# **DURANGO HIGH SCHOOL**

# 2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

Mr. Nathan Miller – Principal

Ms. Justine Crawford - Assistant Principal

Ms. Jon Grande - Assistant Principal

Mr. Chris Isle – Assistant Principal

Ms. Monica Martin – Assistant Principal

Mr. Randy Minnich – Assistant Principal

Ms. Heather Putnam - Assistant Principal

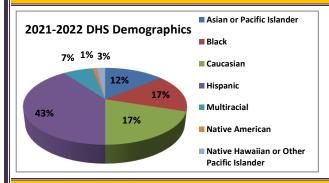


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# THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY



The Durango community challenges itself in every aspect of school life through **D**edication and **H**ard Work to ensure future **S**uccess. Durango High School is a public, suburban high school which opened in August, 1993. It is one of 50 comprehensive high schools within the Clark County School District. Enrollment is 2,410 students in grades nine through twelve. This enrollment represents a diverse ethnic and economic social community with 57% of students qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch. The school has a diversified staff, with the majority holding a Master's Degree or above. Durango High School is accredited by AdvancED, the largest community of education professionals worldwide, and holds membership in the College Board.

### CURRICULUM AND DIPLOMA TYPES

The academic program is organized with six 52-minute class periods per day. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to take six (6) classes per year (6.0 credits). Seniors must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) classes unless they meet any one of the following criteria: a) On track to complete an Advanced Diploma, with no more than four (4) credits remaining; or b) On track to complete an Advanced Honors Diploma, with no more than four (4) credits remaining; or c) On track to complete a College and Career Ready Diploma as determined by successfully meeting the following requirements: 1) Eighteen (18) units on the required areas of study 2) Six (6) units of electives in approved coursework 3) 3.25 Weighted or Unweighted GPA 4) Proficiency in two languages, or two (2) credits in AP, IB, Dual Credit, CTE, Work Based Learning, or world language courses and earn one or both endorsements: College Ready - ACT score of 18 English and 22 Math; SAT score of 480 Reading and 530 Math; Career Ready - ASVAB score of 50 or above, obtain a CTE Skills Attainment certificate, obtain a Nevada Industry-Recognized Credential, or complete the ACT NCRC – level Silver or above. On an official transcript, Honors classes are identified as "H" and Advanced Placement classes are identified as "AP".

Students in the class of 2021 - 2022 must participate in the ACT with Writing in spring 2022 and complete a minimum of 23.0 credits in the required areas of study to receive a Standard Diploma.

The Clark County School District expects all students to meet the requirements of the College and Career Ready Diploma beginning with the Class of

### Standard Diploma

- 23.0 units of credits required for graduation:
  - 4 units of English
  - 3 units of Math
  - 2 units of Science
  - 2 units of Social Studies
  - (U.S. History and U.S. Government)
- 2 units of Physical Education
- 1/2 unit of Health
- 1/2 unit of Computers
- 1 unit of Arts/Humanities/CTE
- 6 units of Electives
- 2 units of Flex Credit

### Advanced Diploma

24 units of credits required for graduation:

All other Standard

Diploma

requirements plus:

- Cumulative GPA unweighted 3.25 or
- 1 Additional unit of Science
- 1 Additional unit of Math
- 6 units of Electives

### Advanced Honors Diploma

Awarded to students who have taken a rigorous course of study at Honors/AP levels and who meet the Advanced Diploma requirements in addition to the following:

Cumulative GPA unweighted 3.25 or

- higher and weighted 3.85 or higher
- 3 units Honors/AP English
- 2 units Honors/AP Math
- 2 units Honors/AP Science
- 2 units Honors/AP Social Studies
- 1 unit Honors/AP Foreign Language
- 2 units Honors/AP Electives

### **College and Career Ready Diploma**

24 units of credits required for graduation to include Algebra II or higher.

Cumulative GPA unweighted 3.25 or higher Proficient in two languages or 2 credits in AP, IB, Dual Credit, CTE, Work Based Learning, or world language courses.

Earn one or more both endorsements:

College Ready: ACT scores English 18, Math 22; Sat scores Reading 480, Math 530.

Career Ready: Complete the ACT NCRC, ASVAB score 50 or above, or obtain a CTE

Skills Attainment certificate, or obtain a Nevada Industry-Recognized Credential.

# **COMPUTING GPA AND CLASS RANK**

Durango assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system and grades are assigned as follows:

A – 90% - 100%

B – 80% - 89%

D-60% - 69%

F - 59% - 50%

Each Honors course successfully completed includes a weighted factor of .025 per semester (maximum 28 semesters) to the student's overall GPA Each AP course completed includes a weighted factor of .050 per semester (4 semesters), beginning with the graduating Class of 2007.

The cumulative GPA includes all courses grades 9-12 with the exception of "P" (pass), "RP" (repeat), and "NM" (no mark). Weighted GPA's are used to determine class rank.

## HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT CURRICULUM

### Honors Courses (Total offered: 22)

Algebra II Air Force ROTC III, IV Anthropology Biology Chemistry

English 9, 10, 11, 12

French II, III Geometry Geoscience Physics PreCalculus AB Principles of Anatomy/Physiology Spanish II, III United States Government United States History World History

### Advanced Placement Courses (Total offered: 20)

Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry
Computer Science Principles
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition

Environmental Science French Language and Culture Human Geography Physics I: Algebra-Based Physics II: Algebra-Based Psychology Spanish Language and Culture

Statistics Studio Art Drawing Studio Art 3-D United States History United States Government World History

# Jumpstart Dual Credit Courses (Total offered: 6)

English 101	
English 102	

Math 095 Math 096 U.S. History 101 U.S. History 102

### **CLASS OF 2021 HIGHLIGHTS**

Durango High School's Graduating Class of 2021 received approximately \$4,100,763.00 in scholarship awards.

Durango Class of 2021 included 575 graduates

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188 College & Career Ready Diploma Recipients

High Honors (4.0 – 4.8 GPA) Recipients
 Honors (3.5 – 3.99 GPA) Recipients
 Millennium Scholarship Recipients

Post-Secondary Plans 34% 4-year College

26% 2-years College/Trade School

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Durango High School has a multitude of school activities including a comprehensive athletic program with 23 team sports and more than 40 clubs and organizations.

- Durango High School has incorporated an Agricultural Science program which offers students hands-on experiences with agriculture. Our large on-site garden offers students a space to work in the field and practice applying what they have learned in the classroom. Our program has a science focus that encourages inquiry and critical thinking.
- In 2021 Durango High School JROTC program was selected to transition from an Air Force to a Space Force program, one of ten units nominated worldwide. This change gives our cadets a golden opportunity to expand their educational horizons and opens new career paths in the space industry, while still holding onto the proud traditions and accomplishments from its historic past. Renowned as one of the top programs in the school district, Durango's program has been the district drill champion 8 times; the top Air Force drill champion 18 times; and the Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Meet champion for 2018 and 2019.
- The Durango High School speech and debate team is dedicated to helping students develop analytical skills, build self-esteem, and prepare for their collegiate life after high school. Members of the team are given the opportunity to compete in a wide variety of events against the top competitors here in the Vegas Valley. The team, led by coach Mr. Colton Dale, is entering its third year of competition and is looking forward to a fun, productive, and successful season!
- Durango High School is happy to have GEAR UP on campus. GEAR UP stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, is a free program that helps students succeed in school. It helps families and students learn about choices for education after high school and how to pay for it. GEAR UP believes that every student should have the opportunity to continue their education after high school, and that every student should receive the support and information needed throughout middle and high school, to successfully pursue that opportunity after high school graduation.