



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

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School Information

School Code - 030661

Established Date - 2007

Size (9-12th) - 349 students

Accreditation - Cognia

Class of 2026 Information

of Graduates - 69

Unweighted GPA Range - 1.9 - 4.0

Average Unweighted GPA - 3.45

Average Weighted GPA - 4.29

% Attending 4-year college - 98.5%

% Attending 2-year college - 1.5%

Enlisting in ROTC Military - 1

% Entering STEM Field - 49%

% Attending Honors Program - 28%

of National Merit Finalists - 1

of National Merit Commended- 8

Senior Thesis & Defense

Each senior completes a capstone project known as the Senior Thesis. This is a culmination of the student's years at the academy. It is a year long project completed in addition to the normal honors course load. The student, under the supervision of a faculty advisor explores a scholarly question of their choice through the close reading of two works from the Western Tradition. The final project illustrates a deep understanding of the topic through a 15-20 page paper and oral defense of their work before a faculty, family, and peers. Each student receives .25 credit for successfully completing their thesis and defense.

Great Hearts Academies is a non-profit network of charter schools and the largest "brick and mortar" provider of classical liberal arts education in the nation.

As a public charter, we provide a tuition-free education for K-12th grade students across Arizona and Texas. Great Hearts is subject to open enrollment laws. Typically, our academies receive more applications for enrollment than there are seats available. If this is the case for any grade level at an academy, a lottery will be held. Students who are not admitted through the lottery process will be placed on a waitlist and may be offered admission during that year if a seat becomes available. Our current enrollment for 9-12th grade across Arizona is 3,197 students.

Our core curriculum is a robust liberal arts education that introduces students to the tools of critical inquiry essential to each discipline and every walk of life. The Great Books curriculum emphasizes the fundamentals of the arts, sciences, and humanities as students are in conversation with many of the most challenging, influential texts in the Western canon. This academic approach prepares college-bound students for the rigors of higher education while reflecting Plato's belief that the highest goal of education is to become good, intellectually and morally.

*Because of our deliberate Great Books curriculum and commitment to Socratic Seminar, Scottsdale Prep **does not offer AP or IB courses.** Students follow a prescribed curriculum in Grades 9-11 and may choose three of five courses offered in Grade 12. All 10-12th grade coursework is **College Level (CL)***

9TH GRADE CURRICULUM

- Honors Humane Letters I: The American Tradition**
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Biology with Lab
- Honors Foreign Language (French I, Spanish I, or Latin IV)
- Music Theory III/Choir
- Poetry

10TH GRADE CURRICULUM

- Honors Humane Letters II: The Rise of Modern Europe** (CL)
- Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry (CL)
- Honors Chemistry with Lab (CL)
- Honors Foreign Language (French II, Spanish II, or Latin V) (CL)
- Music Theory IV/Choir (CL)
- Honors Economics (CL)

11TH GRADE CURRICULUM

- Honors Humane Letters III: Ancient Greece (CL)
- Honors Calculus I (CL)
- Honors Physics with Lab (CL)
- Honors Foreign Language (French III, Spanish III, or Greek I) (CL)
- Drama I (CL)
- Studio Art I (CL)

**The Arizona state requirement of one full credit of U.S. History is fulfilled in 9th grade Humane Letters. The Arizona state requirements of one half credit of U.S. Government is fulfilled in 10th grade Humane Letters.

12TH GRADE CURRICULUM

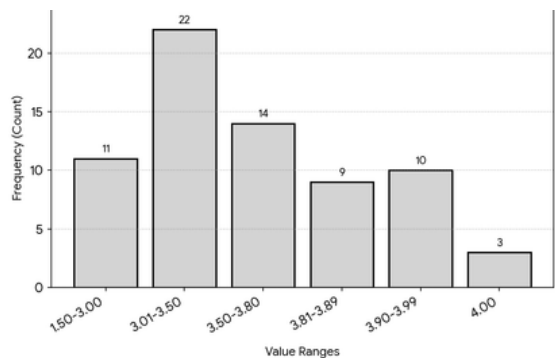
- Honors Humane Letters IV: Rome to Modernity (CL)
- Drama II (CL)
- Studio Art II (CL)
- Senior Thesis & Defense
- Honors Logic & Computation* (CL)
- Honors Calculus II* (CL)
- Honors Physics II with Lab* (CL)
- Honors Foreign Language (French IV, Spanish IV, or Greek II)* (CL)
- Honors American Rhetorical Tradition* (CL)

*Students may choose 3 out of 5 of the * offerings

Humane Letters Curriculum

Humane Letters is a combined History and English course and is the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Scottsdale Prep for all 9-12th grade students. Humane Letters is a two hour, daily seminar, directed Socratically and revolves around readings from the Western Civilization's best works in philosophy, drama, history, poetry, novels, and essays. This collaborative setting allows for the development of the art of conversation and civil discourse, which includes above all the habit of listening well to both the great authors as well as their peers.

