

GLENDALE UNION

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Honors/Advanced Placement Program

Preparing our students for college and career



**Welcome
Governing Board Members
&
Superintendent**

Our Schools



Apollo High School

Cortez High School

Glendale High School

Greenway High School

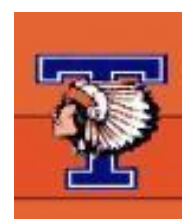
Independence High School

Moon Valley High School

Sunnyslope High School

Thunderbird High School

Washington High School



*“I am a true believer in that,
education in my opinion, is
not a sprint, it’s a marathon.”*

— Mr. Daniel Darrow
Washington High School
Teacher



GUHSD: A Tradition of Excellence

- Nationally recognized academics
- Award winning fine and performing arts
- Exceptional career and technical education programs
- Championship athletics and extracurricular activities
- State of the art online learning opportunities

About Our Schools

- School populations in the range of 1200 - 2000 students
- No “pay to play” or “pay to participate” program
- A focus on 9th grade transition
- Personal connection with parents, students and the community

Nationally Recognized Academics



The Advanced Placement Program

The Advanced Placement program offers students the opportunity to take rigorous courses during their high school years in order to prepare them for the challenges of higher education as well as the opportunity to gain college credits through AP exam scores.

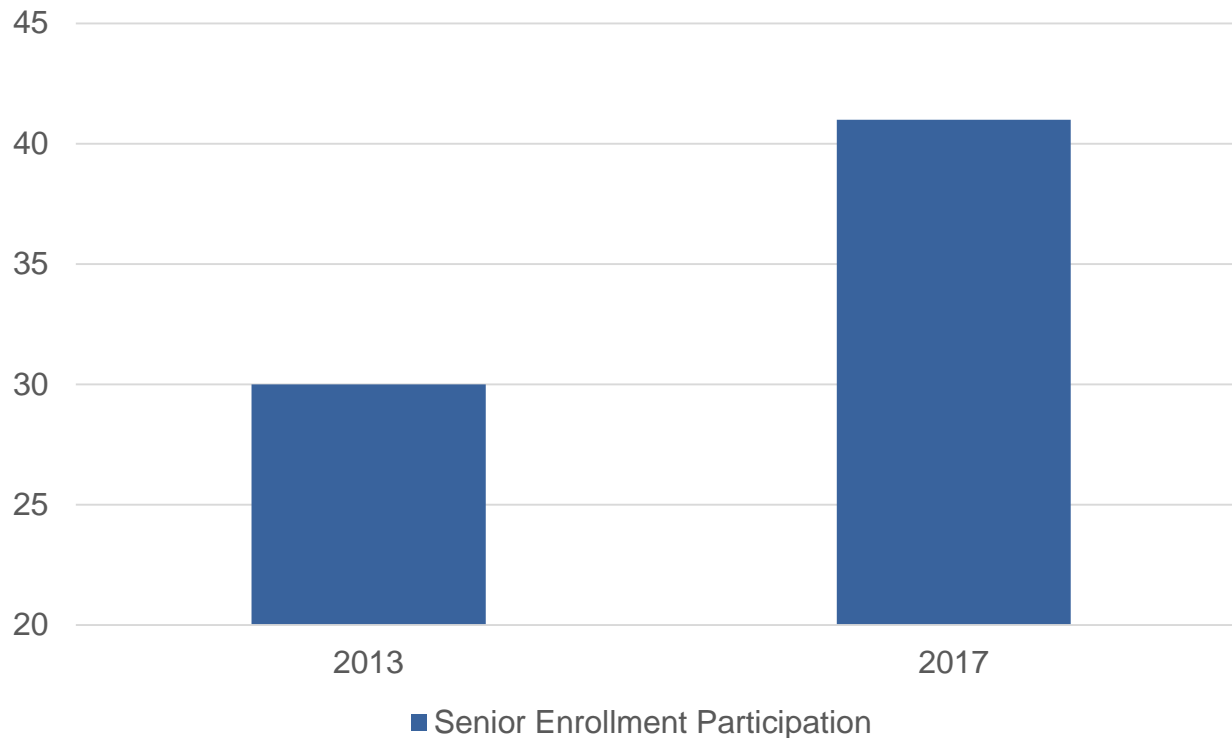
Advanced Placement Courses

English Language
English Literature
Spanish Language
French Language
German Language
Art: 2-D Design
Art: 3-D Design
Art: Drawing Portfolio
Computer Science

