



MUSD NEWS

MUSD Override proposal on November ballot

The Maricopa Unified School District Governing Board approved a 10-percent, seven-year override to be placed on the Nov. 8 ballot. If approved, the additional annual tax amount is projected to be \$133 per \$100,000 of assessed property value (\$11.08 per month for a home with an assessed value of \$100,000). If the override is approved, it will provide additional funding beginning in the 2017-18 school year and will fund:

TOSA will work with students on academic improvement and discipline issues. Pima Butte and Santa Cruz will share a TOSA.

3 Elementary Counselors – MUSD currently has no full-time elementary school counseling for general education students.

1 Elementary/Middle School Librarian – MUSD currently only has one certified librarian and she is assigned to MHS only.

Additional Instructional Technology

If approved, the override will provide \$500,000 annually for additional instructional technology for students. This is the plan for how \$500,000 in instructional technology will be allocated in 2017-18:

595 student laptops (\$544 each w/ tax & shipping) \$323,680

17 locked carts w/charging stations (\$1,530 each)..... \$26,010
 1 tech support staff (salary & benefits) \$45,000
 Computer Licensing \$45,000
 Technology Equipment and Supplies..... \$30,310
 Instructional Tech Pro Development for teachers..... \$30,000

For additional information, visit www.MaricopaUSD.org or contact Superintendent Steve Chestnut at (520) 568-5100 ext. 1004 or schestnut@mUSD20.org.

50 Additional Teachers, Counselors and Specialists

This is the plan for how these 50 additional teachers, counselors, and specialists will be allocated in 2017-18 (the first year that override funds would be available):

Elementary Schools - 24 teachers for class size reduction

Middle Schools – 4 teachers for class size reduction and 2 teachers for expanded academic programs

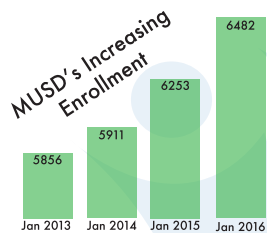
Maricopa High School – 4 teachers for class size reduction and 2 teachers for expanded academic programs; 7 teachers will be hired for a new alternative program. The program will be located in an existing MUSD facility.

2 Instructional Technology Integration Teachers – these positions are needed to make effective use of the additional instructional technology provided by the override.

1 Elementary Teacher on Special Assignment (.5 at Pima Butte, .5 at Santa Cruz). The

MUSD OVERRIDE 2016

The residents of Maricopa will vote on this proposed override in November 2016. If this override passes, it will provide MUSD with additional funds for the next 7 years. Here is a breakdown of the override.



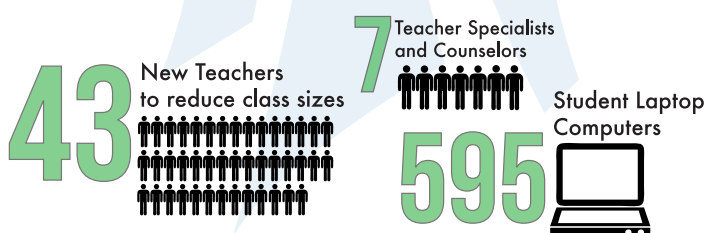
Neighboring districts with voter approved overrides

- Casa Grande Union High School District-10%
- Tempe Union High School District-10%
- Casa Grande Elementary-10%
- Chandler Unified-15%
- Mesa Public Schools-10%
- Queen Creek-15%
- Tempe Elementary-15%
- Kyrene-15%

WHAT WILL IT COST ME?



WHAT DOES IT PAY FOR?



The mission of the Maricopa Unified School District is to ensure all students achieve excellence by preparing them to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens who value innovation and global diversity.



Aron Rausch receives awards

MUSD recognized for excellent financial management

The Maricopa Unified School District is well known for excellent financial management.

For eight consecutive years, the district received a “Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting” from the National Association of School Business Officials and the Government Finance Officers Association.

This recognition is given each year because the district’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report met the highest standards of both national associations. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of school district accounting and financial reporting given by these two organizations.

At the Governing Board meeting on Aug. 10, Director of Business Services Aron Rausch was congratulated and presented with both certificates. Many school districts in the state receive recognition from one of these organizations but only four or five school districts receive recognition from both. Mr. Rausch has been with the district since 2008. ■

ACT scores for Maricopa High School released

On Aug. 24, the 2016 ACT scores for Maricopa High School were released. MHS students scored above the state average on all four ACT tests – English, math, reading and science.

