

Tucson Unified School District Cholla High School

School Profile 2023-2024 2001 W. Starr Pass Boulevard Tucson, AZ 85713



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Cholla High School **(CEEB Code: 030478)** is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling over 1,700 students in grades 9–12. The school opened in the Fall of 1969 and graduated its first senior class in the Spring of 1973. Cholla is the only high school in Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) to offer the IB Diploma Programme, and the first IB World School in Pima County. Cholla is the only high school in TUSD to offer JROTC in addition to a thriving Fine Arts department, extensive CTE/JTED offerings and a full array of athletics.

Cholla is a part of Tucson Unified School District which serves the educational needs of Tucson, Arizona. Currently, the district consists of 14 high schools, 12 middle schools and 47 elementary schools utilizing a K–5, 6–8, 9–12 grade-level configuration. In addition, the district has 15 K-8 schools.

Cholla High School draws students from across Tucson. Cholla's attendance boundary covers 100 square miles and includes two Native American reservations. The ethnic diversity of Cholla: African American 2.8%, Asian American 0.5%, Hispanic 82.4%, Multiracial 1.1%, Native American 5.9% and White 6.7%.

**Accreditation:** Cholla High School is accredited by COGNIA through 2028. COGNIA uses research-based performance standards in their accreditation process. Cholla scored 300.50 on its latest accreditation process, as much as 22.0 points above the average. Arizona Department of Education awarded Cholla High School a letter grade of C.

**Curriculum:** Cholla High School offers a comprehensive curriculum. Cholla offers exceptional education and general courses to IB Prep (Honors) and IB DP courses. Honors courses are offered at the 9th and 10th grade in the following: English, Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, Chemistry, and AP Human Geography, and AP World History. World Languages offered are Arabic, German, Spanish, Nativo Spanish and Pascua Yaqui language. In addition, dual-credit courses are available to students in Mathematics, History, and CTE.

**Cholla High School** has a 7-period day on M/T/F. Classes meet for 50 minutes, except Wednesdays and Thursdays when classes meet for 90 minutes on a modified block schedule. Given the 7- periods/semester, a student can graduate with up to 28 credit hours.

**GPA/Class Rank:** Grade point average and class rank are computed beginning with the Fall of the freshman year (unless the student completed high school courses while in middle school) and each semester thereafter (IB DP courses are on a 5.0 scale). Both weighted and unweighted GPA are computed.

**International Baccalaureate:** Cholla has offered the IB Diploma Programme since authorization in 2007. IB courses are taught at two levels, Higher Level (HL) and Standard Level (SL). Cholla's HL and SL offering are

both taught over two years. Therefore, students receive 240 teaching hours in both HL and SL courses. Students are either enrolled as IB Diploma candidates (take all 7 courses and complete additional requirements) or Course candidates (enrolled in one or more IB courses, but not required to complete the full Diploma requirements). It is important to note: The IB DP at Cholla is an open access program.

## **IB Course Offerings:**

Group 1: Language A	English A: Literature HL	
	Spanish A: Language and Literature HL	
Group 2: Language B	Arabic ab initio SL German ab	
	initio SL	
	Spanish B SL	
Group 3: Individuals and Societies	History of Americas HL	
Group 4: Experimental Sciences	Biology SL	
	Chemistry SL	
	<b>Environmental Systems and Societies SL</b>	
Group 5: Mathematics	Mathematical Analysis and Approaches SL	
	Mathematical Applications and Interpretations SL	
Group 6: The Arts	Music HL	
	Theatre HL	
	Visual Arts HL	
	Psychology HL (New for 2023-24)	

In addition to the above, Diploma candidates are required to take IB Theory of Knowledge, write the 4,000word Extended Essay and complete Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) components.

Statistics for the Class of 2023	Statistics for the	e Class of 2024	
Class size: 341 Number of IB Diploma candidates: 4	Class Size: 357		
Number of 18 Diploma candidates: 4 Number of candidates who earned the Diploma: 1 Average points of candidates who earned the Diploma: 26 Number of Course candidates: 58	Based on Unweighted GPA		
	Above 3.5 GPA	38	
	3.0-3.4 GPA	43	
	2.5-2.9 GPA	53	
Post-Secondary Placement:	2.0-2.5 GPA	65	
Four-year college/university: 41%			
Two-year college: 41%			
Vocational school: 5%			
Military: 3%			

Graduation	Requirements
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English4 credits		PE1 credit		
Math	4 credits	Health	0.5 credit	
Science	3 credits	Fine Art/CTE	1 credit	
Social Studies	3 credits	Electives	6.5 credits	
Total23 credits				

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