

2020-2021 School Profile
Monument Valley High School

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Community and School Information

The foundation for Monument Valley High School was laid many years ago in 1940. At that time, the public school hosted 26 students and was located in a one-room school house near the trading post. Kayenta Unified School District #27 currently consists of Kayenta Elementary School (grades K-4), Kayenta Middle School (grades 5-8), and Monument Valley High School (grades 9-12). Kayenta is a rural, American Indian community, centrally situated on the Navajo Nation in Northeastern Arizona. MVHS serves approximately 700 students drawn from the immediate community and surrounding areas. Every day the District buses in over half of the student body; some students travel as far as 60 miles one-way to come to school. Some of our students live in households without electricity or running water. Breakfast and lunch are served daily and over 80% of children are eligible for free or reduced meals. Of our 700 enrolled students, fewer than ten are non-native.

Job opportunities in and around Kayenta are quite limited, but some people are employed by Peabody Energy, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, the Navajo Nation Shopping Center, Kayenta Unified School District, the Indian Health Services clinic, an assortment of small local businesses, and some social service agencies. We are the first Indian Reservation community in the United States to become an incorporated township. Because of this, local governance is now shared by the township officials and the elected members of the local chapter of the Navajo Nation tribal government. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 34% of children in Navajo County live below the poverty level. In Kayenta, however, that rate may be higher, but reliable statistics for rural native communities are difficult to obtain. In Kayenta, there are satellite campuses for community colleges from nearby towns but when our children graduate from high school, most of them must leave their families on the reservation and move away to continue their education and find employment.

Accreditation

Monument Valley High School has been continuously accredited for over twenty years by North Central Association Commission on Schools (NCA) now referred to as AdvancEd.

Scholarship Recipients

Monument Valley High School takes pride in the number of seniors earning academic scholarships. For example, we regularly lead the nation in the number of Native American students receiving Gates Millennium Scholarship (GMS). A total of one hundred GMS scholarships are available to Native American students across the United States. In spring 2015, 7 Monument Valley High School seniors were awarded Gates Millennium Scholarships and in spring 2016, 6 seniors were awarded Gates Millennium Scholarships. Other scholarships awarded to our students include the Chief Manuelito, Dell Scholarship and a variety of private and government awards.

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021

Students need 27 credits to graduate and completion of the Arizona State required Educational Career Action Plan (ECAP) and pass score of 60% and above on the Civics Test.

English	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
Science	3 Credits
PE	0.50 Credit
Health	0.50 Credit
Navajo	1 Credit
Fine Arts or Career Technical Education (CTE)	1 Credit
Various Electives	11 Credits

Grading and Ranking Procedures

Regular 4.0 Scale	Weighted 5.0 Scale	Weighted Courses	
A = 4 points	A = 5 points	English 9 Honors	AP Literature & Composition
B = 3 points	B = 4 points	English 10 Honors	AP Calculus
C = 2 points	C = 3 points	English 11 Honors	AP Biology
D = 1 points	D = 2 points	Algebra I Honors	AP World History/Geography
F = 0 points	F = 0 points	Geometry Honors	AP 2-D Art and Design
P = 0 points	P = 0 points	Algebra II Honors	AP 3-D Art and Design
I = 0 points	I = 0 points	Integrated Science Honors	AP Art History
		Biology Honors	AP Drawing
		Honors Economics	Honors US Government
		HIS 105 US History to 1877	HIS 106 US History to Present
		ENL101 College Composition I	ENL102 College Composition II
		MAT152 Advanced Algebra	MAT189 Pre-Calculus Algebra/Trigonometry
		SPA101 Elementary Spanish I	SPA102 Elementary Spanish II

Academic Curriculum

The school offers a variety of programs in core academic areas (English, mathematics, science, social studies and fine arts). Additionally all students are required to take one credit class of Navajo language or Navajo government or Navajo crafts as well as half credit of PE and Health in order to graduate. Rigorous honors level courses are offered in the core content areas. We offer open enrollment for AP courses for our interested and academically prepared students. Nearly 10% of our students are enrolled in AP classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Advanced Placement courses we offer are: AP Literature and Composition, AP Calculus, AP Biology, AP World History/Geography, AP 2-D Art and Design, AP 3-D Art and Design, AP Art History and AP Drawing. We also offer dual enrollment classes in HIS105, HIS106, ENL101, ENL102, MAT152, MAT189, SPA101 and SPA102. We offer classes through the Northeast Pioneer College (NPC) and NPC Talon, which provide high school and college credit in areas of English, Math, Social Studies and Foreign Language.

College Attendance History

Because of financial considerations the majority of MVHS graduates attend in-state universities and community colleges. According to the placement survey conducted on the class of 2012:

- 43% of students continued their education beyond high school
- 22% of students went to work after high school
- 5% of students joined the military
- 20% of students stayed home

Post-Secondary Education Attended by Recent Graduates

Universities

Northern Arizona University
Arizona State University
University of Arizona
University of New Mexico
Stanford University
New Mexico State University
Yale University
Harvard University
Lawrence University
Navajo Technical University
Dartmouth University
Utah Valley University
San Jose State University
Haskell Indian Nations University
Oklahoma State University
Fort Lewis College
Brigham Young University
Oklahoma Panhandle University
Colorado State University
Central Arizona College
Arcadia University
Dixie State College
Central Arizona College
University of Nevada Las Vegas
University of Phoenix
Utah State University
Southern Utah University
Kansas State University
University of Oklahoma
Duke University
Grand Canyon University
University of Utah
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Marshall University

Community Colleges

Northland Pioneer College
Coconino Community College
Mesa Community College
Glendale Community College
Arizona Western College
Yavapai College
Dine' College
Scottsdale Community College
Gateway Community College
San Juan Community College
Rio Salado Community College

Technical Institute

WyoTech
Tulsa Oklahoma Welding School
Art Institute of Arizona
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
Maricopa
Universal Technical Institute
Job Corps
Institute of American Indian Arts

Military

Airforce Academy
Navy
Marines
Army
National Guard