

# WELCOME FRESHMEN PARENTS!



**Freshmen Fall 2024**



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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Diploma

4 years/credits of Language Arts

4 years/credits of Math

3 years/credits of Lab Science \*

1/2 year/credit of Health

1/2 year/credit of PE

3 years/credits of Social Studies\*

1 year/credit of Fine Art OR CTE

6 credits of Electives

**22 Credits Total**

\*Requires specific classes

## In-State State (AZ)University Admissions

4 year/credits of Language Arts

4 years/credits of Math

3 years/credits of Lab Science

2 years/credits of Social Studies (one must be United States History)

2 years/credits of the same World Language (Except NAU)

1 year/credit of Fine Art/CTE

3.0 unweighted GPA for guaranteed admission

Plus High School Diploma

# GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Grade	Honors Points	Regular Points
A	5	4
B	4	3
C	3	2
D	0	1
F	0	0

GPA is calculated at the end of every semester (December and May) or when a new grade is entered. Each grade is assigned a point value and then averaged with all other official grades to date.

# CLASS RANK

Only CORE areas are factored into the weighted GPA that determines class rank:

- 4 Language Arts
- 4 Math
- 3 Social Studies
- 4 Lab Sciences

*\*Class rank is only calculated at the end of each semester\*(January/June)*



# DUAL ENROLLMENT/AP COURSES



## □ Dual Enrollment

- Earn both **high school** and **college** credit (through Rio Salado Community College when students earn C or better)
- Requires tuition (paid to Rio Salado)
- Grade points are not weighted (except Pre-Calc H-MAT188, all Chemistry, and all dual Spanish)

## □ Advanced Placement (AP)

- Most rigorous courses on campus
- Requires payment (in the fall) for AP Exam at the end of the year (\$105/exam) Seminar and Research are \$150
- May earn **college** credit for certain scores on AP Exams (to be determined by the university you attend)
- Grade points are weighted, may help class rank
- Ability to earn Capstone Diploma

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-capstone/how-ap-capstone-works>

# DUAL ENROLLMENT--ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA) OPTION

- Dual enrollment classes are college classes taught on the OC campus by our teachers--one of the six classes in a student's schedule
- Students can take dual enrollment core classes beginning in 10th grade with additional options available each year
- SDOHS has all classes necessary to earn Associate of Arts (AA) before they graduate.
- If interested in AA, contact Rio [Elise.Fraher@riosalado.edu](mailto:Elise.Fraher@riosalado.edu)
- For more info on requirements and list of OC dual classes: <https://www.riosalado.edu/courselist>
- AP/Dual Parent Night 9/25/24.

# CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED ACADEMICS

- Awarded at graduation and reflects four years of advanced coursework and service learning
- Provides students the opportunity to showcase their academic excellence and dedication
- Supplements diploma and serves as an indication of a student's rigorous coursework, above and beyond the District requirements
- Must complete [application](#)
  - 9th and 10th grade: must take 3 honors classes
  - 11th and 12th grade: must take 3 AP classes -or- 2 AP and 2 dual enrollment classes
  - Must have a minimum of 25 hours of service learning in both 11th and 12th grades
  - Weighted GPA 4.0 or above



# Attendance

- Be on time
- Potential loss of credit at 12 absences
- Be mindful of not scheduling trips on the last days of a semester
- Can appeal a loss of credit and appeals are reviewed at the end of the semester
- Can impact future options (West-MEC, zero hour senior year, etc.)



*Every day*   
**COUNTS!** 

School success starts  
with attendance

# STUDENT SUCCESS!



- ★ Check PowerSchool often
- ★ Canvas and PowerSchool are different
  - **Canvas displays assignments**
  - **PowerSchool is official grade**
- ★ **Counselors will meet with each student individually every year to register for classes. Freshman meetings will start on December 2nd.**
- ★ Please email your counselor if you have any questions or need anything. We will email you back and send a pass if needed.

# HOW STUDENTS CAN STAY CONNECTED

- COMMUNICATE WITH TEACHERS REGULARLY
- FREQUENTLY CHECK YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL
- LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ASK FOR HELP WHEN NEEDED
- MAKE TIME FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
- GET INVOLVED WITH SDOHS CLUBS, ACTIVITIES, AND SPORTS

