

# CITY HIGH SCHOOL



## Profile for College and University Admission 2020-2021

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**City High School** was founded in 2004 and currently enrolls approximately 185 students per year in grades 9-12. The student population represents a cross-section of the Tucson community, coming from a wide variety of feeder schools, neighborhoods, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds. This diversity allows students to learn from each other and their community.

We are a small school by design, in order to achieve a high level of personalization. We strive to ensure that teachers and students know one another well and that all students get the support they need – and receive the challenges they are ready for – to achieve at their highest potential.

### **Habits of Heart and Mind**

City High School's Habits of Heart and Mind are woven throughout the curriculum. They are integral to all that we do and help to reinforce real world application of our learning. These habits are designed to be both intellectual (habits of the "mind") and affective (habits of the "heart") and encourage students to develop consistent, rigorous, ethical, and caring ways of approaching the world. The habits are:

**Action:** *How do I make things happen?*

**Evidence:** *What makes something convincing?*

**Expression:** *How do I share what I think, know, and feel?*

**Inquiry:** *What do I want to know?*

**Perspective:** *Whose viewpoints should I consider?*

**Reflection:** *What have I learned?*

### **The School**

City High School is similarly diverse as the greater Tucson community. School ethnicity based on Federal reporting: 51% White, 37% Latinx, 4% two or more races, 3% Native American, 3% African American, .05% Asian, .05% Pacific Islander, .05% Unspecified.

### **Curriculum**

The City High School curriculum is grounded in learning from and interacting with the community of Tucson and southern Arizona. Students and teachers regularly embark on learning expeditions that take them into the city's many cultural institutions, neighborhoods, business, and surrounding desert areas. Members of the community are a welcome, integral part of the classroom.

### **Course Options**

#### **ENGLISH**

English 9, 10, 11 & 12  
American Studies: English  
Early American Literature  
20th Century American Literature  
Culture & Composition  
Topics & Themes in Literature  
Shakespeare in Contemporary Culture  
Writing 101S (With Pima College)  
Creative Writing

#### **MATHEMATICS**

Pre-Algebra  
Algebra I  
Geometry  
Algebra II/Trigonometry  
Art & Algebra II  
Quantitative Reasoning

Precalculus

#### **WORLD LANGUAGES**

Spanish

#### **SCIENCE**

Learning in Community: Physics  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Food Science  
Desert Youth Gardening ('19-'20 only)

#### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Learning in Community: Humanities  
American Studies: History  
Democracy  
U.S. Environmental Policy  
U.S. Constitution in Action  
Economics of the Environment

All the World is Economic  
The Importance of Naming  
Oral History

#### **ARTS ELECTIVES**

Fine Art  
Video Production  
Drama Production  
Dance  
Karate  
Classical Guitar  
Video Game Design  
Yearbook Publication

#### **FITNESS ELECTIVES**

Bicycling  
Fitness @ YMCA  
Playformance  
Yoga

**CITY HIGH REQUIRED**

Advisory  
Internship

Restorative Program  
Social Entrepreneurship  
Health & Wellness  
Youth Life Project  
Radio DJ

Drug & Alcohol Prevention Awareness  
Audio Documentaries  
Math Lab, Math Support  
Reading Support  
Study Skills

**OTHER ELECTIVES**

Makerspace  
Computer Coding  
Urban Gardening  
Desert Youth Gardening

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

City High School’s graduation requirements exceed the state minimum requirements for graduation and are aligned with the admission requirements of the three Arizona public universities.

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>4 credits</b>
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>4 credits</b>
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
<b>SPANISH</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
<b>ARTS</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>FITNESS</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>INTERNSHIP</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>ADVISORY</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
<b><u>ELECTIVES</u></b>	<b><u>4 credits</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25 credits</b>

