

# PERSHING CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL

*Mustangs Respect Property, People &  
Themselves.*



**Parent - Student Handbook 2025 - 2026**

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Pershing Continuation High School Office..... 268-2272  
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Central Unified District Office..... 274-4700  
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## School Motto

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The following information is available in the main office:

- Non-Discrimination Policy
- Sexual Orientation Harassment
- Sexual Harassment
- Williams Settlement Complaint Procedures
- Uniform Complaint Procedure

## Vision and Mission statements

**Every Step Forward Counts!**



Central Unified School District  
**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

**CORE VALUES:**

- Communication
- Achievement
- Resilience
- Empathy
- Service

**1 BELIEFS**  
We believe in excellence and high expectations.  
We believe in equity and access.  
We believe in collaboration and community.

**2 VISION**  
Central Unified will be a regional leader in education where all students graduate ready for success.

**3 MISSION**  
Embrace diversity to educate our youth, ensure academic success, and empower tomorrow's leaders.

*We are Central Unified!*



### **School Vision**

Pershing High School is an educational institution where students come to learn and where staff come to inspire. It is a community for learning and provides a solid foundation for students to develop tools for future success. It is a safe and friendly environment.

### **School Mission**

The mission of Pershing High School is to assess the educational needs of each student and to provide educational opportunities for all in developing positive self-esteem, enhancing academic skills and improving social skills and civic responsibility.

## ***School-wide Learner Outcomes (SLO's)***

### **All PHS students will be Collaborative Workers who:**

- *Develop Respect for themselves and the rights of others*
- *Work well with others; understand and fulfill various roles*
- *Manage interpersonal relationships with culturally diverse settings*
- *Exhibit positive attitudes*

### **All PHS students will be Effective Communicators who:**

- *Write effectively and coherently utilizing Standard English conventions.*
- *Read, comprehend, and communicate facts, thoughts, and opinions using appropriate language.*

### **All PHS students will be Self Directed Learners who:**

- *Acquire a high school diploma*
- *Become productive persons through vocational instruction*
- *Consistently attend class*
- *Are prepared to continue their education*
- *Are lifelong learners*
- *Set realistic academic and vocational goals*

### **All PHS students will be Healthy Individuals who:**

- *Develop a feeling of self-worth, self-confidence and personal satisfaction.*
- *Prioritize and use time effectively.*
- *Demonstrate skills in resolving conflicts through positive, non-violent means.*

### **All PHS students will be Critical Thinkers who:**

- *Make informed choices.*
- *Identify, assess, analyze, validate, integrate and use available resources and information.*
- *Are successful in standard based curriculum.*

### **All PHS students will be Effective Citizens who:**

- *Are actively involved in the community.*
- *Demonstrate a sense of personal and social responsibility.*
- *Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures that fosters tolerance for individual differences.*
- *Are informed of civic responsibilities.*

### **All PHS students will be Technologically Skilled Workers who:**

- *Develop and utilize a variety of technological skills.*
- *Research and complete projects using a variety of resources.*
- *Demonstrate understanding of the importance of technological preparation for vocational and career placement.*



**Pershing Continuation High School**  
**Bell Schedules**

<b>Pershing Bell Schedule 2025-2026</b>					
<b>Regular Day Schedule</b>			<b>Minimum Day Schedule</b>		
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday			Wednesdays		
<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>8:25 - 8:46</b>	<b>21 Min</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>8:25 - 8:46</b>	<b>21 Min</b>
Period 1	8:50 - 9:31	41 Min	Period 1	8:50 - 9:21	31 Min
Period 2	9:35 - 10:16	41 Min	Period 2	9:25 - 9:56	31 Min
Period 3	10:20 - 11:05	45 Min	Period 4	10:00 - 10:31	31 Min
<b>Break</b>	<b>11:05 - 11:15</b>	<b>10 Min</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>10:31 - 10:41</b>	<b>10 Min</b>
Period 4	11:19 - 11:59	40 Min	Period 3	10:45 - 11:23	38 Min
Period 5	12:03 - 12:44	41 Min	Period 5	11:27 - 11:58	31 Min
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:44 - 1:11</b>	<b>27 Min</b>	Period 6	12:02 - 12:33	31 Min
Period 6	1:15 - 1:51	36 Min	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:33- 12:55</b>	<b>22 Min</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>1:51 - 2:01</b>	<b>10 Min</b>	Period 7	12:59 - 1:30	31 Min
Period 7	2:05 - 2:40	35 Min			