CLASS OF 2026 GPA DISTRIBUTION



*Class of 2027 has 71 students

GRADING SCALE

Honors

A (5.00) = 100-93
 A- (4.67) = 92-90
 B+ (4.33) = 89-88
 B (4.00) = 87-83
 B- (3.67) = 80-82
 C+ (3.33) = 79-78
 C (3.00) = 77-73
 C- (2.67) = 72-70
 D+ (2.33) = 69-68
 D (2.00) = 67-63
 D- (1.67) = 62-60
 F (0.00) = 50-0

Non Honors

A (4.00) = 100-93
 A- (3.67) = 92-90
 B+ (3.33) = 89-88
 B (3.00) = 87-83
 B- (2.67) = 82-80
 C+ (2.33) = 79-78
 C (2.00) = 77-73
 C- (1.67) = 72-70
 D+ (1.33) = 69-68
 D (1.00) = 67-63
 D- (0.67) = 62-60
 F (0.00) = 50-0

Extracurricular Enrichment

These offerings are developed and operated by the school and are not required of students. Rather than offering student-led groups, Scottsdale Prep provides a range of intentionally designed opportunities that encourage student involvement, skill development, and success. Enrichment courses provide students with additional opportunities to learn from Scottsdale Prep faculty outside of the regular school day. Courses include attendance requirements and culminate in a final project at the end of each semester.

Below are the offerings for the 2026-2027 school year

- AP Biology
- Athletics
- Bella Voce, Man Choir, Carollers
- Blue Crew (School Spirit)
- Chamber Singers
- Climbing
- College Ambassadors
- Community Service
- Competitive Speech and Debate
- Concert Choir
- Junior Classical League
- Laughletes
- Math
- Negotium Elit (Business)
- PreMed
- Robotics/Engineering
- Rocketry
- Social Committee
- Spartan Rollers
- Spartan Sitters
- Spartan Sweet Treats
- Thespian Troop #8334
- Third Space Chess
- Western Tea Ceremony
- Yearbook

TEST DATA (Class of 2026)

Middle 50%

Mean

Number Tested

ACT

22-31

26.6

69

SAT
CR&M

1165-1405

1278

29

Leadership Opportunities for Students

Scottsdale Prep does not have a traditional student government. Instead, students are organized into six school houses, fostering school spirit, meaningful relationships, and a close-knit school culture. Launched in the 2025-2026 school year, the House system provides students with opportunities to develop leadership, mentorship, and service skills. Current student leadership opportunities include:

- **House Prefects:** Each House is led by four student Prefects, two seniors and two juniors, who help foster House spirit, build community, and lead House activities.
- **Scottsdale Mentors:** Selected and recommended by faculty and staff, Scottsdale Mentors support new students as they acclimate to the academic and social culture of the school. Mentors provide tutoring and guidance and assist with school functions and events.
- **Athletic Team Captains:** Team Captains serve as leaders and role models, mentoring younger athletes and assisting coaches when needed.

Special Features

- **Advanced Algebra/Algebra I:** Students who attend a Great Hearts Academy in Grade 8 may have Advanced Algebra/Algebra I reflected on their high school transcript with a P/F grade, indicating completion of high school-level mathematics coursework.
- **Weighted GPA:** All Honors courses receive one additional grade point in weighted GPA calculations.
- **Course Levels:** Honors is the highest course level offered in all subjects. Poetry and Fine Arts courses are not designated as Honors courses but are considered college-level coursework.
- **Class Rank:** Scottsdale Prep does not rank students.
- **Transfer Credits:** Transfer credits earned outside of Great Hearts are not included in GPA calculations.
- **Core Course Studies:** Core Course Studies may be reflected on a student's transcript. This course provides targeted instruction and support to help students progress academically in core content areas. The course supplements, rather than replaces, the core courses in which students are enrolled.