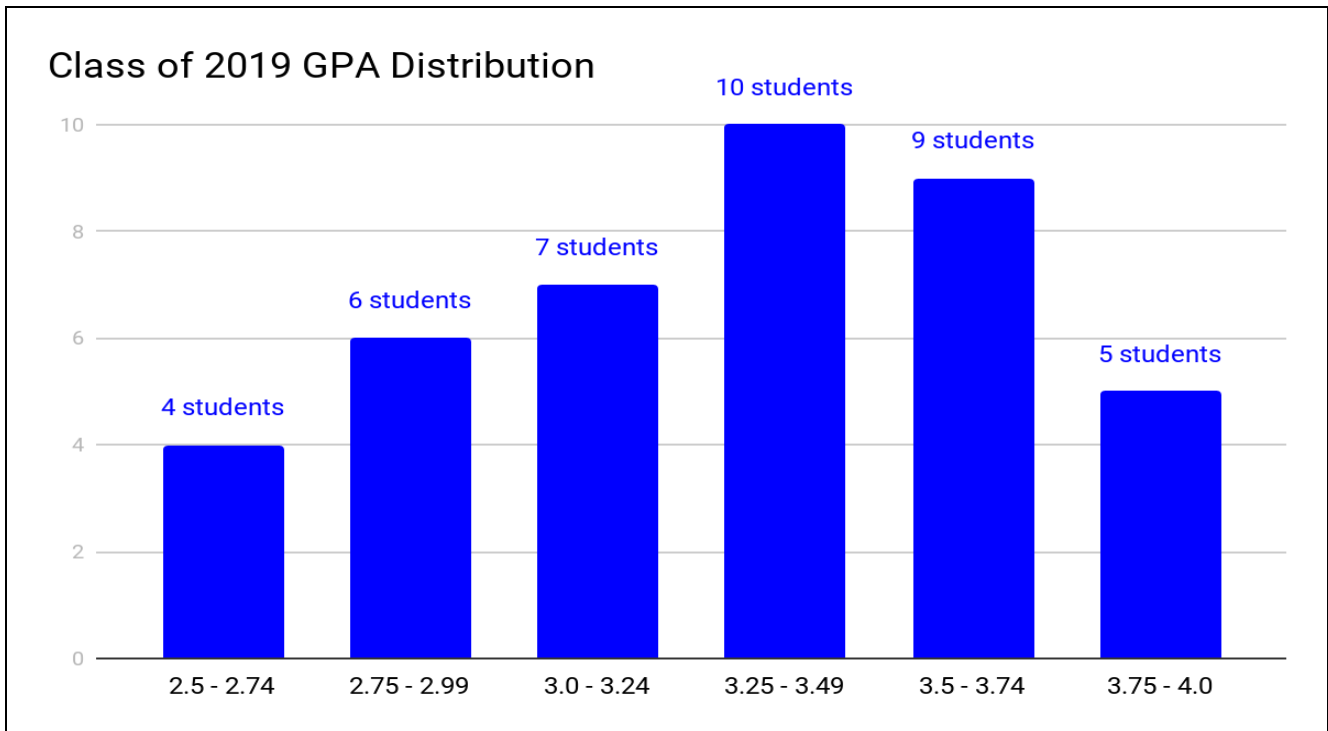
**INTERNSHIP**

All seniors complete a yearlong internship at a local community organization or private institution that connects with the individual student’s interests and career goals.

**ADVISORY**

All students are members of advisories, which allow for smaller learning communities within the larger school context. Advisories are made up of approximately 11 students, by grade level, and are facilitated by teachers and administrators.

**GPA AND GRADING SYSTEM**



**HONORS**

Students who are interested in pursuing honors credit do so in their regular classes through an additional program facilitated by their teacher, or through an honors seminar class. Successful completion results in an honors distinction (HON) on the transcript.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

City High School does not offer Advanced Placement classes. Students who are interested in pursuing college credit while at City High School may make arrangements to take classes at Pima Community College, provided they have been successful in the course offerings at City High School.

**ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

- Certified by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
- Re-accredited in Spring 2017 by the North Central Accreditation Association
- 2010 recipient of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant
- 2008 National Exhibition Month Demonstration Site
- Member of the Coalition of Essential Schools since 2004
- 2004 recipient of High Tech High Learning Network Small Schools Grant

**COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE (years 2006-2019)**

Graduates of City High School have been accepted to the following colleges and universities:

Allegheny College	Antioch College	Arizona State University	Ashland University
Bard College	Beloit College	Bennington College	Brandeis University
Cal State Los Angeles	Chicago Art Institute	Coe College	Colorado School of Mines
Drexel University	Evergreen State College	George Washington University	Hampshire College
Hendrix College	Humboldt State University	Kansas Art Institute	Laguna College of Art and Design
Lake Forest College	Le Cordon Bleu Institute	Lewis and Clark College	Mills College
Northern Arizona University	Occidental College	Pitzer College	Prescott College
Rochester Institute of Technology	St. Mary's College	Santa Fe University of Art and design	SUNY Stony Brook
Syracuse University	University of Arizona	University of British Columbia	University of Hawaii Hilo
University of Kansas	University of Montana Western	University of Oregon	University of Puget Sound
University of Rochester	University of Washington	Ursinus College	Warren Wilson College