



Public School

"I have been in multiple Paradise Valley Schools and it is, in my opinion, one of the best districts in all of Arizona. All of the Schools have excellent Honors Programs for advanced students. As a student interested in the Medical field, PV Schools have great science programs with qualified teachers"

Student

Paradise Valley Unified School District

Arizona

Paradise Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) is a public school district in Phoenix offering AP, Honors, dual enrollment, and International Baccalaureate options across its high schools. Its combination of strong academics, unique arts programs, and Arizona's sunny climate creates a broad and flexible learning environment for international students.



PUBLIC



COED



CITY



STEM



ARTS



SUNNY



IB

Quick Facts

Founded: 1957

Students: Co-educational

Climate: Cool dry winters, Hot dry summers

Total School Population: 2,200

Niche Score: A

Accepting students: Grade 9-12

Diploma Year offered: Yes

Interview Required? No

English as Second Language (ESL) support: No

Special Programmes: Dual Enrollment,

International Baccalaureate Diploma

Academic Excellence

Paradise Valley Unified School District provides a comprehensive academic framework across its high schools, including Advanced Placement courses, Honors pathways, dual enrollment, and access to the International Baccalaureate Diploma at select campuses. Students benefit from a wide AP catalog in STEM, humanities, world languages, visual arts, and music. Career and Technical Education offer additional options in areas such as culinary arts, architectural drafting, digital media, and sound engineering. School's student-teacher ratio of 1:15 supports instruction for a diverse student body of roughly 2,200 students per high school. District facilities include remodeled performance spaces, a large football stadium, and outdoor areas designed for year-round academic and extracurricular use.

Student Accomplishments

- Students earn admission to universities across Arizona and the United States.
- Students participate in districtwide arts programs that include architectural drafting, film study, fashion design, photojournalism, and music technology.
- Students compete in academic clubs such as Academic Decathlon and Robotics.

Recent University Acceptances

- Arizona State University
- DeVry University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Grand Canyon University
- Northern Arizona University
- Prescott College
- Southwestern College
- University of Arizona
- University of Advancing Technology
- University of Phoenix



Stats



Campus Facilities

PVUSD high schools feature large campus environments suitable for academic and extracurricular activities year-round. District facilities include a recently remodeled 1,000-seat auditorium, a high-capacity artificial turf football stadium, science labs, computer labs, and specialized classrooms for arts and CTE programs. Outdoor terraces with lunch seating allow students to use campus spaces between classes in Phoenix's dry, sunny climate.

Athletics and Arts

PVUSD offers a full range of competitive sports across seasons, including traditional U.S. athletics such as American football, baseball, basketball, and swimming, as well as badminton and lacrosse. State regulations allow international students in grades 9–11 to participate in Junior Varsity sports.

The district offers a broad arts program that includes visual arts, stagecraft music, theater production, dance and digital media. Course offerings cover both creative and technical areas, from architectural drafting and culinary arts to graphic design, sound engineering, and TV/film production.



Highlights

Sports: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

Arts: Architectural Drafting & Design, Band, Ceramics, Chorus, Culinary Arts, Dance, Debate, Drama, Drawing, Fashion Design & Merchandising, Film Study, Graphic Design, History of American Music, Jazz Ensemble, Music Technology, Painting, Photojournalism, Sound Engineering, String Orchestra, Theater Production & Stagecraft, TV & Film, Woodworking

Advanced Placement courses:

Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government & Politics, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language & Culture, Music Theory, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics 1, Psychology, Spanish Language & Culture, Statistics, Studio Art, US Government & Politics, US History, World History

Languages offered:
French, Spanish

Tech and Innovation courses

Film Study, Graphic Design, Game Maker, Music Technology, Sound Engineering

Clubs and extracurriculars

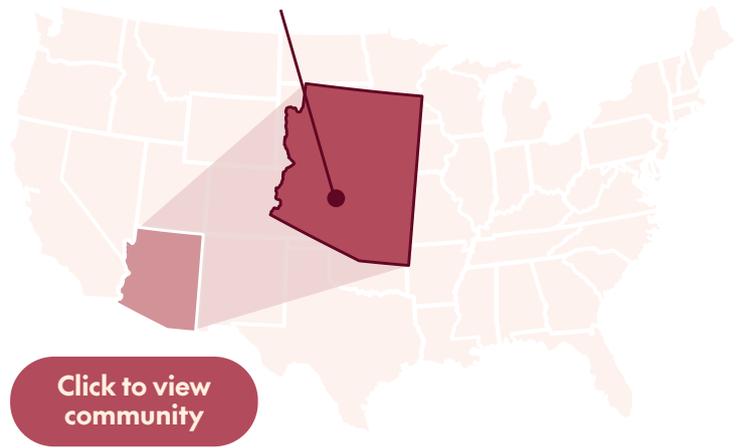
Academic Decathlon, Art Club, Book Club, Dance, French Club, Game Maker, Robotics, Spanish Club, Yearbook

Accepts international students in grades 9–12 across 4 high schools

Eligibility through ELTiS, TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo pathways

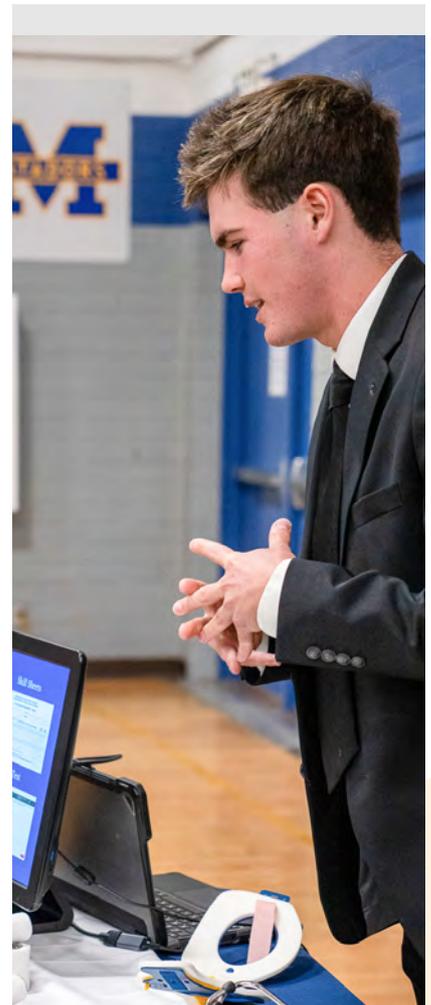
Community

Scottsdale is a city in Maricopa County, Arizona, located in the eastern part of the Phoenix metropolitan area. Phoenix is the largest city in Arizona, with a population of 1.6 million. The district is located within the city and benefits from Phoenix's cultural and recreational offerings, including museums, music venues, outdoor parks, and year-round sports activities. Students experience a multicultural urban environment with dry, warm weather and easy access to dining, entertainment, and local attractions. The closest major airport is Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX).



Climate in Scottsdale, Arizona

Hot, dry summers and cool, dry winters.



Website

Learn more about PVUSD

