



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: 1450

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

PONDEROSA ADMINISTRATION

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FACULTY AND STAFF

93 state certified instructors, counselors, professional staff and administrators. The majority hold Masters Degrees. There are 38 support staff members.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP Course Offerings/Concurrent Enrollment (33+):

Art History	Drawing & Painting	Macroeconomics
Automotive	Environmental Science	Music Theory
Biology	Early Childhood Ed	Photography
Business	European History	Physics C
Calculus AB	French	Psychology
Calculus BC	Graphic Design	Sculpture
Ceramics	Human Geography	Spanish
Chemistry	Infant & Toddler Dev.	Statistics
College Math	Jewelry	US Government
College Prep English	Language & Comp	US History
Computer Science	Literature & Comp.	

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

Mission

The purpose of Ponderosa High School is to empower all students to become caring, contributing citizens who can succeed in an ever-changing world.

Vision

Ponderosa High School is dedicated to providing a positive educational experience for every student, every family, every day.

Core Values

Respect, Empathy, Kindness, Honesty, Responsibility, Accountability, Hard Work, Resiliency.

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.

GPA Range	Class of 2019	
	Weighted GPA	Unweighted GPA
GPA Range	4.51-1.26	4.00-1.26
Top 10%	4.13	3.92
Top 25%	3.88	3.74
Median GPA	3.20	3.17

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	2019	2018	2017	2016
# Students Tested	279	320	238	284
# AP Tests	452	368	372	411
% of 3 or Higher	66	71	60	69.4
# AP Scholars	12	18	32	27
# AP Scholars with Honors	14	15	18	13
# AP Scholars with Distinction	19	20	19	21
# AP National Scholars	2	3	2	1

SAT SCORES FROM APRIL 2019 STATE TEST

	PHS	CO
Composite	1047	1000
Math	521	496
Reading/Writing	525	504

NATIONAL MERIT

Scholars: 27 # Finalists: 58
Semi-Finalists: 65 # Commended: 65

POST SECONDARY PLANS

Class of 2019

Graduation Rate:99%	Workforce: 2.4%
Four-year college/university: 63.7%	Trade School: 4.8%
Two-year college: 18.3%	Gap Year: 2.8%
Military: 5.2%	Undecided/Unknown: 2.8%