

Ponderosa High School



9th Grade
Meetings



We will cover:

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Graduation Requirements

02

How to prepare for your career

03

Post High School Options

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4 year plan, upcoming opportunities

How to Read Your Transcript

Grade, Year, & Semester

Courses Listed

Credits Earned

Semester Grade

Key

GPAs - 1st column is weighted.
2nd column is unweighted

**Class rank will no longer exist,
beginning with the class of 2024**

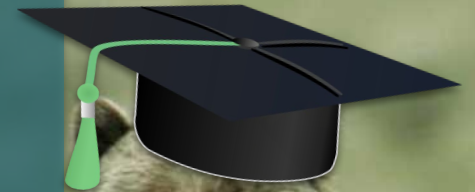
**Credit Summary (aka Graduation
Requirements) - will review in the next slide**

Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark Att/Cmp	Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark Att/Cmp	Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark Att/Cmp
Grd 9 First Semester 21-22 PONDEROSA HIGH SCHOOL								
p 0101	English	B+ 5.00 5.00						
p 0212	Algebra 1	A 5.00 5.00						
p 0271	Life Fitness 1	A 5.00 5.00						
p 0306	Earth/Space Sci	A 5.00 5.00						
p 0411	Spanish 1	A 5.00 5.00						
p 0451	ICT Foundations	A 5.00 5.00						
Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 30.00 TGPA: 3.83								
Work in Progress: PONDEROSA HIGH SCHOOL								
p 0101	English 1	5.00 0.00						
p 0212	Algebra 1	5.00 0.00						
0265	Health	5.00 0.00						
p 0271	Life Fitness 1	5.00 0.00						
p 0306	Earth/Space Sci	5.00 0.00						
p 0411	Spanish 1	5.00 0.00						
Total Credit: 30.00								

Course Tags: * = Non Academic + = Honors (weighted) p = College Prep			CREDIT SUMMARY		
Academic GPA	3.7500	3.7500	Subject Area	Credit Req'd	Compl Needed
Total GPA	3.8333	3.8333	World History	10.00	- 10.00
Credit Attempted: 30.00			U S Hist/Geog	10.00	- 10.00
Credit Completed: 30.00			Amer Government	5.00	- 5.00
Class Size: 445			Economics	5.00	- 5.00
Class Rank: 95			Physical Science	10.00	5.00 5.00
Ranked by Weighted Total GPA			Life Science	10.00	- 10.00
School Enter: 8/9/2021			Physical Education	20.00	5.00 15.00
Class of 2025			Health	5.00	- 5.00
			Computer Tech	5.00	5.00 -
			English	30.00	5.00 25.00
			Algebra 1	10.00	5.00 5.00
			Mathematics	20.00	- 20.00
			Electives	80.00	- 80.00
			* TOTALS *	240.00	30.00 210.00

Graduation Requirements

<u>Course Requirements</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	40
Social Studies	30
Math (minimum through Geometry)	30
Science (1 Life and 1 Physical Science)	20
Health	5
Computer Technology/American Mosaic	5
Fine Arts <u>or</u> World Language <u>or</u> CTE	20
Physical Education	20
Additional Credits	70
Total	240



How do I start
planning for my
future?

What should I do
after high school?



Begin with a Career in Mind!

1st Step: Identity Career Goal or Career Interests

2nd Step: Identify Major / Required Training

3rd Step: Identify the Appropriate Post-Secondary Program

Log into californiacolleges.edu!



Register Your Account



Go Here

CaliforniaColleges.edu

Your free, all-access pass to a bright future.

Students, find your path and build knowledge, skills, and a plan to achieve your dreams. **Parents and educators**, guide and support them every step of the way.

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Sign in with Google

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Take Assessments and Find Career Options!

