



# TAHQUITZ HIGH SCHOOL

## 2017-2018

### COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL

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#### OUR COMMUNITY

Hemet Unified School District encompasses one incorporated city and numerous unincorporated communities within its 700+ topographically diverse square miles. We have 29 elementary and secondary schools with an enrollment of over 23,000 students. Agriculture still provides an important economic influence, as do other light and service industries. The rural flavor of the community still survives despite the rapid growth which has taken place in the area. Tahquitz High School has garnered a reputation for quality programs in Advanced Placement, Fine Arts, Athletics, general academic program and drop-out prevention.

#### TAHQUITZ HIGH SCHOOL - School Hours for College visits Monday-Friday 7:57am-3:01pm

THS is a comprehensive high school offering a full complement of course offerings including specialized programs such as Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Advanced Placement (AP), Strategies for Success (SFS), Marine Corp ROTC as well as school wide Title I support. THS received a six year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. THS utilizes common-core instruction and materials to promote high levels of student academic achievement and the learning of essential life skills. The Tahquitz High School campus reflects the diversity of our community and embraces the positive contributions that our school community offers to our safe and academic oriented environment. The campus encompasses a variety of wings that house our English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Career Technical Education departments. THS has the benefit of a highly qualified staff of 78 teachers, all of whom teach in their credentialed area and serve a population of 1,645 students. The student population is 19% white, 64% Hispanic/Latino, .4% Native American, .4% Pacific Islander, 14% African American, 2% Filipino, and 1% Asian. In addition, the staff consists of five Administrators, five counselors, one Librarian, one full-time School Psychologist, one full-time Marriage and Family Therapist and one full-time Activities Director. Our student athletes participate in 22 varsity sports. There are more than 30 faculty-sponsored clubs for students. 89% of our students are receiving free and reduced lunch.

### DISTINCTIVE CURRICULUM FEATURES

#### AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination program (AVID) is an academic, regularly scheduled elective class that pushes students to enroll in a four-year college/university right after high school graduation. THS AVID uses writing as a tool to learning the inquiry method and collaborative grouping.

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

AP is an open-enrollment program. There are 17 AP courses offered at THS: English Literature, English Language, Calculus A/B, Calculus B/C, Statistics, Chemistry, Environmental Science, European History, Human Geography, U.S. History, U.S. Government & Politics, Macroeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Art History, Physics 1 and Studio Art: Drawing. During the 2016-2017 school year, there were 587 AP exams taken by 307 students.

#### DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

Tahquitz High School partners with Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) to offer college courses on campus taught by our teachers. Students will receive both high school and college credits for each course completed with a "C" or better. Our Dual Enrollment courses are UC/CSU transferable. These classes are being offered to allow students to become "College Ready" and to gain a head start on their college career.

#### PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

PLTW is a Pre-Engineering program that is designed to orient students to the tasks performed by an engineer. Tahquitz High School will focus on Civil Engineering and Digital Engineering. Students enrolled in these classes have an opportunity to receive college credits, provided they receive an 80% or better on the end of course exam.

#### CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Vocational training classes are offered through the Riverside County Office of Education in a number of areas, including digital photography, marketing, construction, sports medicine, digital film, computer science and ASL interpreter programs.

#### CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION

The California Scholarship Federation (CSF) is Tahquitz High School's chapter of the state-wide organization, which began in the 1920's, and whose purpose is to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement as well as service to their club, their school, and/or their community.

### CALIFORNIA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY

The CA State Seal of Biliteracy recognizes high school graduates who have obtained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading and writing one or more languages, in addition to English. The class of 2017 had 21 students who graduated with this honor.

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY SEAL OF MULTILITERACY

The Riverside County Office of Education Seal of Multiliteracy is a recognition given to students who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and at least one other world language. Students are required to complete a language portfolio and an On-Demand Student Assessment Event where they must write two essays and participate in interviews. The class of 2017 had 11 students who graduated with this honor.

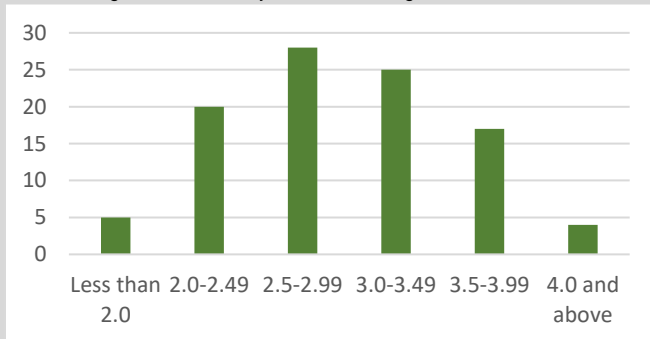
### ASSETS PROGRAM

The ASSETs After School Program funded through the Federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant provides a safe environment for all THS students Monday through Friday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. During a minimum school day schedule, ASSETs is immediately after the last class. The program runs throughout the school year.

CLASS OF 2017			
Self-Reported Post-Graduation Plans			
Four-Year Colleges	28%	Two-Year Colleges	43%
Full Time Employment	6%	Military	12%
Other		11%	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
•	English - 4 years/40 credits
•	Math - 3 years/30 credits
•	Science – 2 years/20 credits (10 life, 10 physical)
•	Social Science – 3 years/30 credits (World History/US History/Government/Economics)
•	Fine Art/Foreign Language/CTE – 10 credits
•	Physical Education – 2 years/20 credits
•	Electives – 70 credits

Percentage of Graduates by Cumulative Weighted GPA for Class of 2017



Grade	Percentage	Regular	AP	DE
A	90-100	4 pts.	5 pts.	5 pts.
B	80-89	3 pts.	4 pts.	4 pts.
C	70-79	2 pts.	3 pts.	3 pts.
D	60-69	0 pts.	0 pts.	0 pts.
F	Below 60	0 pts.	0 pts.	0 pts.

### Grading and Ranking

Tahquitz High School assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system. All credit classes are included in computing grade point average and class rank are recorded on the transcript.

### ACT TEST SCORES

ACT Test Component	THS	State	National
English	18.2	22.1	20.1
Mathematics	19.2	22.7	20.6
Reading	19.4	22.9	21.3
Science	18.4	22.1	20.8
Composite	18.9	22.6	20.8

SAT Mean Score	Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
THS	482	462	946

### SAT TEST SCORES

Of the Class of 2017, 319 seniors took the SAT.