

Ponderosa High School



9th Grade
Meetings



We will cover:

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Graduation Requirements

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How to prepare for your career

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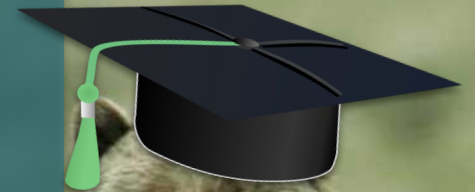
Post High School Options

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4 year plan, upcoming opportunities

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/ICT	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!

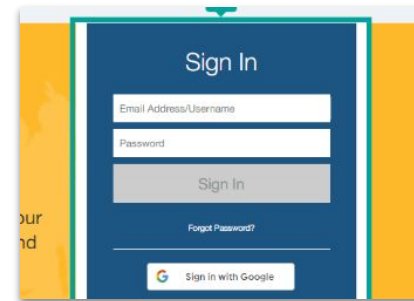
1st Step: Identity Career Goal or Career Interests

2nd Step: Identify Major / Required Training

3rd Step: Identify the Appropriate Post-Secondary Program

Planning for your future via CaliforniaColleges.edu

1. Log in to [Californiacolleges.edu](https://californiacolleges.edu) using Google Account



You can use California Colleges to help with:

College Exploration & Applications

Career Exploration & Planning

Financial Aid & FAFSA

Career Exploration via CaliforniaColleges.edu

Under “Career” select the different assessments you would like to complete. Each assessment you choose will have an instruction video to watch. You can save careers that you are interested in to add to your profile.

The screenshot displays the 'Career' section of the CaliforniaColleges.edu website. The top navigation bar includes 'Career' with a dropdown arrow. Below it, the 'ASSESSMENTS' menu is visible, listing 'Interest Profiler', 'Work Values', 'Intelligences', 'Personality', and 'Skills'. The 'Related Careers' section is also shown, featuring a table of career options with columns for 'Career', 'Growth Outlook', and 'Favorite'.

Career	Growth Outlook	Favorite
Anthropology and Archaeology Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	♥
Geographers	NA	♥
Geography Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	♥
Diagnosticians	Grow Rapidly	♥
Sociologists	NA	♥
Area, Ethnic, and Cultural Studies Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	♥
Archivists	Grow Rapidly	♥
Sociology Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	♥
Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	Grow Rapidly	♥

College Search via CaliforniaColleges.edu

Under “Colleges” select the College and/or Major Search Tool.

The screenshot displays the CaliforniaColleges.edu website interface. The top navigation bar includes the logo, "Educator Dashboard", and links for "College", "Career", and "Financial Aid". The "College" link is active, showing a dropdown menu with "EXPLORE" and "APPLY" sections. The "EXPLORE" section lists "College Search Tool" and "Major Search Tool". The "APPLY" section lists "Launch from CaliforniaColleges.edu", "California Community Colleges Application", "California State University Application", "University of California Application", "Other Applications", "Common Application", and "Common Black College Application". A sidebar on the left shows filters for "California Only", "All U.S.", and "California College Type". A search bar on the right contains the text "criminal". The main content area displays a list of 15 colleges, sorted by Name, with columns for college name, enrollment, type, average net price, and acceptance rate.

15 Colleges				
College Name	Enrollment	Type	Avg. Net Price	Accept. Rate
California State University-Bakersfield Bakersfield, California - City	8,336 Medium	Public 4-year	\$6,567/year	88%
California State University-Chico Chico, California - City	13,160 Medium	Public 4-year	\$15,187/year	94%
California State University-Dominguez Hills Carson, California - City	12,730 Medium	Public 4-year	\$4,438/year	91%
California State University-East Bay Hayward, California - Suburban	10,562 Medium	Public 4-year	\$10,874/year	97%
California State University-Fullerton Fullerton, California - Suburban	37,125 Large	Public 4-year	\$6,283/year	87%
California State University-Long Beach Long Beach, California - City	34,243 Large	Public 4-year	\$9,731/year	47%