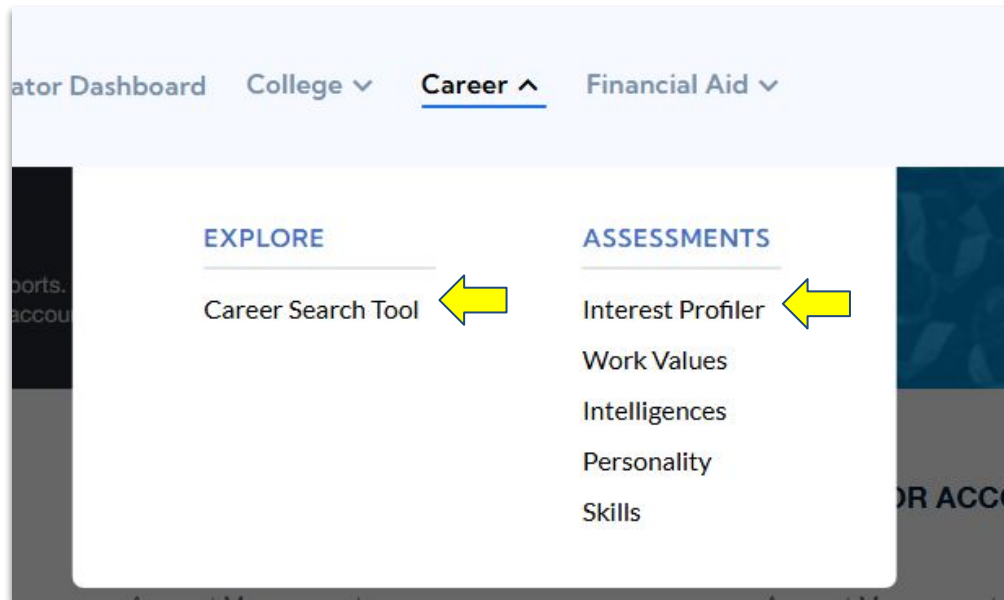
See how Your Interests MATCH CAREERS

-  1 Decide how much you'd like or dislike each task
-  2 Review a profile of your interests based on your responses
-  3 Explore careers that match your interests

Get Started

Learn About Your SKILLS

-  1 Rate your abilities and preferences
-  2 Review your strengths and challenges
-  3 Explore careers that match your strengths