Students who are considering enrollment in higher education after high school take the ACT test as it is required by many colleges and universities as part of the admissions process. The ACT is designed to measure the skills needed for success in first year college courses.

“We are very excited that MHS students outperformed Arizona students on all four tests,” stated MHS principal Renita Myers, “Our teachers do an excellent job of preparing students for college and career.”

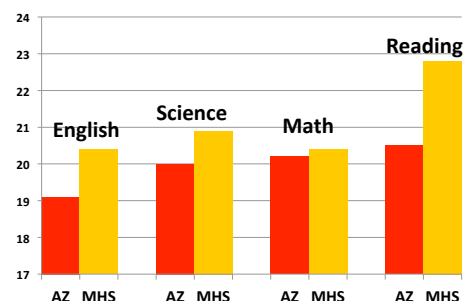
The staff at MHS works hard to help students plan for their future as part of the college and career preparatory focus of the school.

All ninth grade students take a “Freshman Seminar” class where they develop a four-year plan for high school and a post-high school plan. The name of this plan is the “Education Career Action Plan” (ECAP) and it is a requirement for graduation.

MHS offers 11 Advanced Placement classes, and four Central Arizona College classes on the MHS campus during the day – English 101, English 102, Mathematics 121 and Mathematics 151. The MHS Class of 2016 received 259 scholarship offers totaling over \$3.7 million (a new record) including: 73 to CAC, 29 to ASU, 19 to NAU, 12 to GCU, 20 to U of A, and four additional individual colleges and universities.

Maricopa High School has had three National Merit Scholarship winners since 2012. Two years of free college tuition is available for qualified MHS graduates. The Central Arizona College Foundation sponsors the “Promise for the Future Scholarship” for graduates of Pinal County high schools that have signed and submitted a contract during their eighth grade year. Students must graduate from high school with at least a 2.75 GPA. Recipients receive four semesters of free tuition currently valued at \$4,032. ■

2016 MHS ACT Results



MUSD showcased on ABC TV ‘Sonoran Living’

The Maricopa Unified School District was showcased on a recent Channel 15 ABC TV “Sonoran Living” segment. Mayor Christian Price was interviewed and he talked about the newly expanded blended learning program at MWMS.

The segment featured MWMS’s blended learning classrooms and teachers Robyn Rice, Joseph Szoltysik, Janell Hudson, and Jacque Witte. Santa Rosa teacher Nicole Cantrell’s blended learning classroom was also highlighted.

The segment was broadcast on August 23rd. This video segment was part of a series of similar videos highlighting the excellent quality of life in Maricopa and is part of the marketing campaign by the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance. ■



Interview of Mayor Price

Maricopa High School PSAT scores above national, state average

Maricopa High School recently received results from the Preliminary SAT Test (PSAT) taken by students last school year.

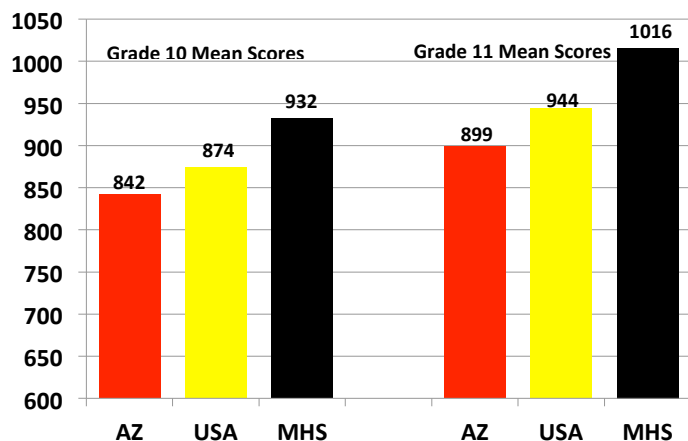
The PSAT tests students in English and mathematics resulting in a combined score. MHS had a record number of students taking the test – 117 sophomores and 128 juniors. Their average scores were above the national average and the Arizona state average.

The PSAT is a standardized test administered by the College Board and co-sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Approximately 3.5 million students take the PSAT each year (about half sophomores and half juniors) and scores determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Each year, approximately 8,000 juniors in the USA achieve scores in the top 99th percentile in their state and win National Merit Scholarships. It is not yet known if any MHS students in the Class of 2017 will receive a National Merit Scholarship. Maricopa High School has had three National Merit Scholarship winners since 2012. ■

2016 MHS PSAT

Math, Reading, Writing, Language



Santa Rosa Elementary commemorates events of September 11th

Santa Rosa Elementary held their annual commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001 with a ceremony on Friday, Sept. 9. The colors were presented by the Maricopa High School Air Force Junior ROTC color guard. The event was attended by officers from the Maricopa Police Department. “The purpose of this annual ceremony is to teach patriotism and respect for our country,” stated Principal Eva Safranek; “We think this is a great learning opportunity for our students.” ■

Evan Grace appointed to Governor Ducey’s Youth Commission

At the end of the 2015-16 school year, Maricopa High School administrators notified Evan Grace, a sophomore at Maricopa High School, that they would be recommending him for inclusion on the 2016-17 Governor’s Youth Commission.

