JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

There are no limitations to our spirit and our commitment to achievement. Our connection to our community is just as vital.

The #WeAreGUHSD social media campaign is a fun way to identify who we are, where this community exists and most importantly, how we’re all connected.

By recognizing how far the GUHSD community reaches, we will increase awareness, engage in issues that are important to us and show the rest of the world who the GUHSD family is.

We are proud of the commitment to our students and community, and we want you to be a part of the campaign.

Show us your connection to the district by participating in the #WeAreGUHSD campaign. Visit http://hashtag.guhsdaz.org where you will find a downloadable hashtag sign that can be printed or a mobile version for a smartphone.

When you have your sign, incorporate it into a picture that best represents your connection to Glendale Union High School District. Be creative and have fun! Let’s show the world not only our school and district pride, but who we are as a community.

Submit your photos to WeAreGUHSD@guhsdaz.org and include your name, contact information, and a brief description of your connection to the district.
Four students from Sunnyslope High School and one student from Thunderbird High School are semifinalists for National Merit Scholarships this year.

The students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements by the Governing Board members at a recent governing board meeting.

The semifinalists from Sunnyslope are Sean Miller, Daniel Sinclair, Linnea Weicht and Madeline Weicht. Thunderbird was represented by Mark Morrissey.

In early September, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers from across the country, are notified that they have qualified as a semifinalist. Semifinalists are designated on a state-representational basis.

To be considered for a National Merit scholarship, students must take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The test is based on areas of critical reading, mathematics and writing skills. More than 1.5 million students take the test each year. Students are also required to be enrolled as high school students who are planning to enroll full-time in college following graduation from high school.

As the new superintendent of the Glendale Union High School District, it is an honor to continue to serve a school district and a community that mean so much to me. With another school year well underway, we are excited about the continued success of our students and the impact their success will have on our community.

One of the many impressive aspects of the Glendale Union High School District is its tradition of academic excellence. As educators, we set high expectations for ourselves and for our students. We approach our work, educating the students of our community, with passion and professionalism.

Glendale Union’s high expectations are accompanied by an unwavering belief in the potential of our students and an understanding that we must provide the appropriate supports and encouragement for students to reach a level of academic excellence. We believe that all students will be successful, and our outstanding classroom teachers, support staff, and administrators are committed to seeing all students develop the skills and acquire the knowledge needed to succeed beyond high school.

As we focus on our mission of preparing students for life after high school, we realize that partnerships with parents, community members, and businesses are critical to our success. Working together, we can provide a world-class education for our students and make a positive impact in the community. Glendale Union will continue to contribute to our neighborhoods through community service and will impact future economic growth by preparing students for college and the workforce.

As a district we are committed to the success of our students, continuous improvement in our schools, and well-being of our community. When our students succeed in our schools and are given the opportunity to serve the community, we all benefit. Through collaboration, we can build stronger schools, stronger communities, and a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Brian Capistran
On November 3, voters within the Glendale Union High School District will be asked to approve the sale of $70 million in bonds.

The district seeks approval from voters

**Capital Reductions**
Since 2009, the district has been cut $33.3 million in capital funding.
8 Year Loss - $33.3 Million

**Facility Reductions**
Facility funding was underfunded by $48.7 million and eliminated in 2013.
Underfunded - $48.7 Million

TOTAL FUNDING LOSS = $82 Million

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8 Year Loss $33.3 Million

On Nov. 3, voters within the Glendale Union High School District will be asked to approve the sale of $70 million in bonds, which if approved will be used to renovate and maintain schools, improve energy efficiencies, and purchase school furniture, equipment, technology and buses.

Historically, the district received capital funding and facility funding based on formulas. The state has not adhered to their funding formulas. Since 2009, the district’s capital funding has been cut $33.3 million. The facility funding for the district intended for major renovations and preventative maintenance of buildings was underfunded by $48.7 million and then eliminated in 2013.

If approved, the bonds will be issued in phases as funds are needed for capital expenditures. The estimated additional annual cost to taxpayers with a home assessed at $100,000 would be about $29. Each of the high schools would benefit from the bonds.

Proposed capital improvements include critical repairs to old roofs, HVAC units, flooring and cafeteria infrastructure. Additionally, technology, furniture, and equipment to support schools as well as buses for reliable transportation are part of the proposal.

For more information about the election or to find out more about the GUHSD Bond Program, contact Kim Mesquita at 623-435-6001.

Finance Department Recognized for Excellence

The Glendale Union High School District Finance Department has been awarded with two prestigious awards for the 25th year in a row.


By participating in these programs, the district ensures that those who access financial statements have the information they need to assess the district’s financial health. The district receives constructive feedback to improve the clarity and completeness of its financial reports, demonstrates a commitment to fiscal integrity, and is able to improve its bond rating for credit evaluations.

These awards recognize the district for preparing a comprehensive annual financial report that shows a spirit of excellence, transparency, and full disclosure. The finance department believes the awards document the district’s long-standing commitment to the transparency and fiscal accountability critical to success in today’s dynamic education environment.