Post Secondary Options

Employment

Career College

Military or Military Academy

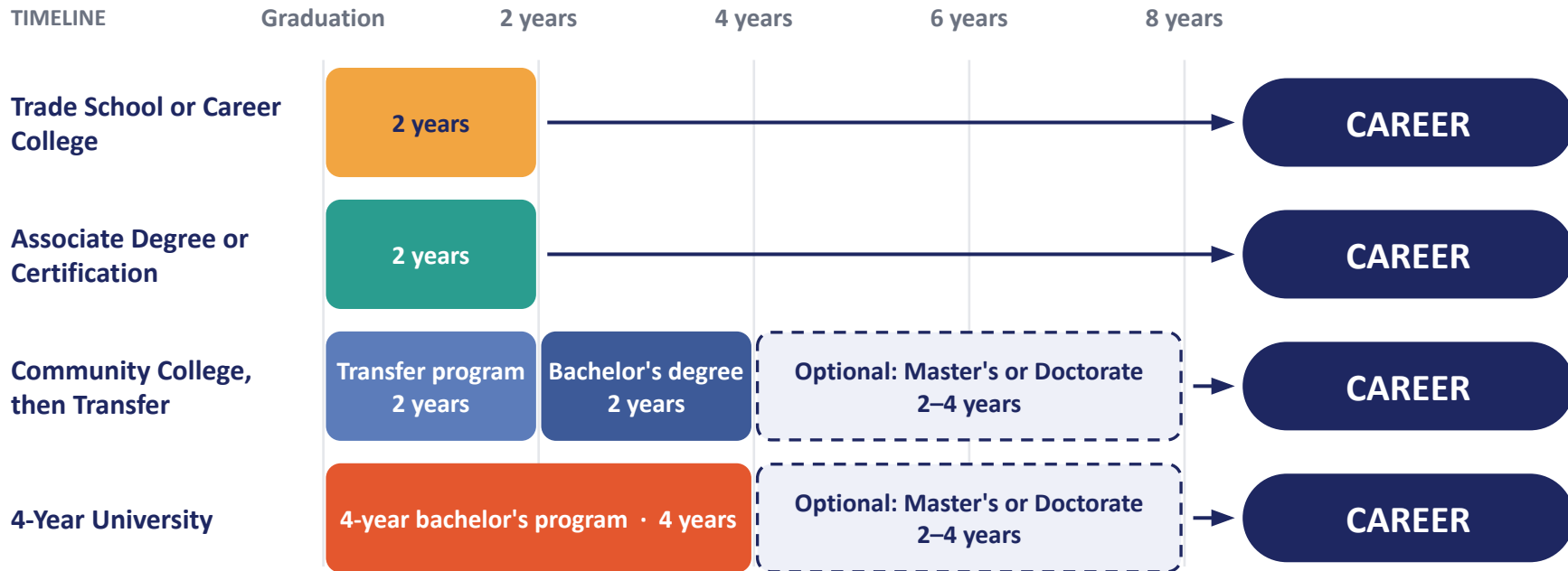
Apprenticeship Program

College (2 year and/or 4 year)



What Comes After High School?

Every path leads to a career. They just take different amounts of time.



Not sure which path fits you? Start by exploring what careers interest you, then work backward.

