



**HIGHLAND
PREP**

SURPRISE, ARIZONA

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- Andrew Enwiya, Assistant Principal
- Shane Jones, Director of STEM
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- Dustin George, Director of Business
- Aaron Frank, Director of Athletics
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- Michele MacLeod, STEM Coach
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- Mary Magana, Office Assistant
- Jaime King, Counselor
- Keegan Dame, Marketing Specialist

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

- Jason Stanfield, Paraprofessional

ACCREDITATION

- International Cognia Accreditation
- Cognia STEM Certification

STEM CERTIFICATION

- Cognia International STEM Certification

SCHOOL CEEB CODE

- 030520

SCHOOL COLORS

- Yellow
- Black
- Silver

SCHOOL MASCOT

- Honey Badgers

FACILITIES

- Fab Lab
- Makerspace
- Aerospace/Robotics Lab
- RADC Drone Competition Field
- Recording Studio
- 3 Engineering Labs
- Gymnasium
- State-of-the-art weight room
- Football field
- Soccer Field

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Instagram @highland_prep
- Facebook @highlandprepaz
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School Profile 2026-2027

OUR COMMUNITY

Highland Prep situated approximately 45 minutes northwest of downtown Phoenix. Located in Surprise, Arizona which is the second-fastest growing municipality in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area and the sixth-fastest growing city in the United States. Surprise is known for its parks and recreational activities, with over 20 parks, a community center, and a variety of sports and outdoor activities.

Highland Prep serves the educational needs of Surprise, Arizona and surrounding suburban communities. Highland Prep is a high title one school (60%) with a diverse student body comprised of 46% Caucasian, 37% Hispanic, 8% African American, 5% Two or more races, 3% Asian, and 1% Native American. In addition, 60% of students receive free and reduced lunches.

OUR SCHOOL

Highland Prep is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) college preparatory high school enrolling 538 students in grades 9-12. Highland Prep has received a school report card letter grade of "A" from the Arizona Department of Education from 2023-2026. Highland Prep has been recognized as one of *America's Best High Schools* by Niche.com and U.S. News & World Report.

HP HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ 100% four-year college/university acceptance for the Class of 2021 - 2026
- ◆ Designated A-Rated school by the Arizona Department of Education, 2022 - 2026
- ◆ Named to the 2023-2025 AP® School Honor Roll (Gold) and elevated to Platinum recognition in 2025-2026, meeting every criterion for excellence.
- ◆ \$16.9 million awarded in scholarships for Class of 2026
- ◆ U.S. News & World Report America's Best High Schools, 2023 - 2026
- ◆ Niche Best Public High Schools in America, 2021 - 2026
- ◆ PLTW Distinguished School 2021 - 2026
- ◆ Men's Varsity Basketball State Runner Up in AIA 2A State Championship 2023
- ◆ Sea Perch Robotics team earned "National Qualifier" at the Maritime Alliance Sea Perch San Diego Qualifier 2019 and Highland Prep Academies Qualifier 2024
- ◆ REC Foundation Aerial Drones World Championship qualifier 2022 and 2024.
- ◆ Sea Perch Robotics team earned "Best in Class" at National Underwater Robotics Challenge 2019.
- ◆ A total of 85 students (93%) met the SAT cut score from Class of 2026.
- ◆ A total of 82 students (90%) successfully passed one or more Dual Enrollment (DE) math courses from Class of 2026.



Highland Prep Academics

Highland Prep's academic program operates on a quarter schedule consisting of four, 90-minute classes per day. Students earn two credits per quarter or eight credits per school year. Highland Prep requires students to complete 28 credits for graduation: 4 English credits, 4 Mathematics credits, 3 Science credits, 3 Social Studies credits, 2 Foreign Language credits, 3 Engineering/Computer Science credits, 1 Fine Arts credit, 1 Physical Education credit, and 7 Elective credits.

