

# PXUDIGITAL

ACADEMY

PXU Digital Academy is a fully online high school available to all Arizona students in Grades 9-12. PXU Digital Academy students have access to an extensive course catalog, including honors, Advanced Placement (AP), dual enrollment, and world language courses. Every PXU Digital Academy class is self-paced and asynchronous, with an open-entry/open-exit format to ensure that students have access to their coursework 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. PXU Digital Academy offers students the opportunity to engage in their coursework year-round not only anytime but anywhere, including at our fully renovated, newly refurbished campus. PXU Digital Academy also offers concurrent enrollment for all in-district students. At PXU Digital Academy, students can participate in interscholastic athletics through their home campus, and engage in extracurricular clubs and activities offered on-site. PXU Digital Academy first opened its virtual doors in August of the 2018-19 school year, expanding to a high of 450 students by last May. Owing to its growing reputation for personal success, support, and safety, PXU Digital Academy has grown exponentially over the course of the 2021-2022 school year to its current enrollment of 1858 students, with new enrollments weekly.

## Vision

To provide educational equity by establishing PXU Digital Academy as a diverse and connected community that offers an exceptional individualized education.

## Fast Facts

Grades	9-12
Student Enrollment as of 02.09.22	1858
Teaching Faculty	51
Support Staff	15
Student-Faculty Ratio	34.6:1
Average Class Size	35
Attendance Rate	100.0%
Four-Year Graduation Rate	29.59%*

\*Rationale of Grad Rate

## Key Contacts

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## Ethnic Breakdown

Hispanic	77.5%
Black	9.7%
Anglo	5.3%
Native American	3.7%
Asian	1.2%
Other	2.6%

## Grading System

Grading is numerical; letter grade equivalents and grade points are as follows:

**A** = 100-90 (Excellent) = 4.0 grade points

**B** = 89-80 (Very Good) = 3.0 grade points

**C** = 79-70 (Satisfactory) = 2.0 grade points

**D** = 69-60 (Passing) = 1.0 grade points

**F** = Below 60 (Failing) = 0.0 grade points

**NM** = No Mark (No Grade) \*awarded when student has failed to complete coursework (beyond the final exam)

**INC** = Incomplete \*all coursework completed except for the final exam

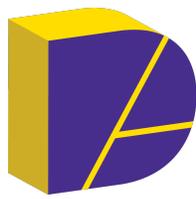
**AUD** = Audit \*course audited and credit was not earned

Honors & AP marks are weighted 5 points for grade-point averages (GPA) and class rank.

Despite the fluctuation in enrollment over the course of the school year, all PXU schools that rank, do so at the end of each term.

## Graduation Requirements

English	4
Fine Art or CTE	1
Mathematics	4
Biology	1
Science Lab	2
Social Science	3
Health	.5
Electives	6.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22 Credits</b>
Civics exam	Passed



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## Honors & AP

Sixteen Honors-level courses in English, math, social studies, science, and world languages are currently offered, as well as three AP classes in Calculus, Statistics and US Government & Politics. These Honors/AP courses have been offered since September 2021 and are designated as such on the transcript. Note: Pre-approved high school subjects taken in the eighth grade may also receive elective credit.

## Dual Enrollment

Students may receive both high school and community college credit while enrolled in high school courses that are approved to offer dual enrollment credit. All courses are taught by PXU teachers who are community college certified. Some dual enrolled courses require that students take and pass a community college multiple measures pathway prior to enrolling.

## Notable:

Students in Grades 9 through 12 may enroll full-time or concurrently (simultaneously at PXU DA and their home school) at any point during the calendar year and begin coursework immediately. Each student may enroll in two credit-bearing courses every six-weeks within an open-entry/open-exit format. PXU Digital Academy provides all students with choices for academic pathways to success as well as serves at-risk students who need flexibility within the school day. Out of the high point enrollment of 1,858 for the 2021-2022 school year, approximately 17% represent concurrently enrolled students who came aboard in January 2022. Due to this increase in enrollment, additional teachers and counselors were hired. PXU DA counselors collaborate with home school counselors to register students for concurrent classes.

PXU Digital Academy is also the only option for students to accelerate during the summer. Traditional summer school models offer students credit recovery and remediation through concept recovery. At PXU DA, students can challenge themselves during the school year and summer by taking honors coursework.

Since August of 2021, PXU Digital Academy has experienced explosive growth at all grade levels, shifting from serving predominantly upperclassmen needing fewer than three credits to graduate to students who need or desire a fully online high school experience. What started as a one counselor caseload of 450 early last fall, has now evolved into a four-person team of veteran counselors juggling the highest senior loads in the district. PXU Digital Academy counselors work with various community-based organizations, including College Depot and Be A Leader Foundation, to ensure every senior receives individualized, post-secondary guidance.

## Phoenix Union High School District

**Mission:** Preparing every student for success in college, career, and life.

Phoenix Union High School District (PXU) is one of the largest and most progressive high school districts in the United States. With 22 schools, over 28,000 students, and nearly 4,000 employees, PXU covers 220-square miles of Arizona's capital city. If the K-8 students in its 13 elementary partner school districts were included, it would be among the 25 largest unified school districts in the country, with over 110,000 students.

## Big City, Small Schools

The Phoenix Union High School District (PXU) is not a typical big-city school district. It is a portfolio of schools that can accommodate every student in a choice-rich educational environment. One size does not fit all. Of the 22 schools in the District, 11 are large, comprehensive campuses, four are considered small specialty schools, three are micro-schools, and one is a digital academy. PXU is renowned for its menu of unique small schools that specialize in economy-driven areas such as biotechnology, coding, public safety, differentiated learning for gifted students, or college preparatory. PXU's Small Schools have no attendance boundaries, but first priority is given to students residing within the District boundaries. Because of their popularity, size, and specialized curriculum, the enrollment process and bell schedule are different for each one.