

Rincon Weekly Update

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November 5-11, 2023

No School Friday: November 10th in observation of Veteran's Day

State Letter Grades are Official

Congratulations to Rincon students and staff for rising to the occasion to represent our Ranger community with pride!!!



Rincon received a state letter grade of B, a designation given to schools by the state indicating that Rincon is a highly performing high school, which is really fantastic!

Why does Arizona have an A-F system of grading schools?

Federal and state law require it. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to measure school performance using valid, reliable and comparable information across all schools. State law mandates the A-F letter grade system, which is based on a range of quantitative measures including the statewide assessment.

The Arizona State Board of Education recognizes that A-F Letter Grades contain important information for families and communities and make every effort to make A-F Letter Grades available as timely as possible.

What does each letter grade mean?

A (excellent): Distinguished performance on the statewide assessment, significant student growth, high four-year graduation rates, students on track to proficiency; overall performance is significantly higher than state average.

B (highly performing): High performance on statewide assessment and/or significant student growth and/or higher four-year graduation rates and/or moving students to proficiency at a higher rate than the state average.

C (performing): Adequate performance but needs improvement on some indicators, such as proficiency, growth or graduation rate.

D (minimally performing): Inadequate performance in proficiency, growth and/or four-year graduation rate relative to the state average.

E (failing): Systematic failures in proficiency, growth and graduation rates (below 67%); performance is in bottom 5% of the state.

How are the grades assigned?

Assessment, growth scores and other measures are compiled and submitted to the Arizona Department of Education. The State Board of Education sets "cut scores," which are the number of points required to earn an A, B, C or D. The Department then calculates the letter grades using the cut scores and the data submitted by schools.

What do the grades measure?

Five quantifiable factors go into the grades.

- Student growth from year to year, or, for high-performing students, maintenance of top achievement. Individual students are compared year to year, rather than comparing one class to the previous year's class. For elementary schools, growth accounts for 50% of a school's grade. For high schools, subgroup improvement (more information in the question below) accounts for 20% of a school's letter grade.
- Proficiency on the statewide assessment, AASA or ACT.
- English language proficiency and growth (as measured by AZELLA).
- Indicators measuring if an elementary student is ready for success in high school and high school students are ready for success in post-secondary settings.
- High school graduation rates.

We will continue working hard to prepare our students for the college/career of their choice and have high hopes that we will see our letter grade continue to reflect the amazing work that takes place each and every day at Rincon!

Keep up the great work, Rangers!

#RangerPride

Rerouted Pedestrian Gate

Instead of using the pedestrian gate that encroaches on the morning drop-off loop traffic, we have moved the opening for pedestrians one gate to the north, so that students entering on foot will not have to contend with the morning drop-off loop traffic. We feel that this will be safer for our students entering campus on foot, and should help traffic flow more smoothly, as well. Please encourage your students to enter this gate instead of the gate by the guard shack, as well.

APEX Credit Recovery Event for Parents

Trying to help your student to stay on track making up lost credits? Don't know how to access the APEX learning platform to ensure he/she is making adequate progress toward completing the online course?

Come to the Rincon APEX Introduction and learn how to log in, track, and support your student in their online credit recovery classes!

November 9th 4-6 p.m. in the Rincon College and Career Center

Rincon Student Announcements

- Attn: Rincon Rangers - Ten students came to see Ms. Ooka in room T5 during conference period on Halloween to get information about the Rincon Travel Club! Join us for our next meeting on Monday, November 13 at 8:30am in room T5. Can't make it on Monday? Stop by T5 on Tuesday, November 14 at 8:30 to get more information. Need a reminder? Please text @rinconooka to the number 81010... that's @rinconooka to the number 81010.
- Do you like donuts? On Tuesday's during conference period, the choir club will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts outside the choir room. Glazed donuts will be \$1 and special donuts will be \$1.50. Money raised will go toward our spring trip to Chicago! There will only be a limited number of donuts available, so come get them before they're all gone!
- With basketball, wrestling and soccer season kicking off...if you plan on attending home athletic events this year, make sure to get your 2023-2024 RUHS Sports Pass in the Finance Office. The price is only \$30 per person and it is good for all home athletic events, for all sports, all year!

- Remember: Backpacks are not allowed to enter the stadium or gym during athletic events. Make sure to take them home or put them in your car. They are not allowed to be left on campus unattended.
- And don't forget... **TUESDAYS are College Shirt Day!** Wear a shirt from any college, university or tech school! Be sure to ask about the ones you don't recognize!

Join Us for Site Council

Site Council will meet on 11-6 at 3:30pm via ZOOM. Please use the link below to log in at 3:30pm.

Date: November 6, 2023

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Zoom link:

<https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/83635334680?pwd=WEJFbGFaa2J0UVNScIIHWfVfU3RrUT09>

Meeting ID: 836 3533 4680

Passcode: Rangers!

TUSD Parent Engagement Survey

Family engagement is fundamental to student success. Since you know better than anyone about your own experiences at your child's school, we'd like to hear from you. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey to help us learn better ways to help families to be involved in their children's education. If you have children attending more than one TUSD school, please complete a separate survey for each school. Individual responses will remain confidential.

[TUSD Parent Engagement Survey](#)

Thank you for your help.

Traffic Safety and Enforcement at RUHS

We have received notice that law enforcement will be conducting regular patrol in high traffic areas surrounding TUSD schools. Law enforcement officers will have motor patrol units conducting regular speed and illegal parking violations in accordance with A.R.S. TITLE 28. To avoid any issues, please use the RUHS drop off/pick up loop.

Online Credit Recovery Information for Families

Nov. 9th 4-6pm

College & Career Center

Snacks and refreshments will be served

Topics covered:

1. What is APEX?
2. What does my student do on it and why do they need it?
3. How can parents track and support their student on APEX to meet their credit recovery goals?

See attached flyer for more information.

Tucson Unified Virtual Academy Information

If your child is interested in transitioning into online learning for next semester, keep reading.

The next window for requests into TUVA will open on Monday, December 12th for 3rd quarter SY 2022/23!

The Request Link can be found at [TUVA Enrollment Request SY22/23 \(office.com\)](#), and TUSD Synergy Support.

Any questions regarding TUVA requests must be emailed to kymberley.hines@tusd1.org or Jocelyn.lopezdevictoria@tusd1.org

The requests will be reviewed beginning December 20th as they are received.

Parents and School offices will be directly notified by TUVA via email. TUVA cannot accommodate Ex Ed students who are in self-contained. Please do not submit these requests to TUVA and contact the Ex Ed department for any further online support at 520-225-6610.

Laptops for this Program Will be Distributed by TUVA

Project More TUSD Alternative High School

Project More is a traditional TUSD high school, located on Park Ave near Tucson High, that students attend in-person. They operate on a trimester system, which allows student to take more classes to make up credit deficiencies more quickly.

If your child is falling far behind in their classes this semester and it is looking like recovering low grades may not be possible, you may consider transferring to Project More until the end of the year, to get caught up on credits, so the whole semester is not a loss.

Project More's new trimester begins soon. If you are interested in exploring this option, you may reach out to your student's Rincon counselor for help or reach out to Project More at 520-225-2600.

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