Post Secondary Options

Employment

Career College

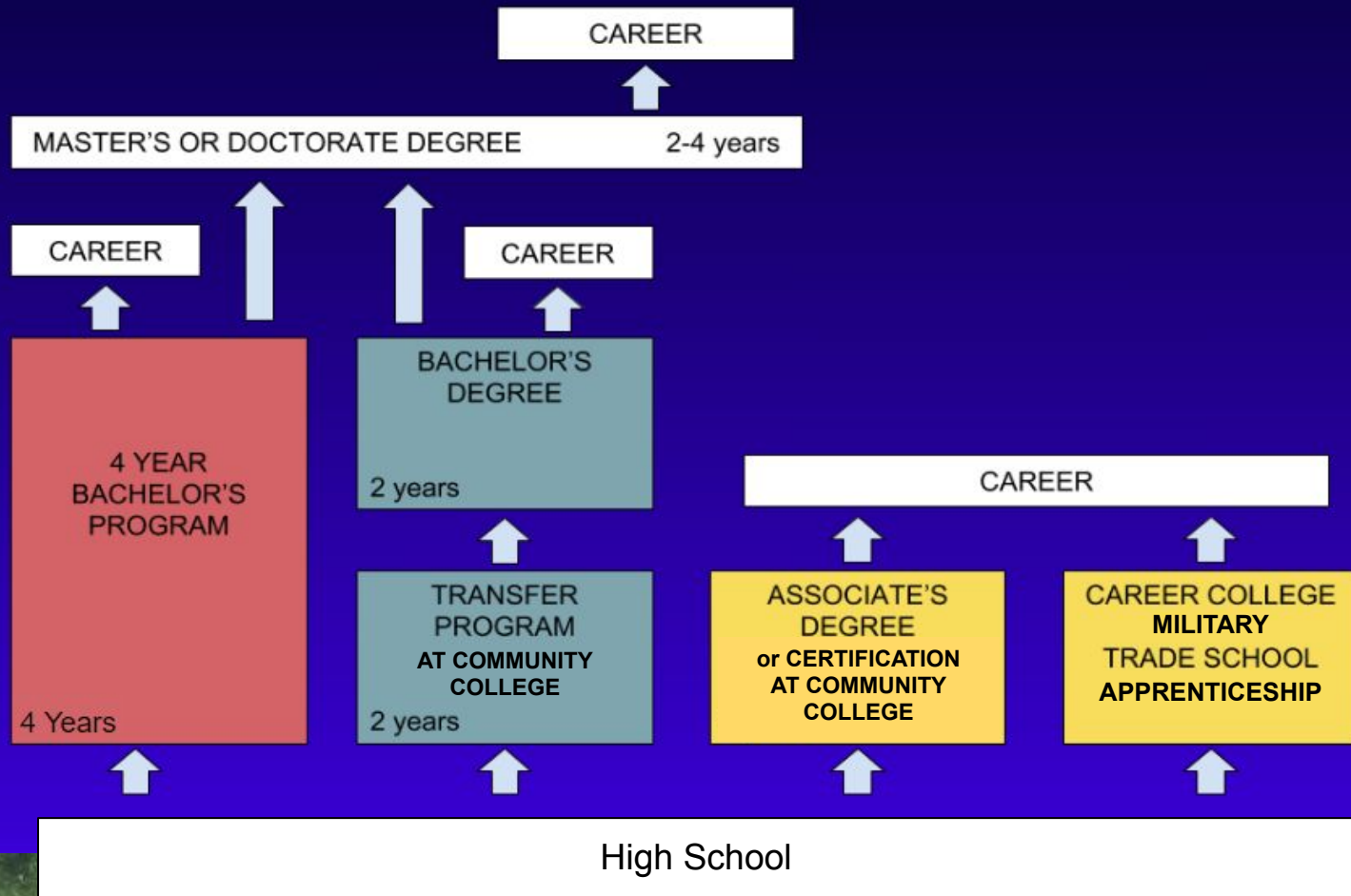
Military or Military Academy

Apprenticeship Program

College (2 year and/or 4 year)



Multiple Ways to Gain Post-Secondary Skills



4 Year College Option

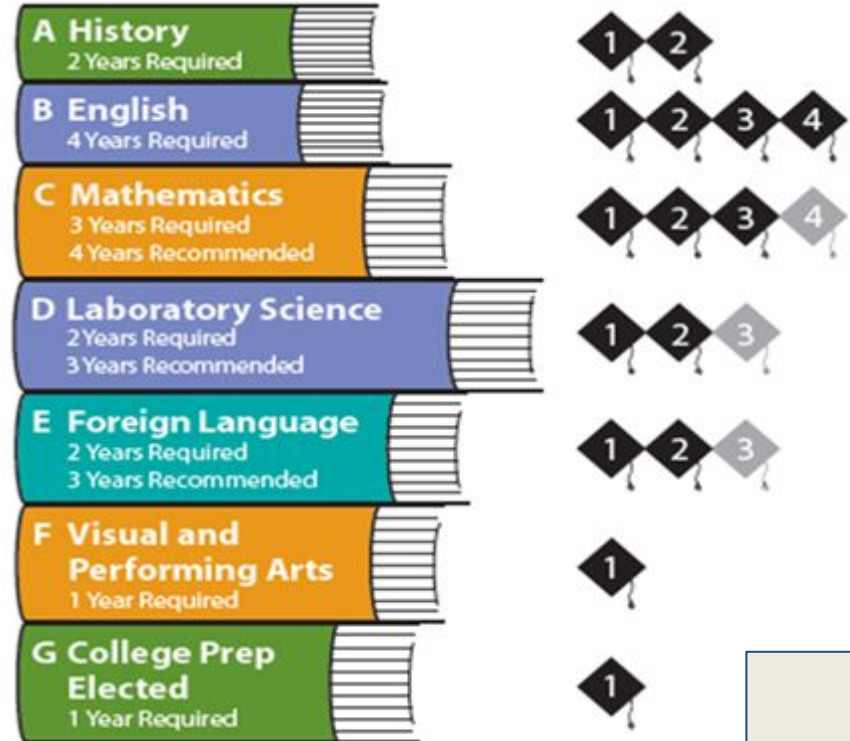


4 Year College Option Straight out of high school

- Grades of C or better required.
- Some universities may want to see involvement in extracurricular activities.
- SAT/ACT may be required for admission.

You can go to **COLLEGE**

A–G Requirements*
California State University ♦ University of California



* Grades of C or better required.

