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Governing Board Principal's Report

Ironwood Ridge High School
Principal ~ Natalie Burnett

I am very proud to serve as the Principal of Ironwood Ridge High School. After serving twenty-one years in the Anchorage School District, it is a personal and professional privilege to join the Amphitheater Public School District. This is my second year in Arizona and I now call "The Ridge" my home.

Ironwood Ridge High School- Home of the Nighthawks!!!



School Mission

- **Vision Statement**~ 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 Statement**~ 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.



School Demographics

- 1,823 Students
- 303 Open Enrollment Students
- Ethnic Distribution: 68.9% White, 23.2% Hispanic, 3.7% Asian, 2.4% African American, 1.2% Multi-racial, 0.6% Native American.
- 14% Free and Reduced Lunch Rate
- Over 90% of our students attend Post Secondary Education.



Data of Interest

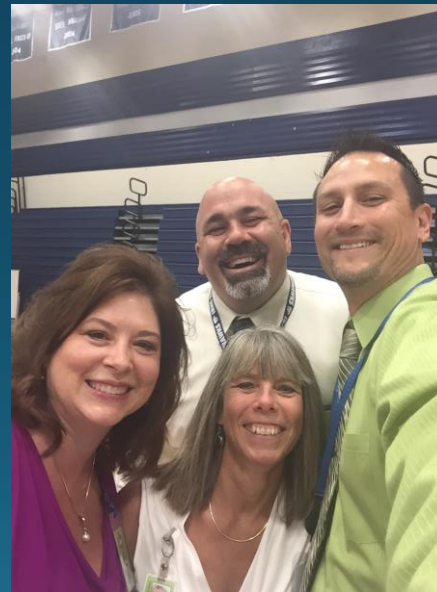


- 2014-2015 270 Advanced Placement Students took 440 Advanced Placement Exams.
- 84% of our Advanced Placement students earned a score of 3 or better on the exams. The average percent for the State of Arizona is 58%.
- Ironwood Ridge High School maintains the lowest Dropout Rate in our district at 1.4%. The state average is 3.4%
- AZ Learns Letter Grade~ A
- Our Graduation Rate is 88.8%. The state average is 76%.
- Ironwood Ridge High School maintains a very low mobility rate at 12.1%.
- Approximately 850 students participate in a Fall, Winter, or Spring Sport at IRHS.



Focus for 2015-2016

- IRHS School Improvement Plan Goals: Attain a 95% Annual Attendance Rate. Increase Advanced Placement Scores of 3 or better to 85% or better. Attain a 95% Testing Attendance Rate for the AzMERIT Exam.
- Administrative Team Goals:
 - Promote Teamwork
 - Give Support to Each Other
 - Effectively Communicate
 - Build Trust



IRHS Marching Band~ The Nighthawk Vanguard



Why Choose Ironwood Ridge High School?

- We maintain high expectations for student success.
- We offer excellent Fine Arts, Athletic, Culinary, and Advanced Placement courses.
- We are a proud, caring, and dedicated staff.
- We have an active and supportive parent community as the Nighthawk Parent Organization. (NPO)
- Many of our staff members' own children have either graduated or currently attend IRHS.
- We may be large in enrollment numbers, yet we know and care about each student on a personal level.
- We take pride in connecting all students with their interests and goals.
- IRHS graduates consistently return and share that they feel exceptionally prepared for college and other post secondary opportunities.



Ironwood Ridge High School 2015-2016



Thank you for the opportunity to present our school this evening. I would be happy to answer any further questions you may have. ~ Principal Burnett