Advanced Placement

Highland Prep offers the following AP courses:

English: AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature & Composition

Math: AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB/BC, AP Business with Personal Finance

Science: AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics, AP Chemistry

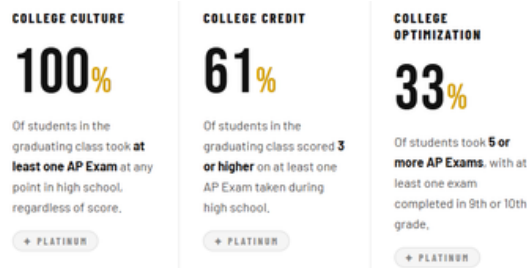
Social Studies: AP US History, AP World History, AP Psychology

Foreign Language: AP Spanish Language

STEM: AP Computer Science

Financial Literacy: AP Business with Personal Finance

AP is an open enrollment program. HP student participation in AP courses and exams are as follows: 20% of HP sophomores take at least one AP course, 65% of juniors take at least two or more AP courses.



Honors

Highland Prep offers the following honors courses:

English: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Math: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2

Science: Chemistry, Biology, Physics

Social Studies: World History, US History, Government/Economics, Psychology

HP student participation in honors courses is as follows: 60% of freshmen, 78% of sophomores, and 85% of juniors take honors-level courses.

College Engineering & Computer Science

In partnership with Project Lead the Way (PLTW), Highland Prep offers up to ten college-level engineering credits. Students are required to earn at least three. Courses include: Introduction to Engineering, Principles of Engineering, Biomedical Science, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Cybersecurity, Aerospace Engineering, Digital Electronics, Principles of AI, Engineering Design and Development Capstone, and AP Computer Science.

Entrepreneurship

Highland Prep offers Entrepreneurship 101, a capstone course focused on real-world business skills and innovation.

Welding and Fabrication

Highland Prep offers hands-on welding and fabrication coursework through the ULINC curriculum, providing students with industry-relevant technical skills.

Dual College Enrollment

Highland Prep offers dual enrollment courses in mathematics and aviation in partnership with higher education institutions. Students may earn college credit while still in high school.

Mathematics: MAT 150 College Algebra, MAT 187 Pre-Calculus, MAT 220 Calculus I, MAT 230 Calculus II, MAT 240 Calculus III

Aviation: ASCI 121/121L Private Pilot Operations / Airmen Knowledge Test Prep (in partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University)

Grading and Ranking Procedures

Grading Scale:

The following grading scale has been established: 90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 70-79 = C; 60-69 = D; and 00-59 = F

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Un-weighted GPA:

The cumulative un-weighted grade point average includes all general courses taken for credit. It is calculated for high school graduation purposes, as follows:

A = 4.00 grade points; B = 3.00 grade points; C = 2.00 grade points, D = 1.00 grade points, and F = 0.00 grade points.

Weighted GPA:

The cumulative weighted grade point average includes additional weight for Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses taken for credit. It is calculated for high school graduation purposes, as follows: A = 5.00 grade points, B = 4.00 grade points, C = 3.00 grade points, D = 1.00 grade points,

Athletics:

Varsity Football, Varsity Boys & Girls Volleyball, JV Girls Volleyball, Varsity Boys & Girls Soccer, Varsity Boys & Girls Cross Country, Varsity & JV Boys & Girls Basketball, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Boys & Girls Track & Field, Varsity Boys Volleyball, Varsity Tenni, Varsity Girls Flag Football, E-Sports

Extracurriculars:

VEX Robotics, SeaPerch Robotics, Academic Decathlon, Yearbook, Chess Club, Performance Band, Performance Choir, Drama, Engineering Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Science Club, Aerospace Club, Table Gaming Club, Math Club, Zoology Club, Speech & Debate, RADAC Aerial Drones, Ping-Pong Club



HP Graduates have been accepted to the following Colleges and Universities

United States Naval Academy, West Point, Johns Hopkins University, Georgetown University, University of Pennsylvania, Brown University, Duke University, UCLA, University of Michigan, Georgia Tech, University of Washington (Seattle), University of Southern California, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), UC Santa Barbara, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Minnesota (Twin Cities), University of Oregon, University of Utah, Clemson University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Connecticut, George Washington University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Howard University, Brigham Young University, The University of Alabama, Auburn University, University of Arizona, Arizona State University, San Diego State University, Colorado State University, Washington State University, Gonzaga University, Texas Christian University, University of Denver, University of Vermont, SUNY Stony Brook, West Virginia University, University of Kansas, University of Massachusetts Boston, University of Texas Arlington, Montana State University, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis, Creighton University, Saint Louis University, Seton Hall University, St. John's University, University of Northern Colorado, Bowling Green State University, University of Portland, Augustana University, Kettering University