



# Vail Academy and High School

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## Mission Statement

Vail Academy and High School is a small learning community that encourages high academic and social achievement. We foster responsibility through nurturing individual relationships for life long success.

## The Community

The City of Tucson and its surrounding suburbs is a thriving city with over 1 million residents. Vail Academy and High School is part of the Vail School District, which is located Southeast of the City. The District, which has experienced tremendous growth in the past 10 years, is widely recognized as a leader in effective instruction and innovation. The beautifully located ranching and railroad community has blossomed into a highly desirable place for families and a key economic center for the Tucson area.

## The School

- Vail Academy and High School was opened in 1997 as Vail Charter High School, the first high school in the Vail School District, with 100 students.
- The school evolved from its small beginnings into a sprawling K-12 school with 480 students at a brand new campus in 2010, when it adopted its current name.
- The school is split almost evenly with 160 students each at the Elementary, Middle, and High School levels.
- In 2014, the school was awarded the prestigious A+ School of Excellence award by the Arizona Education Foundation.
- All students in the school in grades 6-12 use their laptops throughout the school day as most instruction is delivered electronically.

## Graduation Requirements

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| English:                      | 4.0 credits        |
| Mathematics:                  | 4.0 credits        |
| Social Studies:               | 3.5 credits        |
| Science:                      | 3.0 credits        |
| Career & Technical Education: | 2.0 credits        |
| Fine Arts:                    | 1.0 credits        |
| Health:                       | 0.5 credits        |
| Senior Exit Project:          | 0.5 credits        |
| Electives:                    | <u>3.5 credits</u> |
| Total:                        | 22.0 credits       |

Students are required to take a minimum of 2 credits of honors or AP courses to graduate.

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## Grading Scale

|     |               | Percentage | GPA |
|-----|---------------|------------|-----|
| A = | Excellent     | 90-100     | 4.0 |
| B = | Above Average | 80-89      | 3.0 |
| C = | Average       | 70-79      | 2.0 |
| D = | Passing       | 60-69      | 1.0 |
| F = | Failing       | 0-59       | 0.0 |

Students earn distinction points for classes that are added to their Weighted GPAs as follows:

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Honors or Dual Enrollment: | .03 |
| Advanced Placement:        | .05 |

## AP Courses Offered

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| AP English Language         | AP English Literature    |
| AP Calculus AB              | AP United States History |
| AP United States Government |                          |

## Honors Courses Offered

Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, World History, U.S. History, English 9, English 10, Physics, Biology, Chemistry.

## Unique Courses Offered

VAHS offers a 3-year sequence in Business Management, a 2-year sequence in Digital Photography, 1 year of Art, 1 year of Choir, 2 years of Drama, and 2 years of Spanish.

## Standardized Test Information

It is a district requirement that all students take the ACT without writing in April of their junior year. Some students will take the ACT again and some will take the SAT.

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Class of 2018 Averages for ACT: |      |
| VAHS (100% of Class):           | 20.8 |
| State:                          | 20.1 |
| National:                       | 20.8 |

## Class of 2018 Grade Distribution

37 students, Cumulative, 6-Semester Weighted GPA:  
 1 student (3%) earned >4.50 (4.52=Highest in class)  
 9 students (24%) earned 4.00 to 4.50  
 6 students (16%) earned 3.50 to 3.99  
 5 students (14%) earned 3.00 to 3.50  
 6 students (16%) earned 2.50 to 2.99  
 8 students (22%) earned 2.00 to 2.49  
 2 students (5%) earned <2.00

## Recent College Attendances

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Arizona State University     | BYU – Idaho                 |
| Cornell University           | Embry Riddle University     |
| Fort Lewis College           | Grand Canyon University     |
| Illinois Inst. of Technology | New Mexico State University |
| Northern Arizona University  | Prairie View A&M University |
| University of Arizona        | UMass - Amherst             |