



PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Founded in 2000

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ACCREDITATION

Pusch Ridge Christian Academy is accredited by the North Central Association and the Association of Christian Schools International.

Academic Profile

2011-2012

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Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, a covenantal Christian school, exists to glorify God and to partner with the Christian home in discipling young men and women in their relationships with Christ and the Scriptures, unfolding to them a unified and biblical world-and-life view, equipping them with the tools necessary to pursue a lifestyle and love of learning, exposing them to the classical ideas from our Western cultural heritage, and challenging them to pursue academic excellence. We desire to see our young men and women “increase in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men,” in order to live out their faith as servant leaders in every area of society (Luke 2:52).

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Pusch Ridge Christian Academy’s 48-acre campus is nestled at the base of the Catalina Mountains in northwest Tucson, Arizona. Founded in 2000 as a ministry of Catalina Foothills Church, the school is a rigorous, college preparatory, covenant Christian school grounded in classical pedagogies. Since its inception over a decade ago, Pusch Ridge has seen a steady increase in enrollment, to 287 students in high school and 192 students in grades 6 – 8.

- Pusch Ridge’s founders envisioned a school that would serve the broader Tucson community, reaching a wide and diverse socio-economic and cultural population.
- Over 75% of families in the school system receive some form of scholarship aid.
- Since 2001, 18 Pusch Ridge students have been designated National Merit Semi-Finalists, National Merit Scholars or National Merit Commended Scholars.
- Since 2006, U.S. military academies have offered appointments to 8 students.
- Athletics: Since 2001, the athletic teams of Pusch Ridge have combined for 47 regional championships, 8 state runners-up, and 8 state championships in 17 sports. Pusch Ridge is the 2010-2011 winner of the prestigious Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) Excellence in Athletics Award.
- Fine Arts: Pusch Ridge offers a full-orbed fine arts program, with a music department directed by Arizona Opera member and vocal artist-in-residence, Michael Chaffin, and a performance-based drama program headed by off-Broadway actress and director Alicia Chambers Fodor. The visual arts program is led by award-winning Navajo artist Elmer Yazzie. Pusch Ridge’s young artists and performers, who also participate in a marching band and orchestra, consistently earn regional and state honors and awards.
- Community Service: A hallmark of the Pusch Ridge curriculum is volunteering, both locally and internationally. The school requires that high school students complete a minimum of 20 hours of community service each year. From serving the homeless at the Gospel Rescue Mission in south Tucson, to participating in short-term missions in Kenya and Brazil, students are impacting the world, while learning that leadership begins with service.

CURRICULUM

- Pusch Ridge provides a classical, college preparatory curriculum.
- Honors classes are offered in English, social studies, science, mathematics, and third-year foreign language. Honors classes are weighted +1 (A=5.0).
- Advanced Placement (AP) classes are offered in English (11, 12), U.S. History (11), Government/Economics (12), Calculus AB and BC (11, 12), Spanish (12), Statistics (12), Chemistry (11 or 12). AP classes are weighted +1 (A=5.0).
- All students in grades 9-11 must take 7 classes; seniors are required to take 6 classes.
- Cumulative GPA reflects the weighted average of all classes, grades 9-12.
- In 2011, Pusch Ridge students took 129 AP exams in 8 subjects.
- 99.2% of AP students took the AP test.

Grading Scale		
Grade	Percentage	GPA
A+	97 - 100	4.3
A	93 - 96	4.0
A-	90 - 92	3.7
B+	87 - 89	3.3
B	83 - 86	3.0
B-	80 - 82	2.7
C+	77 - 79	2.3
C	73 - 76	2.0
C-	70 - 72	1.7
D+	67 - 69	1.3
D	65 - 66	1.0
F	≤ 64	0

Graduation Requirements 24 credits	
English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 - 4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Science (Lab)	3 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Foreign Language	2 credits
Bible	4 credits
Electives	3 credits

CLASS OF 2011 DATA

100% of students in the Class of 2011 matriculated to an institution of higher learning.

The Class of 2011 received scholarship offers totaling \$6.5 million. Of the 69 graduates, 81% were awarded college scholarship opportunities.

69 students graduated in Class of 2011

- 29 students (42%) earned > 4.0 cumulative, wtd GPA
- 19 students (27.5%) earned 3.5 - 3.99
- 14 students (20.2%) earned 3.0 - 3.49
- 7 students (10.1%) earned 2.5 - 2.99
- 0 students (0%) earned 2.0 - 2.49
- 0 students (0%) earned less than 2.0

**PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SAT SCORE AVERAGES
CLASS OF 2011**

SAT	READING	MATH	WRITING	COMBINED AVERAGE
Pusch Ridge	586	561	562	1709
Arizona Average	519	525	500	1544
National Average	501	516	492	1509

Additional notes: 97% (67 of 69) students took the SAT.

SAT average scores reflect ALL sittings for this graduating class.

RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Abilene Christian University (TX)	Oklahoma Baptist University (OK)	Wheaton College (IL)
Arizona Christian University (AZ)	Oklahoma Christian University (OK)	Whitworth College (WA)
Arizona State University	Olivet Nazarene University (IL)	William and Mary (VA)
Art Institute of CA, San Diego	Pepperdine University (CA)	
Auburn University (AL)	Point Loma University (CA)	
Azusa Pacific University (CA)	Randolph-Macon (VA)	
Ball State University (IN)	Rocky Mountain College (MT)	
Baylor University (TX)	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (IN)	
Bethel University (MN)	Seattle Pacific University (WA)	
Biola College (CA)	Southern Methodist University (TX)	
Boise State (ID)	St. John's College (NM)	
Butler University (IN)	St. Olaf College (MN)	
Cal Lutheran (CA)	Taylor University (IN)	
Colorado Christian (CO)	Texas A&M (TX)	
Colorado School of Mines (CO)	Texas Christian University (TX)	
Colorado State University (CO)	Texas Tech (TX)	
Concordia University (NE) (WI)	Trinity University (TX)	
Corban University (OR)	United States Air Force Academy (CO)	
Creighton University (NE)	United States Military Academy (NY)	
Dordt College (IA)	United States Naval Academy (MD)	
East Carolina University (NC)	UCLA (CA)	
Evangel University (MO)	University of Arizona (AZ)	
Gonzaga University (WA)	University of CO, Boulder	
Gordon College (MA)	University of Denver (CO)	
George Washington University (DC)	University of Mississippi	
Grand Canyon University (AZ)	University of Montana	
Grandview College (IA)	University of Nevada, LV	
Grove City College (PA)	University of New Mexico (NM)	
Hawaii Pacific University (HI)	University of N. Carolina, Wilmington	
Hillsdale College (MI)	University of Oregon	
Hope College	University of Portland (OR)	
John Brown University (AR)	University of San Diego (CA)	
King's College (NY)	University of San Francisco (CA)	
Kuyper College (MI)	University of Texas (TX)	
Lee University (TN)	Valparaiso (IN)	
Le Moyne College (NY)	Vanderbilt University (TN)	
Lewis and Clark College (OR)	Vanguard University (CA)	
Le Tourneau University (TX)	Villanova University (PA)	
Liberty University (VA)	Waynesburg University (PA)	
Northern Arizona University	Westminster College (PA)	
Northwestern College (MN)	Westmont College (CA)	

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