

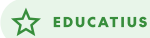


Cactus Shadows High School - Cave Creek USD

Cave Creek, Arizona



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International curriculum:



Public school

Day school only

Coeducational

1588 total students

28 average class size

No Religious Affiliation

About

Discover Cactus Shadows High School: A Center of Excellence in the Desert

Cactus Shadows High School, located in the scenic desert town of Cave Creek, Arizona, stands as a beacon of academic achievement and community spirit. Serving grades 8-12, the school is part of the Cave Creek Unified School District and is renowned for its academic excellence, consistently ranking among the top 5% of Arizona high schools. The school's rigorous curriculum includes Advanced Placement (AP) courses and the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, preparing students for both college and global challenges.

Highlights

Cactus Shadows boasts a strong academic reputation, with students excelling in standardized test scores, particularly in math and reading proficiency. Approximately 73% of students achieve math proficiency, compared to the state's average of 35%, while 71% meet reading proficiency, doubling the state's average. The school also ranks highly in state and national evaluations, further solidifying its status as a top-tier institution.

Facilities

The school's modern campus, located at 5802 E. Dove Valley Road, offers expansive facilities designed to support both academics and extracurricular activities. Recent expansions have included 38,000 square feet of new classroom space, a renovated cafeteria, and upgraded athletic fields. Students benefit from state-of-the-art science labs, a library media center, and specialized areas for arts and music.

Sports & Arts

Cactus Shadows High School has a rich tradition in athletics, competing in Arizona Interscholastic Association's Division II. The school offers a variety of sports programs, including football, basketball, soccer, and swimming. Notably, the school's cheerleading squad has won multiple national championships, and the football team claimed a state title in 2006. Beyond athletics, the school excels in the arts, with award-winning drama, music, and visual arts programs that showcase student talent on both local and national stages.

Academic

Admission requirements

Ages accepted: **14-18**

Accepting grade: **Grade 11 to Grade 12**

ELTIS 2: **692**

IELTS: **4**

TOEFL: **60**

Duolingo: **65**

Interview: **None**

Accepts graduate students: **No**

Host family requirements: **No School HF Req**

Academic stats

Diploma year offered: **No**

English as Second Language (ESL) support: **Yes**

Curriculum offered: **International Baccalaureate**

1+1 School: **Yes**

Total Student Roll: **1588**

School Features

Subjects

Chinese Language and Culture	English Language and Composition
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Microeconomics	Chinese
French	French Language and Culture
Spanish	Spanish Language and Culture
Calculus AB	Calculus BC
Mathematics	Precalculus
Statistics	Biology
Physics	Psychology
Theory of Knowledge	European History
History	Political Science
US Government and Politics	US History
World History	Computer Science Principles

Arts

2D Art and Design	Art	Dance
Drawing	Theater	Visual Arts

Music

Band	Choir	Guitar
Jazz	Marching Band	

Sports

American Football	Baseball	Basketball
Beach Volleyball	Cheerleading	Cross Country Running
Golf	Pom Poms	Soccer
Softball	Swimming and Diving	Tennis
Track and Field	Volleyball	Wrestling

Extracurricular

Chess Club	Chinese Club
Choir	Drama Club
Environmental Science Club	French Club
Key Club	Math Club
Model United Nations (Model UN)	National English Honor Society
National Honor Society	Photography Club
Science Club	Spanish Club
Spanish Honor Society	Student Council
Thespian Society	Veterans Heritage Project

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