**Foggy Day Schedule**

When weather is so poor that it impairs visibility, Central Unified School District will not operate the school buses. There will be a delay in the transportation schedules until visibility improves. However, ALL CLASSES (K-12) WILL BEGIN ON THE REGULAR SCHEDULE. ONLY SCHOOL BUSES WILL BE DELAYED OR CANCELED.

**Channel 18 begins broadcasting foggy day schedules @ 5:30am. Updates are announced at approximately 7:30am, 8:30am and 9:30am. (Classes begin on time)**

PLAN A BUSES DELAYED 2 HOURS

PLAN B BUSES DELAYED 3 HOURS

PLAN C BUSES DELAYED 4 HOURS

PLAN D ALL MORNING BUSES ARE CANCELLED. Afternoon buses will be provided to transport students home.

## Attendance

State law requires persons under the age of 18 to attend school daily. Illnesses, medical appointments, a death in the family, or an order to appear in court are the only excusable reasons for being absent from school. The law also requires your parent or guardian to give the school the reason for the absence.

### Excessive Absences

If at any time a student's attendance problem prevents him/her from succeeding in school, the student may be classified as habitually truant and referred to a CUSD School Attendance Review Board (SARB) by a school administrator. These hearings involve the student, parents, and school in a legal action designed to compel the attendance of a student.

### Tardy Policy

Tardy policy is designed to help students be successful in the work world. We expect students to be in class, ready to work, at the start of the tardy bell.

### Coursework / Assessments

It is the student's responsibility to make-up any missing work due to absences. Attendance impacts student achievements, coursework/retakes are encouraged by the teachers.

### Independent Study Program

Families who know their child will be out of school for one week or longer should contact the school office to enroll in Independent Study.



## *Procedures for Clearing Student Absences*

Student attendance is crucial to academic success. When a student must miss class for any reason, please follow the procedure outlined below.

### **Parents:**

Call the Attendance Office at 268-2272:

- To verify reason for absence on the day the absence occurs
- To secure permission for your child to leave campus for a necessary appointment
- To review your child's attendance with the attendance secretary if questions or concerns about student success arise.

All absences should be cleared on the day of the absence.

If a student is absent for 3 or more consecutive days, a doctor's note will be requested to clear the absences.

### **Students:**

**All** students must sign out in the office **with parent authorization before leaving campus** for a necessary appointment. (This includes 18 -year old students as well).

### **Additional Attendance Notes for Parents**

Pershing wishes to keep you informed of your student's absences. An automatic dialer will call your home in the event that your child is marked absent in one or more classes that day. If you have already called in for that particular absence, please disregard the phone message. If you are unaware of the absence, please call the school and ask to speak to the attendance technician.

Teachers may indicate on grade and progress reports that absences or tardiness are affecting a student's grade in class.

**If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance record, please call 268-2272. Good attendance is an important part of success in school!**

## *Calendar of Events*

### Pershing Continuation High School

**2025-2026**

#### First Semester

August 13	School Begins
September 1	Holiday / No School
September 11	Back to School Night – 5:30 pm
September 19	End of First Grading Period
September 26	Student Recognition
October 13	Fall Day / No School
October 31	End of Second Grading Period
November 7	Student Recognition
November 11	Holiday / No School
November 24-28	Holiday – Thanksgiving Week
December 19	Last day of fall semester/End of Grading Period
December 22 – January 12	Winter Break

