



2018/19

Desert Winds High School
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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 9, 10, 11, 12	40 units of credit
Mathematics (must include Algebra)	30 units of credit
Science (must include life and physical)	20 units of credit
Physical Education	20 units of credit
World History (cultures and geography)	10 units of credit
U.S. History (geography and history)	10 units of credit
Civics	5 units of credit
Economics	5 units of credit
Visual or Performing Arts <u>or</u> Foreign Language	10 units of credit
Health Education	10 units of credit
Electives	<u>70</u> units of credit
TOTAL	230

NOTE: All students must take and pass Algebra 1.

RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

We feel it very important that students are recognized for their positive accomplishments at Desert Winds. We pride ourselves on being a school with a positive atmosphere in which students can grow both intellectually and emotionally. Following are some of the programs we use to recognize student achievement.

“Catch Kids Being Good” Referral

Teachers may refer a student to the principal for a positive accomplishment at any time. Students are recognized by the principal for their positive accomplishments.

Academic Incentive Program

The Desert Winds staff wishes to recognize outstanding and continued academic performance by students. This program is designed to honor students who have demonstrated outstanding performance through consistent effort of earning credits.

ATTENDANCE

Parents are responsible for notifying the school (948-7555 ext 203) the same day a student is legitimately absent. Absences can be cleared by sending a note with the student when he/she returns to school or by a phone call. Parents notifying the school promptly will save the school time and save the parent the inconvenience of being contacted by the school at his/her place of employment or home. We encourage parents to check on their student’s attendance weekly.

Absences must be cleared within 5 days after the occurrence of the absence or the absence will be considered a truancy. After the 5-day window of opportunity a doctor’s note indicating a diagnosis is required to clear an absence.

TARDIES:

- **1st thru 4th tardy – Student given warnings by school staff**
- **5th tardy – parent contact by teacher – documented/assigned Saturday School**
- **Every 3rd tardy after the 5th (ex. 8th, 11th, 14th, etc.) students will receive an additional Saturday School**
- **Students are eligible to receive a citation from the Truancy officer after their 8th tardy**
- **Students who do not show up to Saturday School when assigned will receive a 1 day off campus suspension**

Further tardies will result in additional citations.

Truancy: Frequent truancy is the most common cause for failure. Habitual truants will be referred to the Community Attendance Worker and this will result in a ticket.

I.D. POLICY

Per Board Policy AR 5132(a) all students will wear an identification badge at all times during the school day. All students will wear an identification badge at all times during the school day. The badge is to be worn around the neck on a school-approved lanyard, or clipped to the front of a collar or chest pocket with a school-approved clip. The initial identification shall be provided by the school. Any lost identification will be replaced at the expense of the student.

Lost I.D.'s will cost \$2.00 and lost/broken lanyards will cost \$1.00. Students who have lost their ID or have continuous offenses of not having their ID will have a new ID printed and the charge can be paid when a new ID is issued or it will be added to their student fines. Disciplinary action will be taken if the I.D. badges are not worn at all times on campus, and will include After School Work, Saturday School and suspension for a first, second or third infraction. I.D. badges must be worn from the time a student enters the campus until he or she leaves campus at the end of the school day.

- **1st/2nd Offense:** Warning
- **Multiple Offenses:** Assigned After School Work/Detention/Saturday school
- **Habitual Offenders:** Suspended 1-5 days and may be made to purchase a new I.D.

***If a student removes their I.D. during the day:**

- **1st/2nd Offense:** Warning
- **Multiple Offenses:** Assigned After School Work/Detention/Saturday School
- **Habitual Offenders:** Suspension

Skateboards, Scooters & Bicycles

All skateboards, scooters and bicycles must be locked up in the rack located in the parking lot. Students must supply their own locks. We cannot hold them in the office and these items are not allowed on campus.

CLASSROOM CONTRACT SYSTEM

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which is conducive to learning in the classroom. Expectations will be determined by the individual classroom teachers. Students will be provided a written copy of classroom expectations and rules from each teacher upon enrolling in the class.

REFERRALS FOR IN SCHOOL DISCIPLINE (ASW/SS/DETENTION)

1. Talking in class or classroom disruption
2. No materials or unprepared in class
3. Non-diligence
4. Dress code violation
5. Misuse of pass, out of class/no pass, in a classroom where student does not belong
6. **Electronic devices (CD players, Walkmans, iPods, MP3 players, electronic games, etc.) are NOT PERMITTED.** Cell phones are permitted but must be turned off during class time. If they are on and being used in class they will be taken away from the student and the parent/guardian must come to pick them up. Further violations will result in suspension.
7. Food, gum and drinks are not allowed in classrooms and offices.
8. No dice allowed on campus.

