

Preparing for High School 2010-2011

- Informational Meeting for parents of 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade students for school year 2010-2011

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 - Math
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 - Reading
 - Science & Engineering

Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Anna Battle-Principal
- Mrs. Christine Barela-Assistant Principal
- Mr. Matt Bennett-Forensics/Speech & Debate
- Mrs. Maggie Fountain-Foreign Language
- Mr. Mark Kulik-Guidance Department Chair
- Mr. Larry Strom-Math
- Mr. Jeremy Williams-Science
- Mr. Dan Zavaleta-Engineering/FACS

Purpose and Philosophy

Purpose

- Information regarding high school opportunities
- Information regarding summer academies

Philosophy

- Summer Academies
- Engineering Program

ENGINEERING PROGRAM

- Intro To Engineering
- Cisco Networking
- Mechanical Engineering
- ASU Engineering 101/102

Summary of Terms

- Dual Enrollment Courses: taking high school courses at Desert Vista for high school credit and community college credit.
 - Rio Community College
 - South Mountain Community College
 - Arizona State-Polytech
- AP (Advanced Placement) Courses
- Honors Courses
- Zero/8th Hour
- Summer School
- Summer Academies
- PSAT
- SAT/ACT

Courses that may earn credit prior to high school and/or require honors placement criteria

- Foreign Language-Mrs. Maggie Fountain
- Math-Larry Strom
- Science-Mr. Jeremy Williams

Foreign Language Program

What we offer:

- French, German, Latin, and Spanish
- Offering Chinese for the first time next year
- Partnered with Rio Salado Community College where students can earn college credits for the classes they are taking at Desert Vista
- All languages offer up to 202 credit which fulfills any language requirement for a university degree

French



French 1-2

French 3-4

French 3-4 Honors

French 5-6
(FRE 101/102)

French 5-6 Honors
(FRE 101/102)

French 7-8
(FRE 201/202)

French 7-8 Honors
(FRE 201/202)

German



German 1-2

German
3-4

German 3-4
Honors

German 5-6
(GER 101/102)

German 5-6
Honors
(GER 101/102)

German 7-8
(GER 201/202)

German 7-8
Honors
(GER 201/202)

Latin



Latin 1-2

Latin 3-4

Latin 3-4 Honors

Latin 5-6
(LAT 101/102)

Latin 5-6 Honors
(LAT 101/102)

Latin 7-8 Honors
(LAT 201/202)

AP Latin

Spanish



Spanish
1-2

Spanish 3-4

Spanish 3-4 Honors

Spanish 5-6
(SPA 111/201)

Spanish 5-6 Honors
(SPA 111/201)

Spanish 7-8
(SPA 202/225)

Spanish 7-8 Honors
(SPA 202/225)

AP Spanish
Language
(SPA 202/226)

Honors Spanish 9-10
(SPA 282/235 SPH
245)

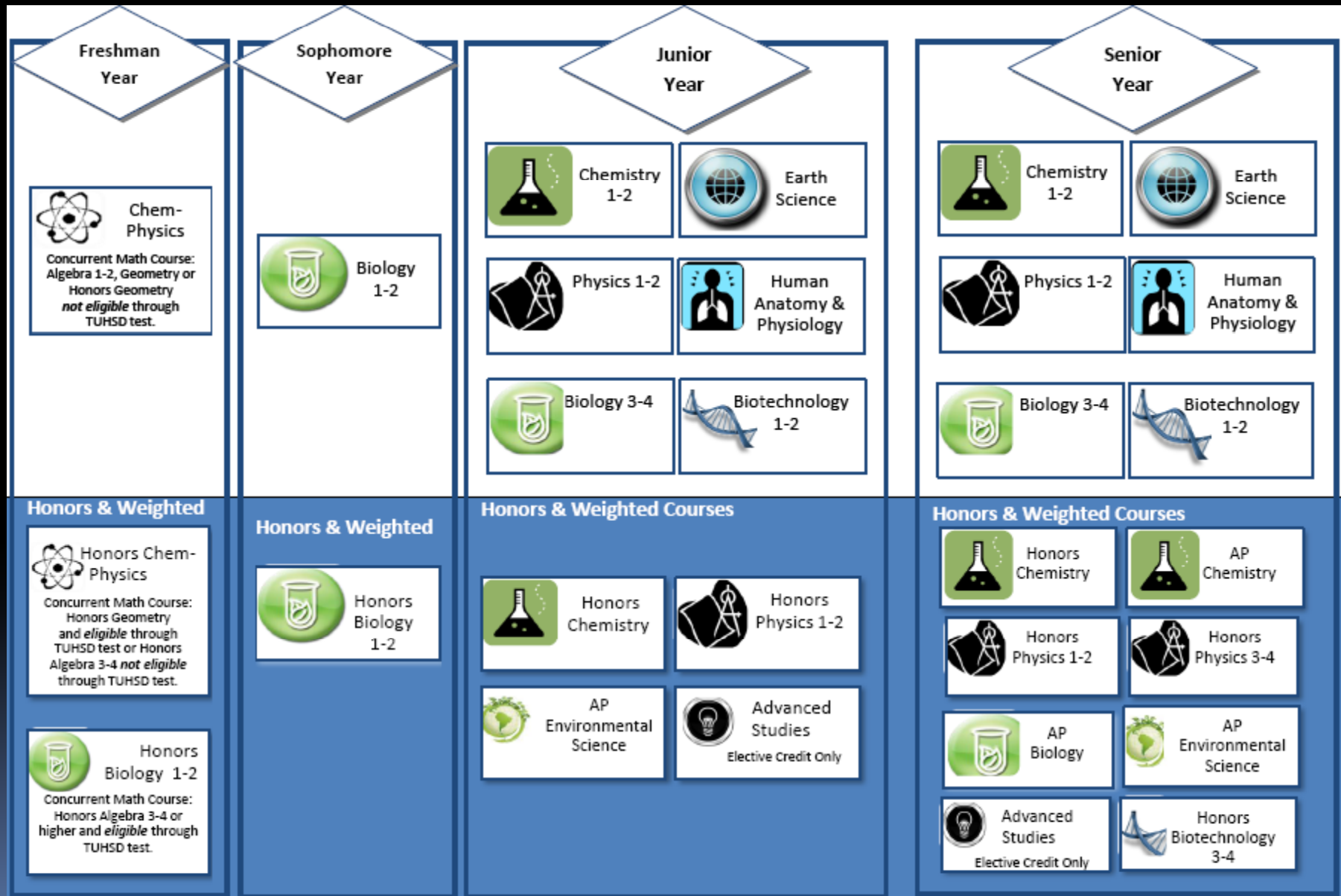
AP Spanish
Language
(SPA 202/226)

