2019-2020 School Profile

Our School

The Gary K. Herberger Young Scholars Academy is an independent day school located in Phoenix, Arizona, serving a maximum of 120 students and offering a student-centric educational pathway for profoundly gifted middle and high school students.

The school was founded in 2011 to realize the vision of our benefactor and namesake, Gary Herberger, of offering a unique program and learning environment designed for the profoundly gifted learner. Through a generous endowment, the school serves a diverse student population from across the Phoenix metropolitan area in a 19,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility located on Arizona State University’s West Campus. Herberger Young Scholars Academy offers interdisciplinary coursework in a six-year cohort model utilizing the Cambridge International Education program to provide students with a rigorous and internationally recognized foundational knowledge set in preparation for college readiness. In addition, the school utilizes Arizona State University classrooms, laboratories and campus facilities to offer diverse learning opportunities based on individual student needs.

Our Mission

The mission of the Gary K. Herberger Young Scholars Academy is to provide profoundly gifted young people advanced educational opportunities commensurate with their abilities, strengths and interests.

Our Vision

Gary K. Herberger Young Scholars Academy forges an innovative, powerful, and effective model of education. As a leader in developing programs that serve highly gifted students, our students strive to be globally minded citizens who contribute to the community, the university, the state, and the world. Developing academic and emotional intelligences are central and critical in our efforts to keep pace with ever changing global concerns.

Our Accreditation

Gary K. Herberger Young Scholars Academy holds accreditation through AdvancED and is also a STEM Certified school through AdvancED.

Our Highlights

- 45% of students receive some form of needs-based scholarship
- Students can accelerate their high school pathway to graduate in as little as three years
- Cambridge International Examinations A-Level courses offer up to 24 college credits
- Students can earn college credits from ASU while enrolled at HYSA
- Seniors can participate in mentorships with ASU faculty or local industry leaders
- Upper division students can participate in a Dublin, Ireland exchange program each January
- Interscholastic competitive sports offered through Canyon Athletic Association
- Opportunities for hands-on summer experiences including conducting original scientific research & language immersion in Costa Rica and ecological studies in Alaska
- Gold Honor Rank Troupe of AZ Thespian Society / International Thespian Society & Educational Theatre Association
### Our Graduation Requirements

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### Our Course Offerings

#### ENGLISH
- IGCSE English Language
- IGCSE Literature
- AS-Level English Language
- AS-Level Literature
- A-Level English Language

#### MATH
- Algebra 1
- Algebra 2
- Geometry
- Pre-Calculus
- AS-Maths
- AP Statistics

#### SCIENCE
- IGCSE Coordinated Science
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
- AS-Level Biology
- AS-Level Physics
- A-Level Biology
- A-Level Physics

#### FINE ARTS
- Actors Lab & Outreach (H)
- Cartooning
- Fine Arts 1
- Graphic Design
- Digital Photography
- Theatre: IGCSE Drama (H)
- Theatre: Play Back
- Theatre: Practicum (H)
- Theatre: Arts Studies
- Theatre: Theatrical Analysis

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE
- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2
- Spanish 3
- Spanish 4
- French 1
- French 2

#### SOCIAL STUDIES
- Economics
- Government
- IGCSE US History
- IGCSE World History
- AS-Level Global Perspectives
- AS-Level Psychology
- AS-Level Sociology
- A-Level Global Perspectives
- A-Level Psychology

#### ELECTIVES
- Applied Horticulture
- Astronomy
- Anthropology
- Forensic Science
- Genealogy
- Home Economics
- Media Studies
- Physical Education
- Robotics
- School Newspaper
- Yearbook

#### OTHER
- HYSA partners with accredited Learning institutions including ASU to offer HYSA approved asynchronous courses for high school credit

*IGCSE – International General Certificate of Secondary Education*