Ponderosa High School Honors Recognition

Honors Criteria at Graduation

Students meeting cumulative honors criteria at the end of the 12th grade year will have the latin honor printed on their transcript and an honors sticker affixed to their diploma. Students will receive a cord to wear at graduation. Honors criteria will be as follows:



Summa Cum Laude (with highest distinction)

- Earn a 4.00 or higher weighted GPA¹
- Meet or exceed standard on CAASPP ELA and math²
- Complete at least one course that qualifies for an extra grade point.³
- Meet UC/CSU A-G requirements
- Earn all A and B grades.⁴

Magna Cum Laude (with great distinction)

- Earn a 3.50 or higher weighted GPA¹
- Meet or exceed standard on CAASPP ELA and math²
- Meet UC/CSU A-G requirements
- Earn all A, B, and C grades.⁴

Cum Laude (with honor or praise)

- Earn a 3.00-3.49 weighted GPA¹
- Meet or exceed standard on CAASPP ELA and math²
- Meet UC/CSU A-G requirements
- Earn all A, B, and C grades.⁴

1. GPA includes all courses reported on the transcript. GPA will be rounded to the nearest hundredth. For example, if a student earns a 3.995 GPA, the GPA will be rounded to 4.00.
2. This requirement will begin with the class of 2027.
3. Includes all Advanced Placement courses and Honors Anatomy and Physiology.
4. If a student earns an unsatisfactory grade in a course and subsequently retakes the course and earns a grade that meets a particular honors level grade requirement, the requirement will be considered as met. The original course and grade may still be used to calculate the cumulative GPA.

Want to play sports in High School?

Grades Matter!

Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA to be eligible to participate in sports





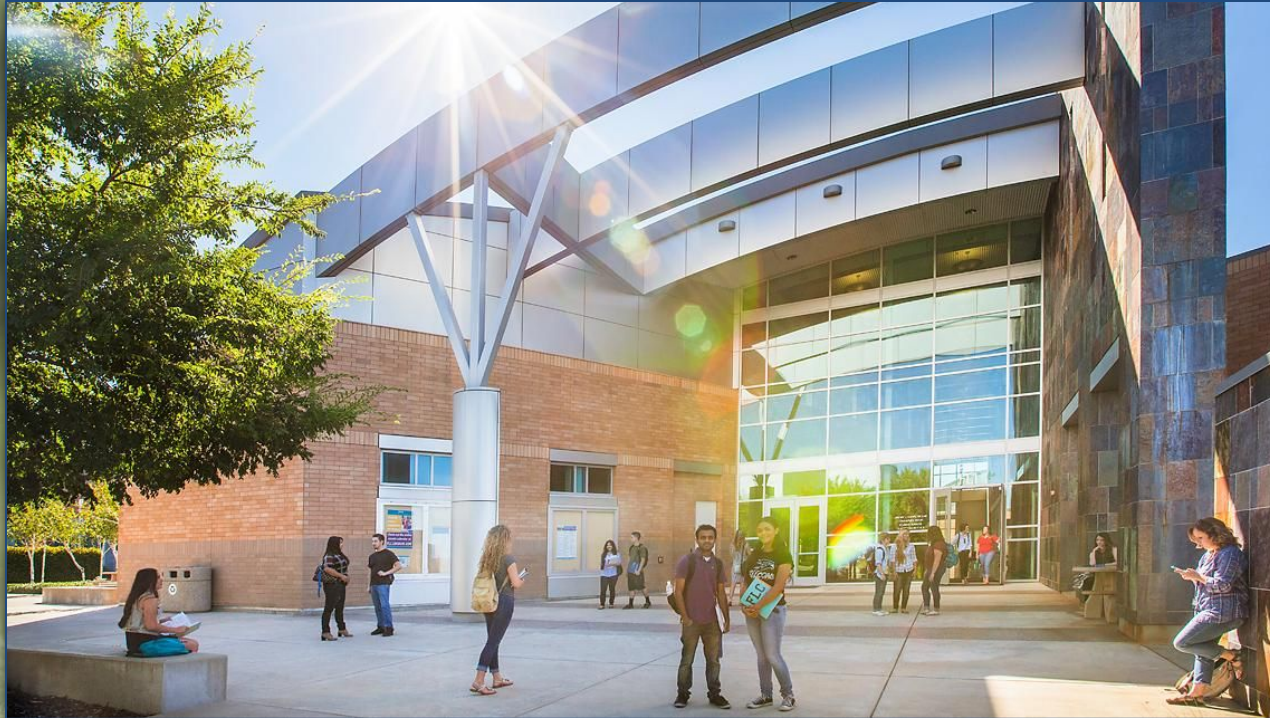
College Admission Testing

- Take **SAT/ACT** in **Spring Junior year** (if required for your admission to college).

