



# EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL

*"Soaring with distinction"*

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## 2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

### Mission Statement

It is the mission of Empire High School to provide students with the tools and structures to be college-ready through challenging curriculums and a variety of educational opportunities.

We believe:

- supportive relationships enhance learning opportunities.
- a smaller student body enables a more personal educational experience.
- learning occurs inside and outside of the classroom.
- individual differences can be best respected and valued in a safe environment.

### School

Empire High School was built in 2005 and designed to have all the amenities of a large, comprehensive public high school, in a small-school package. Currently serving a total population of 864 students, Empire's size and close-knit community feel continue to be the number one reason it is selected by students and parents.

Empire High School is accredited by Cognia and has earned the Arizona Education Foundation's A+ School of Excellence Award in 2011, 2015 and 2019. This prestigious award is renewable every four years.

Ethnicity Profile: 61.62% White (Not Hispanic or Latino), 26.36% Hispanic or Latino, 6.13% Asian or Pacific Islander, 4.74% African-American, and 1.16% Native American.

### Community

The Vail School District is located southeast of Tucson and opened in 1903 as a one-room schoolhouse. Over 100 years later, the district serves a rural/suburban population and has grown to over 20 schools, 1,900 employees, and 12,000 students in grades K-8. Along with its traditional schools, Vail has an alternative credit-recovery high school and a Vail Innovation Center that serves students in blended learning, online learning, and homeschool partnerships. Additionally, the Vail School District exercises high school choice. Each of Vail's high schools offers unique opportunities and experiences for students. The Vail School District is widely recognized as a lighthouse district leading in effective instruction and innovation. It is recognized as one of the top-performing school districts in Arizona.

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## Graduation Requirements

English = 4.0 credits	Economics = 0.5 credit
Math = 4.0 credits	Fine Arts and/or CTE = 1.0 credit
Science = 3.0 credits	Foreign Language = optional
Social Studies = 3.0 credits	*Senior Exit Project = 0.5 credit
Health = 0.5 credit	+ Additional Electives to a total of 22

\*Senior Exit Project is required for all students in the Vail School District to graduate. This project includes a research paper, a 25 hour practicum, a presentation, and an interview. The project will be completed during the student's senior year, and students must pass each portion with a 60%.

## Curriculum

Empire High School's bell schedule consists of six, 55-minute class periods. Students may enroll in an optional seventh period during zero hour before school. Seniors have the option to take a reduced schedule of only five class periods if they are on track for graduation. Each class is a year in length with the exception of Health and Economics. Health and Economics are typically taken freshman year for a semester each.

## 12 Honors Courses

English 1, English 2, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre Calculus, Anatomy and Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics, World History, German 3

## 13 AP Courses

English Literature, English Language, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Computer Science A, American Government, US History, World History, Studio Art-Drawing, German

## Vail Early College

The Vail Early College is a concurrent enrollment program within the Vail School District in partnership with Pima Community College. Through the Vail Early College (VEC), seniors from any of the Vail high schools can earn 12 or more college credit hours during their senior year. Students take all courses at the Pima Community College East Campus, and includes the required VEC high school courses (Government, College Success, and the Senior Exit Project). It is possible for a senior to complete their freshman year of university coursework through this program.

## Activities and Clubs

Art Club, Boys Basketball Club, Chemistry Club, Choir Club, Class of 2022, Class of 2023, Class of 2024, Class of 2025, Coed Volleyball Club, Drama/Theatrical Club #7057, Empire Raven Robotics, Fellowship of Christian Students, Game Club, Genders and Sexualities Alliance, German Club, Green Club, Link Crew, Mountain Bike Team, National Honor Society, Orchestra Club, Photography and Yearbook Club, Rock Climbing Club, Science Club and Science Olympiad, Skills USA, Student Council, Student Wellness Advocacy Team, Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter 8104

## Athletics

Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, Football, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Track, Westling, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Cheerleading

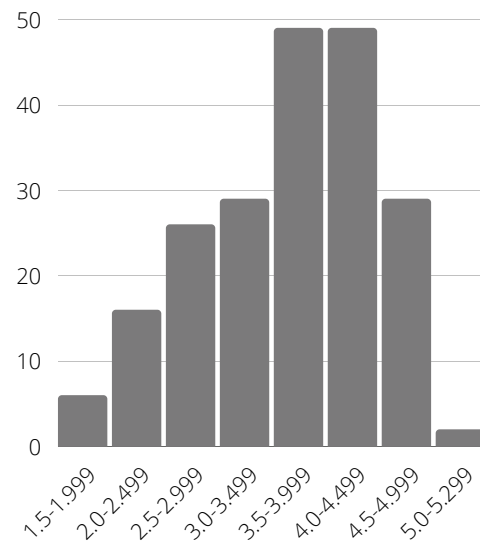
## Grading Scale

Letter	GPA	Honors	AP
A 90-100	4.00	4.03	4.05
B 80-89	3.00	3.03	3.05
C 70-79	2.00	2.03	2.05
D 60-69	1.00	1.03	1.05
F 0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

- Cumulative GPA and Class Rank are calculated after each semester beginning in 9th grade.
- Class Rank is based on Added Value (Weighted) GPA.
- All classes are calculated into a student's GPA with the exception of classes that earn a Pass/Fail grade.

## 2021-2022 Senior Class GPA Profile

206 students in the Senior Class - 6th Semester Weighted GPA



## 2020-2021 Post High School Placement

- Expected 4-Year College Attendance: 64%
- Expected 2-Year Institution Attendance: 13%
- Expected Military Enlistment: 4%

## 2020-2021 ACT Test Results

Every Empire junior took the ACT in April 2021. The average composite score was a 21.5.

## 2020-2021 Advanced Placement Results

- 182 students tested, 273 exams, 18 subjects
- 65% with a score of 3 or better
- Total of 43 AP Scholars - 18 AP Scholars, 10 AP Scholars with Honors, 15 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 5 AP Capstone Diplomas

## 2020-2021 Awards and Distinctions

- 2 National Merit Scholar Program - Commended students
- 1 AZ Educational Foundation Ambassador for Excellence
- 1 Educator Advocate of Science and Engineering Winner
- 1 John J. Ross Memorial Award for Excellence in Law Related Education - AZ Foundation for Legal Services and Education
- 1 UA Online Amazing Teacher of the Year Finalist