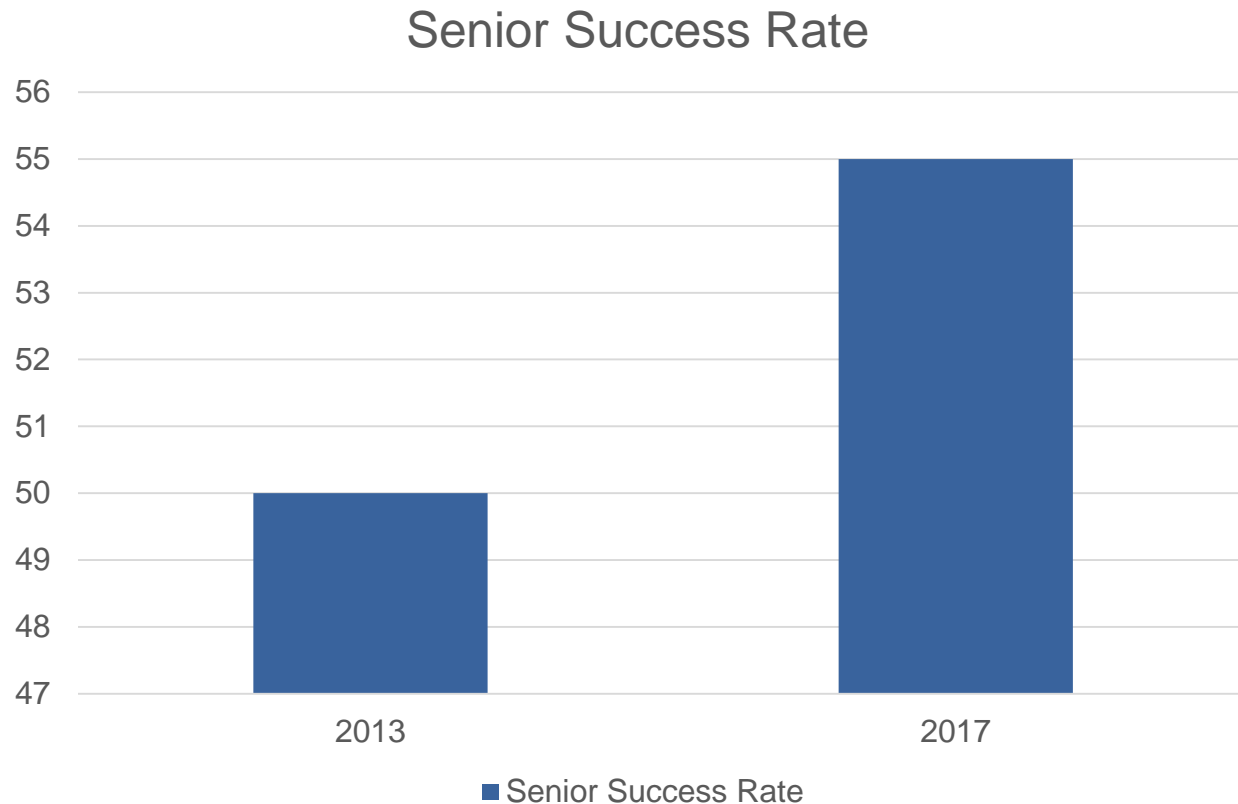
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics
Biology
Physics
Chemistry
World History
US History
US Government

Advanced Placement Enrollment

Senior Enrollment Participation



Advanced Placement Success



Why GUHSD?

A Student's Perspective

Maryam Matta

Thunderbird High School

The Benefits of the Advanced Placement Program

- A Global Academic program offered in more than 10 countries
- AP programs are available on all nine Glendale Union campuses allowing students to participate in the program at their local high school

The Benefits of the Advanced Placement Program

- Provides students with a head start on college by allowing them to earn credit while in high school
- Allows students to enter upper-level courses in college
- Fulfill many prerequisite college courses
- Save money on college

Why take AP classes

College credit can allow students to move into upper-level college courses sooner, pursue a double major, and gain time to study and travel abroad:

- *“Because I took AP classes in high school, my GE credits were already out of the way and I was able to dive right into classes that were related to my major. This benefited me because it gave me more time as an upperclassmen to take classes that I was interested in, and it took a lot of pressure off of making sure I met my graduation requirements on time.*

Cole Dellisanti – Arizona State University

The Benefits of the Advanced Placement Program

- Earn academic scholarships and awards
- Experience college-level rigor and exams
- Predictor for college success
- Standing out in the admissions process

Standing Out in the Admission Process

“One of the best standard predictors of academic success at Harvard is performance on Advanced Placement Examinations.”