How can I prepare for the SAT?

- Take the **Practice SAT (PSAT)** in the Fall of your Sophomore and/or Junior year.

Community College



Why Attend a Community College?

1. Career Training
2. Associates Degree
3. Prepare to Transfer to a University
4. You can get a head start in college by Advanced Education Classes while in high school!



What is a Trade School or Career College?

A trade school or career college sometimes referred to as a vocational school, technical school, or vocational college, is a post-secondary institution that's designed to give students the technical skills to prepare them for a specific occupation.

Apprenticeships

Training in the trades (plumber, electricians, carpenters, etc) provides **SKILLED** hands-on experience leading to full-time jobs.

Search for apprenticeships at [Cal Jobs](#):



Partial List of Trade Resources
(links provided)

[Iron Workers](#)

[Carpenters](#)

[Laborers](#)

[Electricians](#)

[Plumbers and Pipefitters](#)



Military Option



Military Branches and How to Get Started

<https://www.military.com/>



Army
FULL/PART TIME



Marine Corps
FULL/PART TIME



Navy
FULL/PART TIME



Air Force
FULL/PART TIME



Space Force
FULL TIME



Coast Guard
FULL/PART TIME

Explore your options

- [Talk to a recruiter](#)
 - Visit [College & Career Center](#)
- Take the [ASVAB](#) - Hosted by the PHS College & Career Center
- Research [ROTC](#) Programs in College
- [Military School](#)
- [Enlistment](#)

Explore Opportunities While You're in High School

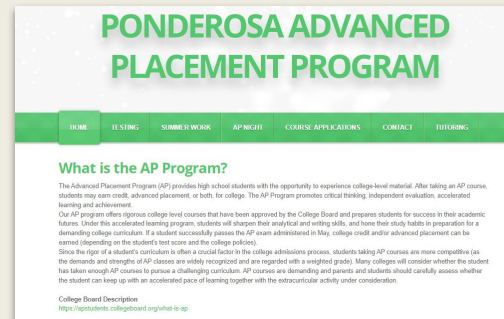
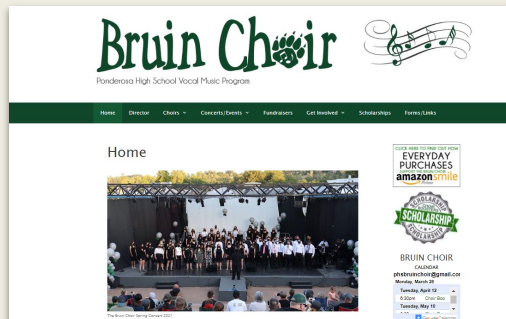


Elective Classes at PHS

For more information: <https://bruin.eduhsd.k12.ca.us>

Enroll in classes that might spark a new interest!

Learn more about electives such as Agriculture, Computer Science, Art, Digital Media, 3D Design, Culinary, Auto, Psychology, Ag Mechanics, Leadership, Yearbook, Band, Choir, Science Fiction, Advanced Placement classes and more!

