

Poston Butte High School Profile

Florence Unified School District

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Community

Spanning 965 square miles, Florence Unified School District serves the educational needs of Florence and San Tan Valley. Located in Pinal County in the state of Arizona, the district enjoys a diversified economic base. Currently the district consists of three high schools, an alternative academy, and seven elementary schools utilizing a K-8 grade level configuration. The district student body is culturally diverse with a population that is 32% Hispanic/Latino, 11% Black, 55% White and 2% Other.

School

Poston Butte is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling 1600 students in grades 9 through 12. The school opened in the fall of 2009 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 2012

Poston Butte is accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and holds membership in the College Board and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a standard six (6) classes per day (55 minutes each), providing three (3) credits per semester. Six Credits can be accomplished each school year during the regular daily schedule.

AP courses and Honors Courses:

PBHS is proud to offer 15 AP classes in the areas of: Calculus AB and BC, Statistics, English Language, English Literature, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: E & M, Chemistry, Biology, US/AZ History, Government/Economics Block, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, and AP Studio Art. PBHS also offers 13 Honors courses in Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, English 9, English 10, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, World History & Geography, Spanish 3, Biotechnology I, Biotechnology II, Forensic Science.

STEM:

A full STEM curriculum is offered each year for incoming freshman. Students are enrolled in STEM Academy classes which allow areas of study in the follow paths: Engineering, Computer Science, and Biotechnology. STEM students partake in all Honor /AP classes throughout their four years at Poston Butte High School.

Career and Technical Classes (CTE):

CTE courses offer sophomore through senior student's classes in the areas of: Culinary Arts and Hospitality, Restaurant Management, Advance Restaurant Management, Sports Entertainment and Business Operations 1 & 2, Multimedia Technology (Beginning, Intermediate, and Advance), Career Explorations, Intro to Engineering, Principles of Engineering, and Computer Science & Software Engineering.

Foreign Languages:

Spanish (5 years), French (2 years)

Fine Arts:

PBHS takes pride in the area of Fine Arts including classes in: Band (Concert, Marching, Percussion, & Jazz), Guitar, Orchestra, Choir, Theatre (Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced) Dance (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced & Performance/Company), and a full complement of Art, Drawing, Painting, Ceramics and Partners Art.

Interscholastic:

Interscholastic Athletics is offered for both male and female athletes with special classes for Football, Male Basketball. PBHS also offers PRIDE Athletic Academy for all freshman athletes participating in football, basketball (male/female), volleyball (female), softball, and baseball. PBHS also offers co-ed physical education, co-ed weight training, and partners physical education.

Additional electives:

PBHS offers several additional electives for all students to participate in including but not limited to: Yearbook, Criminal Justice, Drivers Ed, Sports Medicine, Psychology, and Sociology.

Air Force Junior ROTC:

PBHS is the proud home of the Air Force JROTC program. The program began at PBHS during the 2017/2018 school year. It is currently in its 2nd year and growing strong. This program provides leadership skills to all students even if they are not planning on joining the military after high school.

College Opportunities:

Juniors and/or seniors are offered the opportunity to enroll in Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT), which offers student's career focused training, including state certification and college credit in twelve (12) unique disciplines

Early college enrollment is offered during high school through Central Arizona Community College (CAC) at no cost, for up to 5 credits per semester, once students have completed their sophomore year in high school and have maintained a 2.75 GPA or higher. Classes are available at a branch campus roughly 1 mile from the PBHS campus.

Grading

GPA is computed using the information in the chart below. Beginning with grade 9, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of 22 credits are required for graduation. In addition to the required 22 credits, each student must complete a 40 hours community service requirement. AP and Honors classes are weighted as indicated in the chart below. Grades are recorded on the transcript and grade point average is computed in December and May.

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Point Value	Honors/AP Grade Point Value
97-100	A+	4.0	5.0
93-96	A	4.0	5.0
90-92	A-	3.67	4.67
88-89	B+	3.33	4.33
83-87	B	3.0	4.0
80-82	B-	2.67	3.67
78-79	C+	2.33	3.33
73-77	C	2.0	3.0
70-72	C-	1.67	2.67
68-69	D+	1.33	2.33
63-67	D	1.0	2.0
60-62	D-	0.67	1.67
0-59	F	0.0	0.0
P/F	Pass/Fail (option only available for student aide)		

Explanation of Grades

Non-Weighted Classes

All courses taught for credit receive a letter grade or a pass/fail option. The final examination may not count for more than 20 percent of the final grade. Grade-point values and the percentage used to determine each grade are listed below.