*–William R. Fitzsimmons
Dean of Admissions, Harvard University*

Why take AP classes

A U.S. Department of Education study found that the strongest predictor of college graduation is something students do **before** they ever go to college:

Participate in rigorous, college-level courses in high school—and AP courses in particular.

Clifford Adelman, *Answers in the Tool Box: Academic Intensity, Attendance Patterns, and Bachelor's Degree Attainment* (1999), U.S. Department of Education.

Similarities between AP and International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Both are rigorous and dedicated to educational excellence
- Both involve dedicated and creative teachers
- Both attract motivated students who wish to excel and attend the most selective universities
- Both value programs that require research, thinking, and writing

Differences between AP and IB

- AP does *not* have pre-9th grade requirements
- AP schools have higher student participation in extracurricular activities
- AP students *choose* courses based on interest and ability

Cost Comparison

- IB program total cost = \$864
 - Registration fees = \$168
 - Examination fees = \$116 each
- AP examination fees = \$92 each

AP exams in
Glendale Union cost students NOTHING

Advanced Placement

A Student's Perspective

Diane Solorio

Cortez High School Student

Dual Enrollment

- Students have the opportunity to earn college credit while completing their high school requirements. Dual enrollment courses are offered through many AP classes.
- Many of our Career and Technical Education classes also offer the opportunity to gain dual credit.

Dual Enrollment Savings

On Average:

These same courses out of state would cost you

Approximately \$80,000

(Plus the cost of books and lab fees)

These same courses at Arizona State University would cost you

Approximately \$60,000

(Plus the cost of books and lab fees)

A total of 62 credits through GUHSD
dual enrollment courses would cost you

Approximately \$5,000

Dual Enrollment Scholarships

- Financial Aid is available for high school students taking dual enrollment courses
- Glendale Union schools work with students to help them apply for scholarships
- Scholarships are awarded each year to Glendale Union students

Honors Diploma

The Honors Diploma requires the following:

- Earn 24 credits
- Successfully complete at least six Honors/AP courses with four of the six during the junior and senior year
- Maintain a CPA of 3.0 or rank in the top 25%

Honors Diploma

Required Courses

- 4 credits of Language Arts
- 4 credits of Mathematics
- 3 credits of Social Studies
- 3 credits of Science
- 2 credits of World Language
- 1 credit of Fine Arts
- 1 credit of Physical Education
- 6 credits of electives

AP/Honors Enrollment

Student enrollment is based on the following:

- **Student grades and performance in elementary and middle school**
- **Performance on placement exams**
- **Teacher recommendation**
- **Parent request**

Typical Honors/AP Coursework

Freshman Year

- Honors English 1–2
- Honors Algebra
- Honors Biology
- Physical Education
- World Language 1–2
- Elective of your choice

Sophomore Year

- Honors English 3–4
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Chemistry
- AP World History
- World Language 3–4
- Elective of your choice

Typical Honors/AP Coursework

Junior Year

- AP Language
- Honors Algebra 2
- AP Biology
- AP U.S. History
- Honors World Language or another Elective
- Elective of your choice

Senior Year

- AP Literature
- AP Calculus/Statistics
- AP Physics/Chemistry
- AP Government
- AP World Language or another Elective
- Elective of your choice

College Preparation Exams

- Exposure to these exams begins freshman year
- PSAT, SAT, and ACT preparation courses
- ACT testing of all juniors at NO cost
- A tradition of National Merit Scholar winners

College Entrance Exam Timeline

Freshman Year:

- PSAT10 Test in the spring

Sophomore Year:

- Test Prep class in the fall
- PSAT Exam in the fall
- Pre-ACT Exam in the spring

Junior Year:

- Test Prep refresher course in the fall
- PSAT Exam in the fall
- ACT Exam (**FREE to all GUHSD juniors**)
- SAT Subject Tests–June (if required by college)

Senior Year:

- SAT Subject Test (if required by college) August/September
- Refresher course for ACT fall
- ACT/SAT to improve score fall

Graduate Recognition

- Top graduates speak at graduation and march at the front of the class
- Medallions and honor cords are awarded for academic achievements
- Honors and Awards ceremonies recognize student accomplishments


Scholarships

*Over 90 million dollars
earned by seniors in 2017*

Save the Dates

January 11, 2018 – Pathways to America's Top College
Moon Valley High School

January 18, 2018 – Future Freshmen Night
Your local GUHSD school

A young woman with long brown hair and glasses is sitting at a wooden table in a classroom. She is holding a white sign with black text. In the background, other students are seated at tables, and there are posters on the wall, including one that says "FELIZ".

...ALONG WITH
2,650 OTHER
STUDENTS



Thank you for coming!

Visit us at: www.guhsdaz.org
and click on your home school