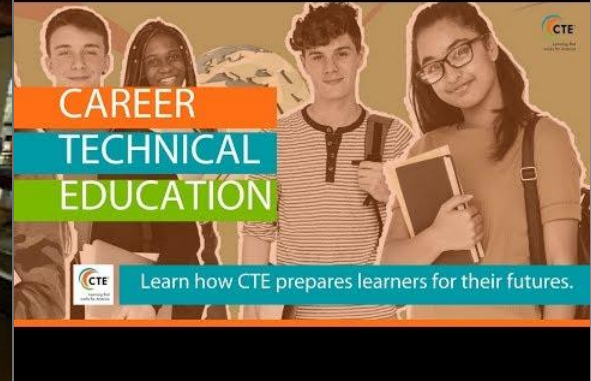


PHS Course Options and Elective Fair January 23, 2026
During Lunch in the Large Gym

EDUHSD Regional Occupational Programs (ROP)

Junior & Senior Year

Animal Health
Automotive Engine
*Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
Dental Careers
Diesel Engine
Fire Control Technician
Health Careers
Law Enforcement
Metal Fabrication & Welding



To learn more about ROP, [click here](#)

Dual Enrollment at the Community College

Get a head start on college by earning college credit while you are still in high school.
No Enrollment Fees!

- Qualified high school students are invited to take classes and earn college credit at any California Community College through the Advanced Education / Dual Enrollment Program. The grades earned in Advanced Education/Dual Enrollment courses will be reflected on a student's permanent college transcript.
- Students may enroll in up to two (2) courses during any semester.

How to get started with Advanced Education - [Click Here](#)

Dual enrollment information will be available via your Counselor



New Graduation Requirement

Choose ONE or more of the following options:

1. 20 credits in World Language, Career Technical Education, or Visual/Performing Arts
Examples: Drama & Adv. Drama, Spanish 1 & Spanish 2, or Ag mech & Adv. Ag Mech

or

2. Take the requirements needed to go straight to a 4-year university - “A to G”

or

3. Take at least 2 Advanced Education/Dual Enrollment classes at the local community college.

THE WELLNESS CENTER

How to Access:

You can request to meet with the Wellness Center directly by emailing or calling.
You can also ask your counselor to submit a referral.

Email:

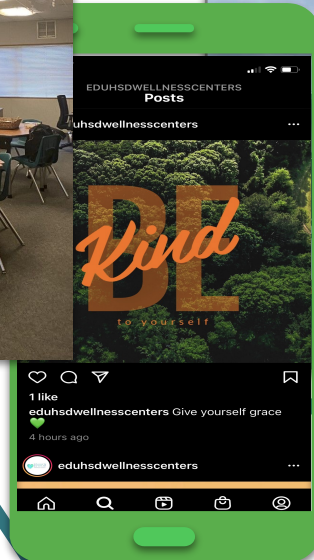
bruinwellness@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

Phone: 530.280.2009

You can follow the Wellness Center on Instagram at: [@eduhsdwellnesscenters](https://www.instagram.com/eduhsdwellnesscenters)

The Wellness Center also has a website full of resources!

<https://www.scfswellnesscenters.org/>



We are here to support you in your future plans!

PHS Counselors

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- Mrs. Katie Hunter - khunter@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

E - Leo

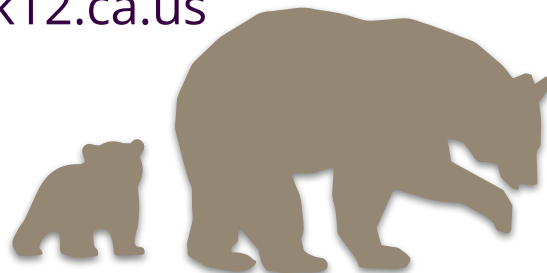
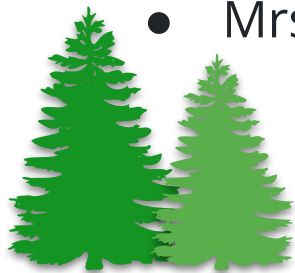
- Mr. Jim Spratling (Director of Guidance) - jspratling@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

Ler- Rod

- Mrs. Lisa Woods - lwoods@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

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- Mrs. Mandy Fiedler - mfiedler@eduhsd.k12.ca.us



