



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: 1,447

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.

PONDEROSA ADMINISTRATION

Principal, Ryan Hollingshead	rshollingshead@dcsdk12.org
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Class of 2023

	Weighted GPA	Unweighted GPA
GPA Range	4.44-1.49	4.00-1.49
Top 10%	4.38	3.93
Top 25%	4.1	3.92
Median GPA	3.38	3.23

PONDEROSA COUNSELORS

Laurie Portman (10th/12th)	A-CI	lzportman@dcsdk12.org
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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

FACULTY AND STAFF

107 state certified instructors, counselors, professional staff and administrators. The majority hold Masters Degrees. There are 42 support staff members.

COLLEGEBOARD AP TESTING

	Year	2023	2022	2021	2020
Students Tested		292	293	267	316
AP Tests		475	489	408	531
Students with Scores 3+		214	223	186	225
AP Scholars		34	32	42	34
AP Scholars with Honors		17	21	15	16
AP Scholars with Distinction		20	27	23	23
AP National Scholars		N/A	N/A	N/A	4
AP International Scholars		1	N/A	N/A	N/A

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

# Scholars: 6	# Finalists: 0
# Semi-Finalists: 2	# Commended: 0

POST SECONDARY PLANS

Class of 2023

Graduation Rate: 99%	Workforce: 8%
Four-year college/university: 63%	Trade School: 7%
Two-year college: 8%	Gap Year: 5%
Military: 2%	Undecided/Unknown: 7%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/COLLEGE COURSES

AP 2-D Art and Design	AP Macroeconomics	ACC English Comp
AP 3-D Art and Design	AP Microeconomics	ACC English Literature
AP Biology	AP Physics C: Mech	ACC Human Relation
AP Calculus AB	AP Pre-Calculus	ACC Infant/Toddler
AP Calculus BC	AP Psychology	ACC Intro to Business
AP Ceramics	AP Statistics	ACC Intro to PC Apps
AP Chemistry	AP World History	ACC Prin of Marketing
AP Drawing	AP US Government	ACC Spanish 1 & 2
AP Environ. Science	AP US History	ACC Statistics
AP Human Geography	ACC Auto	ACC Trigonometry
AP Language & Comp	ACC College Algebra	CTE Personal Finance
AP Literature & Comp	ACC Early Child Ed	CTE Intro to PC Apps

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

Ponderosa offers 25 varsity sports and is a member of the Continental League. Ponderosa has over 48 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.