AP Spanish
Literature
(SPA 265/266)

Math Program

- See Handout

Science Curriculum Flowchart



Summer Academies

- Math Academy-**for credit and/or recommended placement**
- Arts Academy-enrichment
- Science & Engineering Academy-enrichment
- National Forensic League-enrichment
- Reading Academy-enrichment/improvement
- Spanish Academy-*optional for placement*
- Latin Academy-*optional for placement*

Math

- Credit and/or placement recommendation
- Open to current 4th-8th grade students
- 6th and 7th grade math courses
- Pre-Algebra, Algebra & Honors Geometry
- June 2-July 9
- Monday-Friday
- No class on July 5
- 7:30am-11:30am
- \$270

Arts Academy

- Enrichment
- Open to ages 6-13
- Dance, Ceramics, Painting and more...
- June 1-July 9
- Monday-Friday
- 8:00am-3:30pm
- No class on July 5
- Classes are 3 weeks
- One-hour, two-hour and full-day sessions
- \$60, \$120 and \$349

Desert Vista Summer Science and Engineering Academy

- Enrichment
- Open to current 7th and 8th grade students
- June 1 - June 18th
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- Monday - Friday
- Room A-102 - Engineering Lab
- Registration Fee = \$110
- Contact:
 - Dan Zavaleta (dzavaleta@tuhsd.k12.az.us)
 - Jeremy Williams (jerwilliams@tuhsd.k12.az.us)

National Forensics League

SPEECH, THEATRE, AND DEBATE

- Two-time recipient of the National School of Excellence award in speech
- Six-time consecutive state champions
- Dozens of plays and musicals produced
- 2009 AIA academic award for the organization with the highest overall team GPA
- Our students have gone on to Hollywood, New York, and schools such as University of Chicago, Georgetown University, Harvard University, and many, many others

Forensics Summer Academy

- In only three weeks, students will debate and perform with proficiency
- The skills we teach are in line with needed high school skills:
 - Critical thinking
 - Reading for a purpose
 - Literary interpretation
 - Research
 - Analysis
 - Poise and confidence
- Our instructors will include nationally-recognized coaches and students

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- A fun, entertaining, high-energy, hands-on experience
- Open to current 5th-11th grade students
- Three weeks: June 21st-July 9th (July 5th is flexible)
- \$270 – payable in the bookstore
- Students WILL leave with skills that will immediately apply to studying and interpreting literature, and completing research and understanding current events
- speechdebatesummercamp@gmail.com

Reading Academy

- Open to current 8th and 9th grade students
- Opportunity to improve reading comprehension, vocabulary and writing skills
- Will utilize reading software, partnered with independent reading and small group activities to teach strategies for success in high school English and literature courses and AIMS prep
- June 1-June 25
- Monday-Friday
- 8:00am-12:00pm
- \$200

Foreign Language Summer Academy

- Open to current 5th-8th grade students
- Offered in Spanish and Latin
- June 1 - 24
- Monday - Thursday
- 8:00am – 11:00am
- \$200
- Taught by Desert Vista faculty
- Opportunity to test into higher level of the language

Latin Academy Options

- **Heroes-in-Training:**
- This course is for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who wish to learn about the Latin language and Roman culture.

- **Heroes:**
- This course is for students who have the desire to learn Latin and take a placement test at the end of the “training session”. 7th and 8th graders only. This is for students who want to experience a very intense and condensed first year Latin course. For those interested, contact Mrs. Palumbo at spalumbo@tuhsd.k12.az.us

Spanish Academy Options

Course Information

Beginning Spanish

- This course is for 5th, 6th 7th and 8th graders who wish to begin learning the Spanish language. No previous knowledge is required. We will learn about having basic conversations with Spanish speakers. Topics include greetings, colors, numbers, hobbies, family.

Intermediate Spanish

- This course is for designed for 7th and 8th students with some limited knowledge of Spanish. More advanced conversation and grammatical skills will be taught. This course will prepare them for high school Spanish.

Advanced Spanish

- This course is only for 8th grade students with considerable Spanish knowledge who desire to take a placement test at the end of the session in hopes of being placed into Spanish 3-4 (regular or honors) at the high school level. Focus will be on grammar and vocabulary building to prepare them to enter the second year of Spanish at Desert Vista.

Website/Email Information

- Desert Vista Website
 - <http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/dvh>
 - Click Academics to find Departments (foreign language, math, science, etc), Guidance, Gifted, etc.
- Mrs. Christine Barela-cbarela@tuhsd.k12.az.us
- Mr. Matt Bennett-mbennett@tuhsd.k12.az.us
- Mrs. Maggie Fountain-mfountain@tuhsd.k12.az.us
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