After applying for the opening, obtaining a letter of recommendation from Mayor Christian Price, and then finally interviewing at the Capitol for the role, Evan was notified on July 12 that he had been selected.



The approval letter stated, “In recognition of your outstanding achievement, we are pleased to offer you an appointment to the 2016-2017 Governor’s Youth Commission. The application process was incredibly competitive with a high volume of applicants for the number of available spaces. Given your dedication to service and demonstrated leadership skills, we are thrilled to count you among this select group.”

Evan was formally inducted into the Commission on Aug. 6. Merry Grace, Evan’s mother stated, “He cannot wait to represent not only Maricopa High School but all of Maricopa.”

Evan is highly involved in the City of Maricopa as a volunteer for causes like Socks for Soldiers and Relay for Life. Last spring he received the “President’s Volunteer Service Award” from the President of the United States. Evan also served as a member of the City of Maricopa Youth Council. MUSD is proud to recognize this outstanding student and community activist. ■



Senior Sarah Ledbetter receives STEM award

Sarah Ledbetter, a senior at Maricopa High School, was a delegate at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders that met June 29-July 1 in Lowell, Massachusetts.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be scientists and technologists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

She joined students from across the country and heard Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading scientific research; was given advice from deans of the world's top tech universities; was inspired by fellow teen science prodigies; and learned about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and technology. The theme of the conference was "Greatness Awaits," and it gave students the opportunity to hear from STEM leaders like John C. Mather, Buzz Aldrin, and David Wineland.

On Sept. 15, MHS Principal Renita Myers presented a "National Leadership Academies Certificate of Excellence" to Sarah Ledbetter as a result of her participation at the Congress.

Students nominated for this award must meet the all of the following criteria:

- 1) They aspire to become physicians, scientists, or technologists;
- 2) They possess leadership potential; and
- 3) They have a GPA of over 3.5. ■



Sarah Ledbetter receives award

MUSD enrollment hits a new high

Enrollment continues to grow in the Maricopa Unified School District. On Sept. 1 enrollment hit an all-time high of 6,581 students. A new enrollment record was reached at Maricopa High School that day with 2,106 students. Enrollment has increased 3.5 percent on average over the last four years. Davis Demographics and Planning recently completed a "Ten Year Student Population Projection Study" for the district. The study shows that MUSD is projected to grow to 7,400 students by the 2023-24 school year. ■



MARICOPA HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Varsity Football Fall 2016

10/07	7:00 p.m.	(A)	Apollo HS	Apollo HS
10/14	7:00 p.m.	(H)	Sunnyslope HS	Maricopa HS
10/21	7:00 p.m.	(H)	Raymond S Kellis HS	Maricopa HS
10/28	7:00 p.m.	(A)	McClintock HS	McClintock HS

Boys Varsity Golf Fall 2016

10/04	3:00 p.m.	(H)	Seton, Sierra Linda, Williams Field Southern Dunes
10/11	3:30 p.m.	(A)	Cortez, Williams Field, Combs Trilogy
10/18	3:30 p.m.	(A)	Seton, Glendale, Poston Butte Ocotillo
10/20	3:00 p.m.	(H)	Apache Junction, Wash, Pb Southern Dunes

Girls Varsity Golf Fall 2016

10/06	1:00 p.m.	(A)	Westview Invite Encanto g
10/10	3:00 p.m.	(H)	Marcos De Niza, Tempe, Metro Tech The Duke

Varsity Volleyball Fall 2016

10/03	6:00 p.m.	(A)	Sunnyslope HS
10/04	6:00 p.m.	(A)	Raymond S Kellis HS
10/10	6:00 p.m.	(A)	Apollo HS
10/11	6:00 p.m.	(H)	Ironwood HS
10/18	6:00 p.m.	(H)	Sunnyslope HS
10/20	6:00 p.m.	(H)	Raymond S Kellis HS
10/21	Tba	(A)	Florence Invitational
10/25	6:00 p.m.	(A)	McClintock HS



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