#### Second Semester

January 13	School Resumes
January 19	Holiday / No School
February 9	Holiday / No School
February 16	Holiday / No School
February 20	End of First Grading Period
February 27	Student Recognition
March 19	JR/SR Parent Info Night – 5:30 pm
March 30 – April 10	Spring Break
April 17	End of Second Grading Period
April 24	Student Recognition
April 13	School Resumes
May 7	Open House – 5:30 pm
May 14	Car Show
May 25	Holiday / No School
June 8	Rehearsal for graduation- 10:00am
June 8	Graduation – 5:30 pm
June 12	Last day of school/End of Spring Semester

# Central Unified School District Graduation Requirements

## PERSHING/PATHWAY

Subject Area	
World Geography	
Modern World History	10
US History	10
Government	5
Economics	5
English	40
Math Year 1	10
Math Year 2	10
Math Year 3	
Life Science	10
Physical Science	10
Science Year 3	
Arts/Foreign Language	10
Freshman Requirement	10
Physical Education	20
Electives	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>

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Subject Area	
World Geography	
Modern World History	10
US History	10
Government	5
Economics	5
English	40
Math Year 1	10
Math Year 2	10
Math Year 3	10
Life Science	10
Physical Science	10
Science Year 3	
Arts/Foreign Language	10
Freshman Requirement	10
Physical Education	20
Electives	70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>230</b>

## ***DRESS CODE***

The Pershing Continuation High School follows the Central Unified School District Dress Code Policy in an effort to keep all students safe. The following are just some of the most common issues. **The entire policy can be found in the Central Unified Parent Handbook.**

- Clothing should not disrupt school activities. **\*\*Gang members may not wear their affiliated colors to school.**
- Tattoos must be covered at all times.
- Clothing must not contain professional or college team logos.
- Clothing cannot be excessively baggy. Pants may not be sagging.
- Halter tops and strapless tops may not be worn.
- Shirts cannot be see through or backless
- Undergarments, including bras, must be worn and covered at all times.
- Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff area completely.
- Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length or longer.
- All clothing must be free of inappropriate pictures and words.
- Hats can be any color but must be free of any sports team logos or inappropriate words or symbols.

**\*\*The Board finds that gangs, gang-related apparel, and gang-related activities create a clear and present danger of disrupting the educational process and creating a hazard to the health and safety of the school environment. These regulations prohibit the wearing or displaying of gang related apparel, insignia, or other gang identifiers. The Board finds that such regulations are necessary for the health and safety of the school environment. As used in these regulations, a "gang" is two or more people who form an allegiance for a common purpose which includes engaging in, individually or collectively, a pattern of acts that may be threatening, disruptive, or criminal, and which may include such behavior as intimidation, threats, or violence. Gang related apparel" is defined as any item of clothing, accessory, jewelry, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or other attribute, denotes membership in or affiliation with gangs.**

## *Other Information about Pershing High School*

### **Contacting Students During School Hours**

Only parents and legal guardians may contact students during the school day. Students are not allowed to use their cell phones during class time. In the event of an Emergency during class time please call the school office. Emergency messages will be taken and delivered to students as quickly as possible. **The office will relay messages, which do not constitute an emergency, as time permits.**

### **Balloon, Flower & Food Delivery Policy**

Delivery of flowers, balloons, other gift items or **food** to students is **not accepted at school** due to the impact it has on instructional and work time for our students and staff.

### **Bathroom Policy**

Class time is extremely important to a student's success. In order to minimize time out of class and disruption to the learning environment, students will not be allowed to use the restroom during class time. Students with medical issues will require a doctor's note.

### **Tardy Policy**

The tardy policy is designed to help students be successful in the work world. We expect students to be in class, ready to work, at the start of the tardy bell.

### **Visitors on Campus**

To help ensure the safety of the students and staff at Pershing High School, all visitors (including parents) must check in the main office using the Verkada system, with a valid ID and approval by administration. Students are not to bring friends/siblings/other relatives to campus as visitors without prior written approval of Administration.

### **Search & Seizure**

As stated in Board Policy (5145.12), school officials may search individual students and their property when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that the student is violating the law or the rules of the district or the school. The district shall notify the parent/guardian of a student subjected to an individualized search as soon after the search as possible.