Comprehensive annual financial reports are reviewed by selected members of the ASBO/GFOA professional staff with expertise in public sector financial reporting and include financial statement preparers, independent auditors, academics and other finance professionals.

THE OFFICE PROMOTES A SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE, TRANSPARENCY AND FULL DISCLOSURE.
Award-winning Fine & Performing Arts Programs

A well-rounded education includes studying the arts. Glendale Union believes fine and performing arts play an instrumental role in a person’s education. GUHSD is proud to promote and showcase the immense contribution arts education has in producing engaged, successful, and college- and career-ready students.

Disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, design, and visual arts are essential elements of a complete and balanced education for all students.

Outstanding Career & Technical Education (CTE) Programs

GUHSD prepares students for success after high school, whether they choose to pursue higher education or begin a career immediately upon graduating. Career & Technical Education Programs provide hands-on experiences, teach practical job skills, and grant students opportunities to work with industry partners, gain work experiences and build skills.

With over 34 courses from which to choose, our CTE programs prepare students to enter the workforce with the academic and technical skills needed to compete successfully in the job market.

State-of-the-Art Online Learning Opportunities

Glendale Union Online Learning Academy offers flexible education programs for high school students to achieve their individual goals. Whether a student wants to attend full-time or take an additional class, the GUHSD online approach offers a wide range of options.

Labs with certified teachers are available to assist and motivate students, while a full-time at-home model is also available, in which students visit the Academy only to take final exams. Call 623-435-7300 for more information.
Five-member board serves community through volunteering

The Glendale Union High School District Governing Board are citizens elected by voters within the district and are charged with ensuring the district meets the best interests of the students and the school system. Members serve a four-year term and serve without pay.

The Governing Board serves as the school district’s policymaker in accordance with state and federal law. In addition, board members adopt the budget, approve personnel, curriculum, and other district business matters. The board hires the superintendent and oversees the superintendent’s duties and performance.

For more information about the Governing Board, visit www.guhbsdaz.org.

FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT

Find out why the Glendale Union High School District is the premier choice for your student at our annual Future Freshman Night on Jan. 14, 2016. We welcome all incoming freshmen and their families from within our district boundaries and neighboring communities to attend.

This event is designed with you in mind. We’re excited to share our programs and opportunities with you. Learn about our class offerings, course selections, Advanced Placement and college-credit opportunities, career-related programs, core curriculum, championship athletics, and graduation requirements. Take time to tour our campuses and meet our teachers.

Check with your local school for exact times and more information.

Public Notifications

Rights for Students with Disabilities
Pursuant to the individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004, each school district is responsible for identifying, evaluating and providing service for all public, private, or home-schooled children with disabilities.

If your child attends a private school or is home-schooled, and you feel that your child may need to be screened for a possible disability, you should contact the GUHSD Office of Special Education at 623-435-6067. You may also refer your child for screening by contacting the school psychologist at the public school your child would attend if he/she attended public school. All public school students are screened within six weeks of the date of enrollment in the public school.

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination

Annual Public Notification of Nondiscrimination Glendale Union High School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in admission to its programs, services or activities. In access to them, in treatment of individuals, or in any aspect of their operations. GUHSD Career and Technical Education department does not discriminate in enrollment or access to any of the programs available, such as business, applied technology, FACS, nursing, and fire science. The lack of English language skills shall not be a barrier to admission or participation in the district’s activities and programs. GUHSD does not discriminate in its hiring or employment practices. This notice is provided as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Questions, complaints or requests for additional information regarding these laws may be forwarded to the designated compliance coordinator. Matt Belden, 623-435-6006 or Wendy Collison, 623-435-6067, 7650 N. 43 Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301.

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Right to Review Teacher Qualifications

The Glendale Union High School District continues its long-standing tradition of providing quality instructional staff to work with your children. Its teachers are recruited from the strongest teacher preparation programs in Arizona and across the nation. All teachers participate in ongoing professional development activities to maintain their content knowledge as well as their ability to plan and deliver effective instruction. The district is proud of its record of student achievement, which is a direct result of the efforts of its professional staff. As a parent of a student in the Glendale Union High School District, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child’s teachers and requires us to provide this information in a timely manner. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child’s teachers: whether the Arizona State Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and the subjects he/she teaches; circumstances; the teacher’s college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and if so, the subject of the degrees; whether any teacher’s aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and if they do, their qualifications.

The Glendale Union High School District looks forward to continuing its positive partnership with parents. Your high expectations for student achievement, school involvement, and appropriate behavior on behalf of your student make an important difference in the success of GUHSD. For more information, please call Allison Mattingly at 623-435-6018.
MISSION: TO EMPOWER ALL STUDENTS FOR THE CHOICES & CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY

Glendale Union High School District is committed to providing a rigorous high school experience to ensure students are college and career ready. The district’s comprehensive programs are based on a model of collaboration and continuous improvement. In 2014, our district and all nine of our high schools earned an A rating by the Arizona Department of Education. This is in comparison to 3 out of 5 high schools that failed to meet the goal across the state.

There’s more to learn about the Glendale Union High School District. Connect with us: www.guhsdaz.org
Call us: 623-435-6000