational experience that inspires and prepares learners to realize their unique potential. Young adults will be prepared to contribute to society as humane and responsible learners, workers and citizens who respect diversity and are able to compete successfully in a global society.

### We Believe ...

- All students can learn and achieve.
- Every child has the right to learn in his or her most effective way to achieve academic success.
- Everyone has unique strengths and talents that should be recognized and celebrated.
- Developing the whole child.
- All students become positive contributing members of society.
- Education requires commitment, cooperation and respect among students, parents, staff, and community.
- Providing a safe, caring and kind learning environment.
- Learning is a life-long process.

Ironwood Ridge High School rests on a desert ridge surrounded by the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert and greeted by the majestic rock faces of the Catalina Mountains. IRHS maintains high expectations for students, staff, administration, and our community. Structured in a foundation of respect, excellence, and community, Ironwood Ridge High School is one of the premier High Schools in Arizona. We offer a diverse program including an excellent Fine Arts Program, aspiring Culinary Arts Program, effective Engineering Program, and over fifteen Advanced Placement Courses.

**Cultural and Demographic Data:**

- Enrollment: 1,823 Students.
- Open Enrollment: 303 Students which is 16.6% of the total enrollment.
- Feeder Schools: Wilson K-8, Coronado K-8, Painted Sky Elementary, and Copper Creek Elementary.
- IRHS has a very small ELL population at .5%.
- 12.5% of our student population is identified gifted in at least one area in the 2014-2015 school year.
- Students identified Special Education make up 10.2% of our school population.
- Average Daily attendance rate in 2014-2015 was 92.9%.
- Student Mobility Rate in 2014-2015 was 12.1%.
- 14% of students at Ironwood Ridge High School qualify for free and reduced lunch.
- Ironwood Ridge High School has many active partnerships with the surrounding business community.
- Ironwood Ridge High School was built in 2000-2001 and many members of the parent population were students here or long time members of the Amphitheater district.
- Ironwood Ridge High School has a great reputation for preparing students for post-secondary education. We have strong academics, outstanding fine arts and competitive athletic teams.

**Instructional Programs:**

- REACH Intern Program for Gifted and Talented Advanced Students.
- Special Education Services.
- Advanced Language Arts.
- Advanced Mathematics including Calculus AB and Calculus BC.
- Bio-technology Courses supported by Ventana Canyon Medical.
- Advanced Culinary Arts supported by JTED.
- Advanced Placement Classes: Government, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, French, Spanish, Language and Composition, Literature and Composition, Economics, Physics, Psychology, Studio Art, United States History, and World History.
- Engineering 102 in partnership with the University of Arizona.
- Intervention Courses (Math Lab, Online Lab).
- Amphi Academy – Online Blended Learning.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

- Athletics
- Art Club
- Iron Quill ~IRHS Newspaper
- Student Government
- Veteran's Heritage Project

- National Honor Society
- Key Club
- Model United Nations
- Marching Band
- Encore Choir
- Gaming Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Glitz Choir
- IRHS Spirit Society
- Yearbook
- Poetry Out Loud
- Japanese Club
- French Club
- Culinary Club
- Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA)
- DECA
- Club Green
- Drama & Tech Theater
- Club Kindness
- Chemistry Club
- Zumba Club

To enrich the educational environment and provide for many diverse student interests, a wide variety of special events/activities are provided for IRHS students. Many of these groups are directed by volunteer teachers and parents and/or are supported through the IRHS Nighthawk Parent Association.

- Parent Information Night
- Freshman Orientation
- Academic Letter Awards Evening
- Senior Honor's Graduation
- Winter Formal
- IRHS Prom
- Fine Arts Night
- Musical Theater Productions
- Orchestra, Band, Choir concerts
- Band, Orchestra and Choir Competitions
- Intervention in Reading and Math
- After School Tutoring

Academic Goals for the 2015-2016 School Year:

1. As measured by Tyler Student Management System, Ironwood Ridge High School will earn at least a 95% attendance rate.
2. As measured by the College Board, Ironwood Ridge High School will increase Advanced Placement Scores of 3 or better to an 85% Average.
3. As measured by the Tyler Student Management System, Ironwood Ridge High School will decrease D's and F's earned in Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.
4. As measured by the Tyler Student Management System, Ironwood Ridge High School will achieve a 95% participation rate for the AzMERIT exam.