4 Year College Option

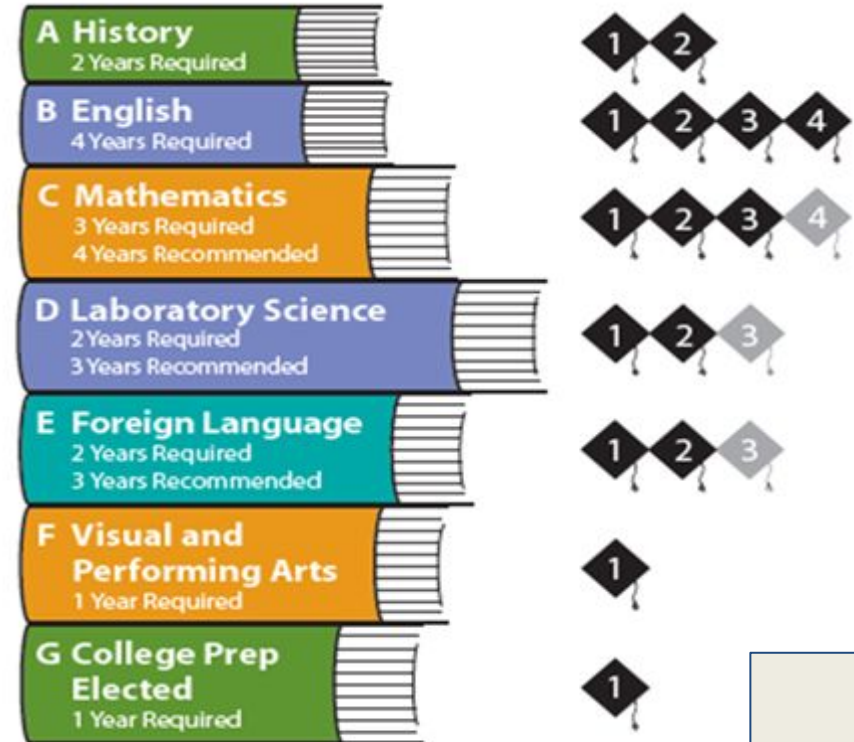


4 Year College Option Straight out of high school

- 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





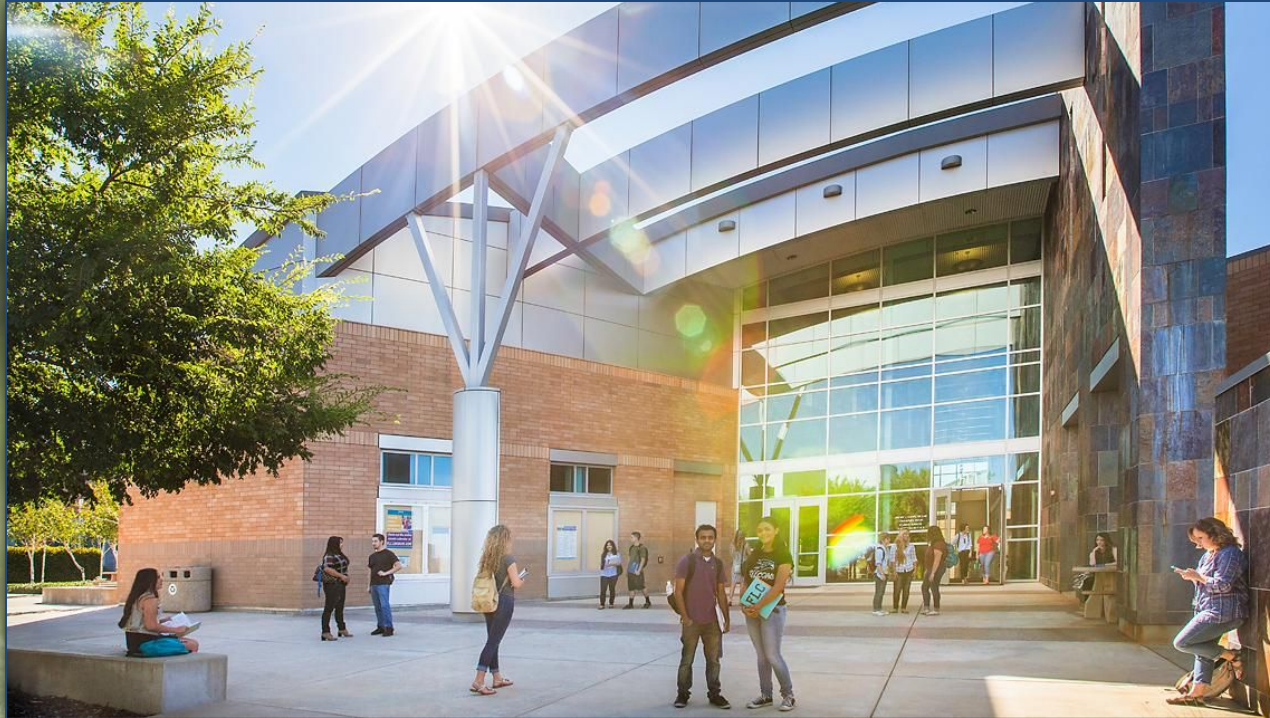
College Admission Testing

- 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.



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

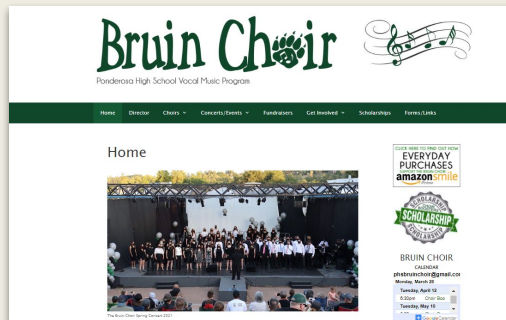


Elective Classes at PHS

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!

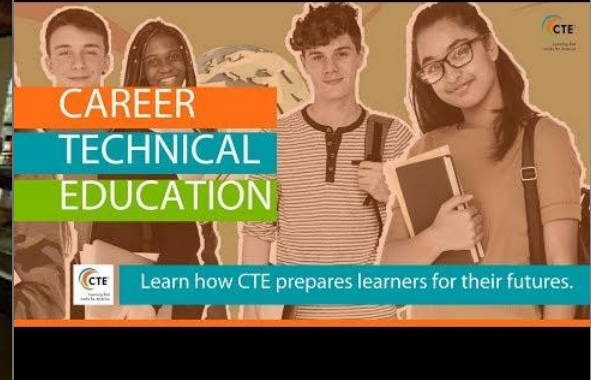


PHS Course Options and Elective Fair January 22, 2027
During Lunch in the Large Gym