### **Field Trips**

On field trips, Pershing students represent our school. As such, all students are subject to a search prior to leaving the school on a field trip. A metal detecting wand may be used as well.

### **Loitering**

Students are not to visit or loiter at another school's campus during school hours including lunchtime. Also, students are expected to enter the Pershing campus immediately upon arrival, and are not allowed to stand outside school fences/gates before school begins.

### **No-Smoking Policy**

District policy prohibits smoking on all district property. Possession by students of any tobacco product is a violation of the education code. .

### **Books and School Materials**

Students and parents must be aware that all school materials checked out to a student are his/her responsibility. Students must return the same textbook they were assigned. Replacement costs for school materials that are lost or stolen will be charged to the student.

### **Activities, Student Leadership, and Athletics**

Student Leadership plays an important role in representing students on campus, and also in hosting a number of activities throughout the school year. All students are strongly encouraged to participate in the student body activities offered on campus. Pershing offers different Co-ed sports teams to students who are eligible. Eligibility is determined by grades, attendance and behavior.

### **School Dances/Guest Permits**

Pershing students who are in good academic standing (earning credits, good attendance, and no disciplinary referrals) may attend other school's dances with Principal recommendation.

### **Graduation**

This year, the graduation ceremony is scheduled for **Monday, June 8, 2026** at the Performing Arts Center (PAC), located on the Central High School East campus. The ceremony will begin at 5:30 pm. Students must be at the Practice Session that morning or they will not be included in the ceremony. During the ceremony students must adhere to the district dress code.

### **Homework Requests**

Homework may be requested by the student or the parent/guardian when a student is sick and absent from school. Please call 268-2272 to inquire about homework or check Google classroom.

### **Student Progress Updates**

In addition to the progress and grade reports that are provided to our students at the school's initiative, students or parents may request periodic updates on student progress by calling or emailing teachers to ask for an update on their child's progress in specific classes. Progress reports will be given to students every Friday to take home.

### **Afterschool Tutoring Class**

The after school tutoring class will be held 1-2 days per week and typically starts in early October from 2:45-4:30. Students can receive tutoring in a subject and/or earn extra (recovery) credit. Parents must complete an after school permission slip for students to enroll. A late bus will transport students from Pershing to CHE campus, or parents may transport.

## ***Pershing Continuation High School Program Information***

### **Student Referral to Pershing**

Students are referred to Pershing by the Student Support Services office. Student referral to Pershing is based on individual student needs. They may be referred because they are behind in credits or have poor attendance. The parent and student may also submit a request for a referral. Students must be 16 years old at the time of referral.

### **Students Under 16 Years of Age**

Students who are not yet 16 will be referred to the Opportunity Class at Pershing Continuation High School. There is only one class of students in a self-contained classroom. Once a semester students who have turned 16 will be moved into the Continuation High School classes.

### **Returning to the Comprehensive High School**

Students may petition to return to a traditional high school prior to the end of the first semester (December) or at the end of the school year (May). The criteria for returning are:

- Be credit eligible to graduate on time with their class.
- Have 85% attendance including excused and unexcused absences.
- Have positive behavior/attitude and no major disciplinary infractions. (Includes no loitering at other schools during the semester.)

### **Free Lunch Program**

The Central Unified School District utilizes state funding to be able to offer a free Lunch Program in which our school can be eligible for. Meals are served daily during breakfast and lunch at Pershing.

### **How to Earn Credit at Pershing**

- At Pershing, students earn 2 credits every six weeks in each class.
- Students can use the Edgenuity program to do classwork.
- Students can stay after school 1-2 days a week to work on credits.

**Attendance is a big part of earning the maximum amount of credit each session!**

### **Transcripts**

A transcript is a record of the courses taken, the credits received, and the grades earned, by a student. At Pershing, a current student may be given a transcript at any time by asking the office or a counselor. *Former students can obtain transcripts from the Central Unified District office by calling (559) 274-4700 ext. 10801 or by emailing CentralUSD Transcripts .*