ASW Assignments:

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| 1-2 Days | Students must complete in 3-4 days |
| 3-4 Days | Students must complete in 5-8 days |
| | Make-up day will be 3 days after the assignment date deadline. |

Passing Bell:

Students have 2 minutes to get to class. Students not in the correct classroom will be given a Saturday School by security.

Vending Machines:

Vending machines may be used before school, during break and after school **ONLY!** Any student using the vending machines between bell changes will have their drink taken away. Pregnant women may get water.

A.V.U.H.S.D. STUDENT DRESS CODE

The standards for dress and grooming will emphasize to the student body that the school is a place of business concerned with the education and safety of young people.

ALL RULES BEGIN AT THE FRONT GATE

- 1. All students are required to wear appropriate footwear for school. No slippers/house shoes/flip flops. Shoes must have a strap in the back.**
- 2. All shirts and tops must cover the midriff at all times. The following are examples of clothing that is unacceptable: strapless, spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder, cut-out designs, low-cut shirts, bare-back, sheer or mesh clothing that does not have an appropriate blouse or shirt underneath. Tank tops that fit snugly and do not drop low at the neckline, front or back or under the arms are appropriate. Students may NOT wear men's A Shirt (sleeveless undershirts) without another shirt over it. No batting gloves. *Appropriate undergarments must be worn.***
- 3. All pants and shorts must fit at the waist. No sagging or low riding will be permitted. Clothing must cover undergarments when sitting, standing or bending. Leggings must be worn under shorts or a skirt, not in place of pants. *No pajamas or lounge pants!***
- 4. Hemlines and slits on dresses, skirts and shorts above mid-thigh are not acceptable.**
- 5. Hats/hoods/headbands/scarves are not allowed. Only school hats are acceptable and must be worn with brim forward. Hats may not be clipped to the waist or carried around campus.**
- 6. Solid black or white beanies may be worn during cold weather only. No emblems will be allowed unless it is an approved school logo.**
- 7. Clothing and hair accessories that are unsafe and/or dangerous are not permitted (for example, hair-picks and combs, studded belts, chains, spikes, handcuffs, safety pins, needles, etc.).**
- 8. Clothing or jewelry that depicts any "gang-style" writing; illegal activity; sexually related or obscene gestures and material; tobacco; drugs; alcohol; or words, weapons, pictures, or phrases that depicts violence or intimidation may not be worn.**
- 9. Any body piercing that presents a safety issue or major distraction will not be allowed.**
- 10. Any clothing or styles of dress that may be construed to provoke fear, violence, or intimidation, including gang-related attire, is not acceptable.**

Gang Dress Policy

- 1. Pants oversized at the waist are not allowed. These can be identified as pants that are folded in at the waist or belt line (e.g. students with a 32" waist should wear pants no larger than 32" waist).**
- 2. Wearing pants below the waist-line (sagging) is not allowed.**
- 3. No gang-related jewelry, insignia, colors, paraphernalia, materials, apparel, clothing or attire may be worn or carried on campus or at school activities.**
- 4. Belt buckles with any initials are prohibited.**
- 5. Wearing an over-sized belt with one end hanging down is prohibited.**
- 6. Excessive color identities worn in the color of red and/or purple, blue, and/or green, black and/or gray, or orange (in combination with other gang attire) are prohibited.**
- 7. No gang-related hats, baseball-type caps, or other gang-related head gear may be worn on campus or at school activities. Official school cap (i.e., approved by the principal) representing the current school of residence may be worn.**
- 8. Bandannas, red or blue belts, red or blue shoelaces, or rags that commonly signify gang identity by style or color are prohibited.**
- 9. Clothing, jewelry, paraphernalia or material which is obscene, sexually explicit or which depicts or suggests sexually-related or obscene gestures, pictures or wording or which promotes violence, the use/abuse of drugs, tobacco or alcohol may not be worn or carried on campus or at school activities.**
- 10. Shorts extending below the knee when worn with the over-the-calf socks are prohibited. No pants can be worn with one leg up and one down.**
- 11. No student may wear articles of clothing, jewelry, paraphernalia or accessories which pose a threat to the physical and/or emotional well-being and safety of the student or others on campus or at school activities.**
- 12. Shirts buttoned at the top and unbuttoned at the bottom are prohibited.**
- 13. Steel-toe combat style boots are prohibited.**
- 14. Gang or tagger-crew writing on shoes, clothes or body, backpacks or accessories are not permitted.**
- 15. Sports jerseys, other than school jerseys, will not be allowed.**
- 16. Clothing or articles of clothing (including , but not limited to gloves, bandannas, shoestrings, wristbands, jewelry) which are likely to provoke others to acts of violence or which are likely to cause others to be intimidated by fear of violence may not be worn on campus or at any school activity.**

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The laws of the State of California and the policies of the Antelope Valley Union High School District prohibit sexual harassment of, or by, any student or any employee of the District. Teachers shall discuss this policy with their students in age-appropriate ways and should assure them that they need not endure any form of sexual harassment.

