

# Fountain Hills High School 2015-2016 School Profile

*Home of the Falcons*

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## **School mission :**

**Mission statement:** We engage, challenge, and support every student, every day.

## **School & community information:**

Fountain Hills High School is a comprehensive secondary school serving students in grades 9-12. FHHS is a part of the Fountain Hills Unified School District in Fountain Hills, Arizona, and is the only secondary school in the district. Fountain Hills is a suburban community of about 23,000 within the Phoenix Metropolitan region. The school's five-year accreditation was renewed by AdvancED in May 2014. FHHS is a member of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Division, IV, section V, and fields teams in 17 sports.

## **Faculty & staff:**

Full time certificated staff members: 34  
Part-time certificated staff members: 3  
Classified & support staff members: 12

## **School Calendar:**

Semester A, Aug. 10-Dec. 18, 2015 (85 school days)  
Semester B, Jan. 4-May 26, 2016 (95 school days)

## **Daily Schedule:**

The school operates on a traditional six-period day, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and dismissing at 2:08 p.m.  
Classes are 55 minutes long with a 37-minute lunch period.  
On Wednesdays, the school day ends at 1:08 for staff professional development time.

## **Class of 2015:**

180 members; 169 graduates  
Plan to enroll in a two-year college, vocational school, or military: 36%  
Plan to enroll in a four-year university: 88 (52%)  
Scholarship awards & offers: \$5.6 million

## **Testing Results:**

2015 AzMERIT—Overall average passing rates:  
English: 37%  
Math: 33%

Class of 2015 ACT average scores:

English: 25  
Mathematics: 24.2  
Reading: 25.9  
Science: 24.6

Class of 2015 SAT mean scores:

Critical reading: 528  
Mathematics: 526

## **Academic Information:**

Fountain Hills High School offers a tiered diploma system. All graduating students must complete a minimum of 24 hours of community service work. Credit is awarded on a semester basis (0.5 credit per completed semester course).

## **Requirements for the Standard High School Diploma**

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| English                 | 4.0 Credits |
| Social Studies          | 3.0 Credits |
| Mathematics             | 4.0 Credits |
| Science                 | 3.0 Credits |
| Fine Art /Practical Art | 1.0 Credit  |
| PE / Health/PE Elective | 1.0 Credit  |
| Electives               | 6.0 Credit  |

**Total Credits Required 22.0**

## **Requirements for the High School Diploma with Honors**

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| English               | 4.0 Credits |
| Social Studies        | 3.0 Credits |
| Mathematics           | 4.0 Credits |
| Science               | 3.0 Credits |
| Foreign Language      | 2.0 Credits |
| Fine Art              | 1.0 Credit  |
| PE/Health/PE Elective | 1.0 Credit  |
| Electives             | 5.0 Credits |

**Total Credits Required 23.0**

*Additional criteria for the Diploma with Honors: minimum 3.5 weighted GPA; at least five Honors and/or Advanced Placement classes over four years.*

### **Requirements for the High School Diploma with Highest Distinction**

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| English          | 4.0 Credits |
| Social Studies   | 3.0 Credits |
| Mathematics      | 4.0 Credits |
| Science          | 3.0 Credits |
| Foreign Language | 3.0 Credits |
| Fine Art         | 1.0 Credit  |
| PE/Health        | 1.0 Credit  |
| Electives        | 5.0 Credits |

**Total Credits Required 24.0**

*Additional criteria for the Diploma with Highest Distinction: minimum 3.75 weighted GPA; at least five Advanced Placement classes in three different disciplines.*

### **Advanced Placement Courses Offered:**

AP English Literature & Composition  
AP English Language & Composition  
AP Calculus AB & BC  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics B  
AP World History  
AP US History  
AP Government  
AP Art History  
AP Studio Art

### **Honors Courses Offered:**

English: 9, 10, 11, 12  
Math: Algebra II, Pre-Calculus  
Science: Anatomy & Physiology; Biology, Chemistry, Environmental  
World Language: Spanish III, Spanish IV

### **Dual Enrollment Program**

Dual enrollment is offered in the following courses through a partnership with Scottsdale Community College:

AP Chemistry  
Honors Chemistry  
Elements of design  
Pre-calculus

### **Career & Technical Education (CTE)**

CTE programs offered at FHHS:

Business management services  
Digital photography  
Fashion design & merchandising  
Graphic design  
Nursing services  
Sports medicine  
Video production

### **Academic Academy**

The FHHS Academic Academy (AcAc) is established to provide students with an alternative pathway to earn credits toward graduation. AcAc meets Monday-Thursday, 12:15-4:15 p.m.. Students may earn academic and elective credit in the AcAc program. Depending upon individual needs, AcAc students may take courses in a traditional FHHS classroom, online in a supervised setting (on the FHHS campus through the Mesa Distance Learning Program), or as a self-paced individualized course with support from an in-person teacher. The student's schedule and graduation plan will be formed during the intake meeting with the guidance counselor.

### **Grading Policy/Grade Point**

Courses offered in the high school curriculum are assigned grade points on a 4.0 grade point scale for regular courses, 4.5 grade point scale for honors courses, and a 5.0 grade point scale for Advanced Placement courses. Transfer credit for weighted courses shall be given for Advanced Placement and honors courses according to the FHHS grading scale. Semester grades are calculated as follows:

Quarter = 40%, Quarter = 40%, Semester Exam = 20% = 100%.

### **Grading Scale/GPA**

"R" – Regular GPA Status

"H" – Honors GPA Status

"AP" – Advanced Placement GPA Status

| Grade | Percentage       | "R" | "H" | "AP" * |
|-------|------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| A+    | 97-100           | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.0    |
| A     | 93-96            | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.0    |
| A-    | 90-92            | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.0    |
| B+    | 87-89            | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.0    |
| B     | 83-86            | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.0    |
| B-    | 80-82            | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.0    |
| C+    | 77-79            | 2.0 | 2.5 | 3.0    |
| C     | 73-76            | 2.0 | 2.5 | 3.0    |
| C-    | 70-72            | 2.0 | 2.5 | 3.0    |
| D+    | 67-69            | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0    |
| D     | 63-66            | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0    |
| D-    | 60-62            | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0    |
| F     | 59 and below     | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0    |
| NC    | No Credit        | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0    |
| W     | Withdraw         | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0    |
| WF    | Withdraw/Failing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0    |

\*Student must be enrolled in the class at FHHS to earn weighted credit.