



Porter Ridge High School

Rigor, Relevance and Relationships

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2022-2023 School Profile

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About PRHS - Porter Ridge High School is one of eleven public high schools in Union County, North Carolina. Porter Ridge has a 2022-2023 student population of approximately 1800. PRHS opened in 2005 and graduated its first senior class in 2007. PRHS is fully accredited by AdvancED. PRHS provides a strong college preparatory environment with 80% of the senior class attending a two-year college or four-year University. PRHS participates in Leader in ME, which is a whole school improvement model that uses teaching practices to promote social and emotional learning for students.

Schedule - PRHS operates in a 4 x 4 block schedule with PRHS students receiving instruction in four ninety-minute classes each semester. Some classes are taught on an A/B day schedule with students taking one class on A day and another on B day. Students have the opportunity to earn 8 credits per year for a total of 32 credits in four years of high school.

Diploma Requirements - Students must earn 28 credits for graduation (one credit per class). Students who transfer in must meet maximum potential minus 4 which may result in fewer than 28 credits.

Grading Scale & GPA

| Grade | Grading Scale | CP | Honors | AP |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----|--------|-----|
| A | 90-100 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| B | 80-89 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| C | 70-79 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| D | 60-69 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| F | 0-59 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AUD, F, FF, P, WF, WP | | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Pass/Fail – Each year, students have the opportunity to take one elective course not required for graduation as a Pass/Fail. A course taken as a P/F will not be factored into the student's cumulative GPA.

Class Rank - All students eligible to be in the class are ranked each semester on the weighted cumulative grade point average using only the final course grade.

Advanced Placement Courses – Courses with a * are AP courses that are connected with a mandatory fall honors course, making it a two course commitment. Other AP Courses operate on an A/B day schedule.

Biology*
Calculus AB*
Calculus BC
Chemistry*
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles
English Language
English Literature

Environmental Science
European History
Government and Politics
Human Geography
Music Theory
Physics C
Psychology
Research

Seminar
Statistics
Studio Art Drawing*
Studio Art 2D*
Studio Art 3D*
US History
World History Modern

Growing Possibilities...

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AP Capstone – PRHS participates in the AP Capstone. AP Capstone is a diploma program from the College Board based on two yearlong AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research.

Honors Courses

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Accounting I | Chemistry | Mythology |
| Adobe Digital Design | Civics & Economics | Physical Fitness/Weightlifting |
| Adobe Visual Design | Cold War | Physics |
| Adobe Video Design | Concert Chorus III, IV | Pre-Calculus |
| Advanced Inquiry | Creative Writing | Psychology/Sociology |
| Advanced Topics Biology | Culinary I, II | Python Programming I, II |
| Advanced Topics Calculus AB | Discrete Math | Remember the Holocaust |
| Advanced Topics Chemistry | Drafting I, II, III Engineering | Robotics Engineering I |
| Advanced Studio Art Drawing | Earth Science | Robotics Engineering II |
| Advanced Studio Art 2D | English I, II, III, IV | Spanish III, IV |
| Advanced Studio Art 3D | Entrepreneurship | Sports Medicine I, II |
| African American History | Financial Planning | Sport & Event Marketing I, II |
| American History I, II | Forensic Science | Symphonic Band III, IV |
| Anatomy & Physiology | Health Science I, II | Visual Arts II, III, IV |
| Athletic Management | Leadership Skills III, IV | World History |
| Band III, IV | Marketing | Yearbook III, IV |
| Biology | Math I, II, III, IV | Theatre III, IV |
| Business Essentials | Mixed Chorus III, IV | Vet Assisting |
| Business Law | Microsoft Excel | |
| Business Management | Music Specialization (Guitar Class) | |

Online Courses – Students in all grades have the opportunity to take online courses through Union County Virtual (UCV) and/or North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS.) Online courses are utilized when courses are not offered face-to-face at Porter Ridge High School, when scheduling is an issue. UCV and NCVPS both offer CP, Honors and AP courses.

Career and College Promise Program – PRHS has partnered with South Piedmont Community College to offer college level courses through the Career and College Promise (CCP) program. Juniors and seniors have the opportunity to take community college classes through this dual enrollment program. Transferable CCP courses are weighted as AP level courses for weighted GPA purposes.

Athletics - Pirate Athletes participate in a number of interscholastic sports in the NC 4A Conference:

| Fall | Volleyball | Spring |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Cheerleading | Women's Tennis | Baseball |
| Cross Country | Winter | Men's Golf |
| Field Hockey | Indoor Track | Men's/Women's Lacrosse |
| Football | Men's/ Women's Basketball | Women's soccer |
| Women's Golf | Swimming | Softball |
| Men's Soccer | Wrestling | Track |

| Class of 2022 Post Secondary Plans | |
|---|--------------|
| Attending College | 82% |
| Attending a 4 Year University | 55% |
| Attending a 2 Year College | 27% |
| Military | 10 Graduates |
| Entering the Workforce | 8% |

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