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Scottsdale, Arizona 85254  
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## ADVANCED CURRICULUM

Horizon High School offers 20 Advanced Placement courses in the following areas:

US History  
European History  
Government & Politics - US or Comparative  
Macroeconomics  
Calculus AB or BC  
Statistics 1-2  
Music Theory  
Biology  
Art History  
Chemistry  
Physics  
English Language 5-6  
English Literature 7-8  
Spanish Language  
Studio Art 5-6, 7-8  
Computer Science A  
French 9-10

Number of tests taken - 686  
Number of students taking tests - 389  
% of scores 3 or better - 59%

Honors classes available in:

English 1-2, 3-4  
Geometry  
Algebra 3-4  
PreCalculus  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Spanish 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
French 7-8  
German 7-8

## HORIZON STAFF

### Principal

*Dr. Dan Courson*

### Assistant Principals

*Linda Ihnat*

*Kandice Kelley*

*Michael Tesensky*

### Dean of Attendance

*Charles O'Connor*

### Athletic Director

*John Pierce*

### Counseling Department

*Jeanne Woodward, IDL*

*Tracey Lanese*

*Mary Lynn MacCarter*

*Kyle Vessell*

*Mella Williams*

*Marianne Logan*

*Bonnie Plesher*

*Karen Wahl, Secretary*

*Linda Spencer, Clerk*

### Registrar

*Barb Houston*

### Records

*Shirley Bentle*



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## 2008~2009 Profile

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# HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of Horizon High School is to provide the building blocks for the ABC's in the 21st Century:  
Academic Excellence    Belief in self and others    Community responsibility in a changing society*

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Enrollment	2313 (Grades 9-12)
Mascot	Husky
Colors	Green and Gold
CEEB	030401

### Accreditation and Membership

North Central Association  
Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA)

### Post High School Placement

54% Four Year University  
36% Community or Technical College  
7% Military or Other

*HORIZON is a comprehensive, suburban four-year high school serving the northeast valley area of Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona. The district consists of 31 elementary schools, seven middle schools and six high schools and serves over 34 thousand students. The Paradise Valley Schools have been recognized locally, state-wide and nationally for a variety of quality educational programs and innovative endeavors.*

## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Asian	3%
Black	1%
Hispanic	5%
Native American	1%
Caucasian	90%

## COLLEGE TESTING MEAN SCORES - 2008

A.C.T.....	Horizon
Composite .....	24.3
S.A.T. ....	Horizon
Verbal.....	526
Math .....	547
Writing .....	509

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

The graduating class of 2008 has 9 semifinalists and 10 commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English.....	4 credits
Mathematics .....	3 credits
Social Studies .....	3 credits
Science.....	3 credits
Physical Education.....	1 credits
Vocational or Fine Arts elective	1 credits
Electives .....	7 credits
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>22 credits</b>

## TRANSCRIPT INTERPRETATION

Grade.....	Grade Points.....	Scale
A.....	4.0.....	90-100
B.....	3.0.....	80-89
C.....	2.0.....	70-79
D .....	1.0.....	60-69
F.....	0.0.....	Below 60

### Class Structure

All classes are 53 minutes in length and meet 5 times per week.

### Computation of GPA

Classes designated H are accelerated and carry a weighted grade point value, i.e., A=5.0. All classes are included in the GPA and both weighted and unweighted GPA are indicated on the transcript. Student aides earn a credit/no credit that is not computed in the GPA. Only one aide credit may be counted toward graduation requirements. An "N" indicates the class has been repeated. A repeated class does not receive additional credit. The higher grade, however, is used in computing the GPA.

### Class Rank

Class rank is determined by the cumulative weighted grade point average from all subjects.

### Explanation of Abbreviations

H	-	Honors
AP	-	Advanced Placement
OJT	-	On the Job Training
LS	-	Learning Skills
BLS	-	Basic Learning Skills
N	-	Repeated Course
CBL	-	Computer Based Learning