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 Dual Enrollment - [Click Here](#)

Dual enrollment information available in the Career Center



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:

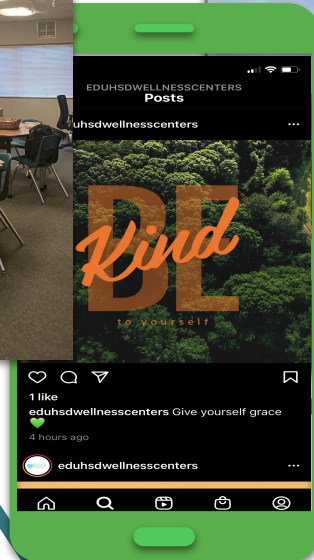
bruinwellness@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

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. Jessi Wunschel - jwunschel@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

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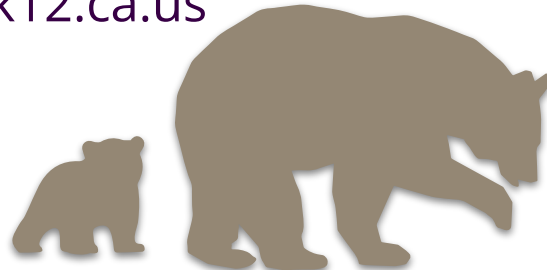
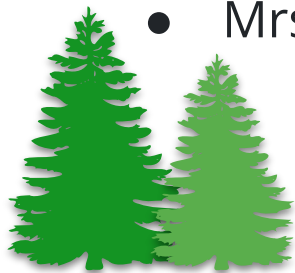
- Mr. Jim Spratling (Director of Guidance) - jspratling@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

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- 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



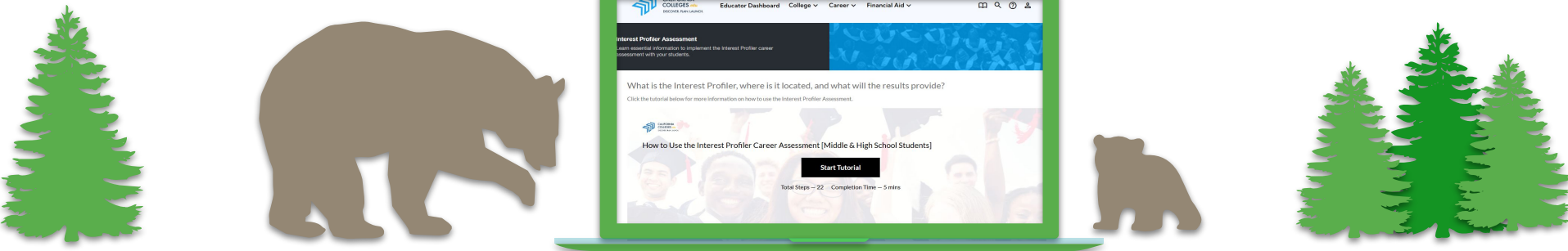
Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
English English 1 Adv English 1	English English 2 Adv English 2	English English 3 AP English Language	English English 4 (numerous course offerings available- see Course Catalog) AP English Literature
Mathematics Algebra Foundations Algebra 1 Geometry Adv Algebra 2	Mathematics 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/Adv 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 Chemistry / Adv Chemistry Physics AP Environmental Science	Science* Chemistry / Adv Chemistry Environmental Science Physics/AP Physics 1 Honors Physiology / AP Biology AP Environmental Science	Science* Chemistry / Adv Chemistry Environmental Science Physics/AP Physics 1 & 2 Honors Physiology / AP Biology AP Environmental Science
Health/ICT Health & ICT Foundations 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

Upcoming FLEX Time Opportunities

Register Under College & Career Center:

11/6 - Career Exploration via californiacolleges.edu

11/20 - 4 Year Planning Guidance



9th Grade Planning Page



9th Grade 2026-2027 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

October 7 @ Union Mine High School

We encourage all EDUHS 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

September 30, Oct. 1, Oct. 8

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 californiacollege.edu and complete the Interest Profiler and navigate the Career Search tool to aid in identifying potential careers.*

Course Info & Elective Fair

January 22

PHS & ROP Department representatives to help students explore options for the 27/28 course selection. Occurs during FLEX into lunch in the Large Gym.

Class Registration for 2027-2028

February 1-12

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

Career Expo

March 4th @ Union Mine High School

We encourage all EDUHS 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!**