Any student who engages in the sexual harassment of anyone in or from the district may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Any employee who permits or engages in sexual harassment may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. The Board expects student or staff to immediately report incidents of sexual harassment to the principal or designee or to another district administrator.

Any student who feels that he/she is being harassed should immediately contact the principal or designee or another district administrator in order to obtain a copy of AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Complaints of harassment can be filed in accordance with these procedures. The district prohibits retaliatory behavior against any complaint or any participant in the complaint process. Each complaint of sexual harassment shall be promptly investigated in a way that respects the privacy of all parties concerned.

BOOK CHARGES

Students are responsible for the return of any books checked out to them. Books not returned (or books from another school that were not returned) will result in a charge to that student. Student's diplomas will be held until the charges are paid.

TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

The Antelope Valley Union High School Board policy states smoking presents a health hazard which can have serious consequences both for the smoker and the non-smoker. Students shall not be allowed to smoke, chew or possess tobacco or nicotine products on school property or during school hours, at school-sponsored events, or under the supervision of district employees (Education Code 48901). Students who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary procedures which may result in suspension from school (Education Code 48900) and possibly a ticket from law enforcement.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Desert Winds High School students may participate in the Federal School Lunch Program. To apply go online at <https://avuhd.schoolslunchapp.com>

If you do not have a computer at home, each high school has a computer dedicated for our use. If you choose to complete a paper application instead, please visit the AVUHSD Food Services Office at 44809 Beech Ave., Lancaster.

2018-19 CALENDAR

First Day of School.....	August 13
Labor Day	September 3
Back To School Night (Minimum Day)	September 6
Professional Development (Student Free day)	September 19
End of First Quarter (Minimum Day)	October 12
Professional Development (Student Free day)	October 24
Veteran's Day (Holiday)	November 12
Thanksgiving Break (Holiday)	November 19 - 23
End of First Semester (Minimum Day).....	December 21
Winter Break (Holiday).....	December 24 – January 11
Second Semester Begins	January 14
Martin Luther King's Birthday (Holiday).....	January 21
Back To School night (Minimum Day).....	January 30
Professional Development (Student Free day)	February 6
Lincoln Day (Holiday).....	February 11
President's Day.....	February 18
End of Third Quarter (Minimum Day)	March 15
Spring Vacation (Holiday)	March 18-22
Professional Development (Student Free Day).....	April 10
Graduation (Minimum Day)	May 29
Memorial Day (Holiday).....	May 27
End of Second Semester (Minimum Day).....	June 7

2018-2019 BELL SCHEDULE REGULAR

PERIOD 1	7:30 - 8:18
PERIOD 2	8:20 - 9:08
BREAK	9:08 – 9:20
PERIOD 3	9:22- 10:10
PERIOD 4	10:12- 11:00
LUNCH	11:00-11:30
PERIOD 5	11:30-12:18
PERIOD 6	12:20 - 1:08
BREAK	1:08– 1:20
PERIOD 7	1:22– 2:10
PERIOD 8	2:12– 3:00

PASSING PERIODS

The passing periods at DWHS are short. They are designed only for movement from one class to the next. Socializing with other students or going to see someone in the office is to be confined to the time before the passing bell to first period or after school.

ALL MINIMUM DAYS SCHEDULE

PERIOD 1	7:30 - 8:14
PERIOD 2	8:16 - 9:00
Break	9:00 – 9:03
PERIOD 3	9:05 - 9:49
PERIOD 4	9:51-10:35
Lunch	10:35 – 11:05
PERIOD 5	11:05- 11:49
PERIOD 6	11:51- 12:35
Break	12:35 – 12:38
PERIOD 7	12:40- 1:24
PERIOD 8	1:26 - 2:10
Meetings	2:10 – 3:00

Faculty Meeting/Collaboration Days:

August 15, 22, 29	January 16, 23
September 5, 12	February 13, 27
October 3, 10, 17, 31	March 6, 13, 27
November 7, 28	April 3, 17, 24
December 5, 12, 19	May 1, 15, 22

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Time is from 2:10 to 3:00 p.m

- Wednesday – September 26, 2018**
- Wednesday – November 14, 2018**
- Wednesday – February 20, 2019**
- Wednesday – May 8, 2019**

END OF QUARTER and MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE

- Thursday – September 6, 2018
- Friday – October 12, 2018
- Friday – December 21, 2018
- Wednesday – January 30, 2019
- Friday – March 15, 2019
- Wednesday – May 29, 2019 - Graduation
- Friday – June 7, 2019