



# Ponderosa High School

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**"Proud, Productive, Proven"**

## OUR SCHOOL

**Accredited:** 1984  
**Founded:** 1983  
**School Type:** A four-year comprehensive public high school  
**Location:** Parker, southern suburb of Denver  
**Schedule:** Two semester calendar  
**Accreditation:** Colorado Department of Education  
**Enrollment:** 1357

**Newsweek's** top 500 High Schools and **US News and World Report's** top 300 High Schools

## PONDEROSA ADMINISTRATION

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## PONDEROSA COUNSELORS

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## FACULTY AND STAFF

83 state certified instructors, counselors, professional staff and administrators. The majority hold Masters Degrees. There are 31 support staff members.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

**AP Course Offerings/Concurrent Enrollment (33+):**  
Art History Environmental Science PC Applications  
Automotive Early Childhood Ed Photography  
Biology European History Physics C  
Business French Psychology  
Calculus AB Graphic Design Sculpture  
Calculus BC Human Geography Spanish  
Ceramics Infant & Toddler Dev. Statistics  
Chemistry Jewelry US Government  
College Math Language & Comp. US History  
College Prep English Marketing  
Drawing & Painting

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES and ATHLETICS

Ponderosa offers 27 varsity sports and is a member of the Continental League. Ponderosa has over 47 extracurricular activities ranging from service organizations to student-interest clubs. Students can earn an athletic letter, an activities letter, and an academic letter. For a complete list of clubs and activities, please see our website at: [www.phsmustangs.com](http://www.phsmustangs.com)

## GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	Unweighted GPA	Weighted GPA	Grading Scale
A	4.0	5.0	A = 90-100 %
B	3.0	4.0	B = 80-89 %
C	2.0	3.0	C = 70-79%
D	1.0	1.0	D = 60-69%
F	0.0	0.0	F = 0-59%

Weighted grade points are awarded for Advanced Placement classes. Honors classes are not weighted.

### Class of 2017

	Weighted GPA	Unweighted GPA
GPA Range	4.52-1.25	4.00-1.25
Top 10%	4.17	3.92
Top 25%	3.90	3.75
Median GPA	3.03	2.95

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student must successfully complete a minimum of 24 credits in order to graduate from all Douglas County high schools. One-half credit is equal to one semester.

Language Arts	4.0	Practical Arts	1.0
Social Studies	3.0	Fine Arts	1.0
Mathematics	3.0	Physical Education	1.0
Science	3.0	Elective Credits	8.0

\*\*Community Service requirement of 20 hours.

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014
# Students Tested	238	284	286	286
# AP Tests	372	411	400	439
% of 3 or Higher	60	69.4	67.8	66.8
# AP Scholars	32	27	31	33
# AP Scholars with Honors	18	13	12	10
# AP Scholars with Distinction	19	21	13	17
# AP National Scholars	2	1	4	1

## SAT SCORES FROM APRIL 2017 STATE TEST

	PHS	CO
Composite	1060	1015
Math	526	501
Reading/Writing	534	514

## NATIONAL MERIT

# Scholars: 27 # Finalists: 57  
# Semi-Finalists: 65 # Commended: 65

## POST SECONDARY PLANS

**Class of 2017**  
Graduation Rate: 98.7%  
Four year college/university: 63.17%  
Two year college: 18.1%  
Military: 4.13%  
Work Force: 3.17%  
Trade School: 2.86%  
Gap Year: 4.76%  
Undecided/Unknown: 3.17%