Weighted Classes

Weighted grades are assigned to courses that are accelerated and more challenging. A 5.0 grade-point value is possible because of the academic rigor and higher expectations in the work required for that course. The grade-point values for these grades are: A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0, D=1.0, F=0. Weighted courses are listed with Honors and AP (Advanced Placement) designations in their titles. Grade point average (GPA) for transferring students is recomputed in order to align the transferring classes with the courses offered at Poston Butte High Schools. Students transferring among FUSD high schools will receive weighted grades only for those classes that align to the receiving school's AP/Honors classes.

Pass/Fail Option

The pass/fail option is only available for student aides.

PBHS Diploma Options

Courses	Standard Diploma	Regents Diploma	Scholars Diploma	STEM Diploma
<i>English</i>	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits
<i>Math</i>	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits
<i>Science</i>	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	5 credits
<i>Social Studies</i>	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
<i>Foreign Language</i>	0 credits	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits
<i>Fine Arts or CTE</i>	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit
<i>Physical Education</i>	0.5 credit	0.5 credit	0.5 credit	0.5 credit
<i>Health</i>	0.5 credit	0.5 credit	0.5 credit	0.5 credit
<i>Electives</i>	6 credits	5 credits	6 credits	8 credits
<i>GPA</i>	No minimum requirement	No minimum requirement	3.5 Minimum	3.5 Minimum
<i>IB/AP</i>	No requirement	No requirement	2 AP credits required	6 AP credits required

Total Credits	22 credits	23 credits	24 credits	28 credits
Service Learning	40 Hours	40 Hours	40 Hours	40 Hours

Class of 2018

The **381** graduates in the Class of 2018

- **42** earned a 4.0+
- **63** earned a 3.5-3.99
- **81** earned a 3.0-3.49
- **108** earned 2.50-2.99
- **66** earned 2.0-2.49
- **21** earned less than a 2.0

ACT Standardized Test Results

98 % of the Class of 2017 (**418 students**) took the ACT

- Middle 50% English: **67%**
- Middle 50% Math: **67%**
- Middle 50% Reading: **60%**
- Middle 50% Science: **61%**

Advanced Placement Results

- In May of 2018, **193** students took AP Exams
- A total of **428** exams were taken in **18** subjects
- **32%** of the AP Exams received scores of **3** or higher
- **20%** of the Class of 2018 took at least one AP Exam
- **27%** of the Class of 2019 took at least one AP Exam

Post High School Placement

- **53%** matriculated to post graduate colleges/institutions
- **06%** selected work, military service, or technical instruction

Awards and Distinctions, 2014-2018

- A+ School of Excellence awarded by Arizona Education Foundation
- Spotlight on Innovation Award (2013-2014)

Colleges/Universities Attended by PBHS Graduates 2012- 2016

- Arizona State University
- University of Arizona
- Northern Arizona University
- Grand Canyon University
- Stanford
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Air Force Academy
- Colorado Christian University
- University of Denver
- University of Colorado Boulder
- Colorado State University
- Air Force Academy Prep School
- Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT Academy)
- Kansas State University
- Washington State University
- University of New Mexico
- University of Nevada Las Vegas
- Central Arizona Community College
- Chandler Gilbert Community College
- Mesa Community College
- Pima Community College
- Arizona Art Institute

Poston Butte School Demographics

Total Student enrollment for 2017/18: **1620**

Total Student enrollment for 2018/19: **1570**

Asian: **21 or 1.33%**

Black or African American: **133 or 8.5%**

Hispanic or Latino: **635 or 40.5%**

American Indian or Alaska Native: **32 or 2%**

Two or more races: **21 or 1.33%**

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: **6 or .4%**

White: **722 or 46%**

Total Students on Free and Reduced Meals as of August 2018: 800 or 51%

Poston Butte High School is identified as a Title 1 High School.