Time to Pass Out 4 Year Planning Guide

Ponderosa High School Sequence of Classes



Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
English English 1 Adv English 1	English English 2 Adv English 2	English English 3 AP English Language	English English 4 (numerous course offerings available- see Course Catalog) AP English Literature
Mathematics Algebra Foundations Algebra 1 Geometry Adv Algebra 2	Mathematics Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra 2 Adv Algebra 2 Pre Calc/AP Pre Calc	Mathematics Geometry Algebra 2/Adv Algebra 2 Prob & Stats/AP Stats Pre Calc/AP Pre Calc Diff Calc / AP Calculus AB	Mathematics Financial Analysis Algebra 2 Prob & Stats/AP Stats Pre Calc/AP Pre Calc / Diff Calc AP Calculus AB/BC
Science Biology Agricultural Biology	Science Biology Agricultural Biology Environmental Science Adv Chemistry Physics	Science* Adv Chemistry Environmental Science Physics/AP Physics 1 Honors Physiology / AP Biology AP Environmental Science	Science* Adv Chemistry Environmental Science Physics/AP Physics 1 & 2 Honors Physiology / AP Biology AP Environmental Science
Health/ICT/ American Mosaic Health & ICT Foundations Health & American Mosaic Exploring Computer Science	Social Studies World History AP World History	Social Studies US History AP US History	Social Studies American Govt & Economics AP Government & AP Economics
Physical Education Life Fitness 1	Physical Education Life Fitness 2	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

Math & Science courses follow a sequence based on progression.

Please refer to Course Catalog for course descriptions.

*If not taking Science, select an alternative elective

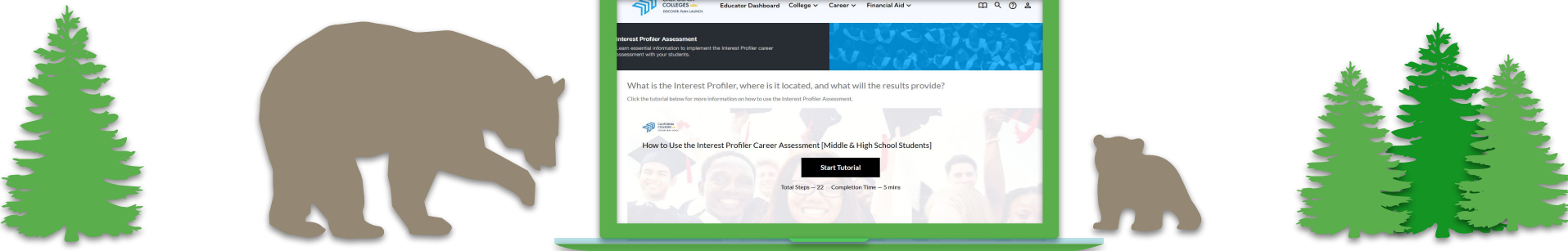
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Upcoming FLEX Time Opportunities

Register Under College & Career Center:

10/17 - Career Exploration via californiacolleges.edu

11/7 - 4 Year Planning Guidance



9th Grade Planning Page



9th Grade 2025-2026 Post-Secondary and Career Planning Opportunities

College Rep Visits

Throughout the Fall semester, admissions representatives from public, private, in-state, and out-of-state universities, technical and trade schools will visit Ponderosa during lunch and Flex Time.

College Fair

September 29 @ Union Mine High School

We encourage all EDUHSD students and families to attend this event. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions from well over 50 different College Admission Counselors.

Freshmen Career Unit

October 1-9

Counselors will present to all Freshmen during Flex Time. Topics will include:

- Graduation Requirements
- Post-Secondary Options and Career Planning
- Creating an Academic 4-Year Plan

Presentations are available on the PHS Career Center page.

* Freshmen are encouraged to log onto california.college.edu and complete the Interest Profiler and navigate the Career Search tool to aid in identifying potential careers.

Course Info & Elective Fair

January 23

PHS & ROP Department representatives to help students explore options for the 26/27 course selection. Occurs during FLEX into lunch in the Large Gym.

Class Registration for 2026-2027

February 3-11

Information and directions for registration will be distributed in class early in the Spring semester.

Career Expo

March 5 @ Union Mine High School

We encourage all EDUHSD students and families to attend this event. You'll learn from dozens of local professionals from a wide variety of career fields, find volunteer and internship opportunities, and even have a chance to apply for jobs. Visit the College & Career Center for more information.

FlexTime Workshops

The College and Career Center hosts FlexTime Workshops. The schedule is available on the main school calendar @ bruin.eduhsd.k12.ca.us

THANK YOU



**If you have any questions, feel free to
reach out to your counselor or
visit the College & Career Center!**