



Pirate Press

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PORTER RIDGE HIGH FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

Friday August 18- 4 PM

Parents Drop-off/pick up students in the PRHS stadium parking lot. This is a student only event.

--Walk your Schedule--

--Interactive Student Activities--

--Club Fair--



Student Tailgate & First Home Football Game to Follow Freshmen Encouraged to attend



PORTER RIDGE VS. - ROCKY RIVER
[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE FOOTBALL TICKETS](#)

PIRATE FOOTBALL

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18
STUDENT TAILGATE AT 5:00 GAME AT 7:00

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION PARKING

THIS FRIDAY JOIN US



Students are reminded to continue to check the [Student Daily Announcement Page](#) to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our [PRHS Website](#). The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. Please follow us on social media linked on this page!





Pirates
IN ACTION





BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **FRESHMEN ORIENTATION: FRIDAY 8/18**
 - Drop students off at 4 pm for interactive Orientation Activities, Club Fair, and Schedule Review
 - Students are encouraged to stay for our Porter Ridge Tailgate for our Friday Night Football Season Opener
 - Students (and families too) are encouraged to stay for their first HS Football game vs Rocky River and experience our Pirate Student Section, or sit with family and enjoy the football game, cheer team, and Band of Pirates!
 - More Info to follow! Watch social media and upcoming newsletters!
- **CHROMEBOOK PICKUP: Monday 8/14 - Friday 8/18-Scroll down to find the page on Chromebooks.**
 - Students who have paid their Technology Fee for the 23-24 school year can come by between 8:00 - 10:00 to check out their new chromebook
- **FAMILY OPEN HOUSE: FRIDAY 8/25**
 - Grab your parents and come walk your class schedule from 12:00 - 3:00pm. Teachers will be on hand so that you can meet them. Club Fair displays will be up so that you can consider what extracurricular activities you may want to be involved in. Come join us!
 - Are you a new student in 10th - 12th grade? Stop by the main office for a tour guide who can show you where your classes are and answer your questions, along with the tricks of getting around the school!
- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS AS PEER TUTORS AND LANGUAGE MENTORS**
 - PRHS started our Peer Tutor program back up in full force last school year and added Language Mentors for students who are learning the English language. Both programs are going very well and service the middle and (some) elementary schools in our cluster. We want to continue to support our community by expanding our programs.
 - Interested Juniors and Seniors are eligible to apply. Students interested should email their counselor to let them know. More information will be coming out of social media soon! Students do earn course credit for this.
- **School Starts Monday 8/28.** Students should be in their 1st period class by 8:10 am. Students can arrive at 7:45 or later. We recommend that if you are dropping your child off you are on campus by 7:45 as there will be traffic.



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Beginning of School Year Information

There is a lot of information listed on our PRHS website under “Quick Links” and then “Back to School” that you can access here: [Porter Ridge High School website](#) .

SCHOOL STARTS ON MONDAY 8/28. All students should be on campus by 8:00 am as 1st period starts at 8:10am.

STUDENT SCHEDULES have been available via [Parent and Student Portals](#) since Monday 8/14. If your child has an error on their schedule please [follow this link](#) for information on how and when to request a schedule correction. Please know that we do not change schedules for other reasons.

LEADERSHIP AT PORTER RIDGE HIGH

Porter Ridge High School is a Leadership High School where we work to make sure students can Lead Themselves first, and then lead others next.

Students work with Advisors two times per week to think about future Careers/College and their plans to make their goals happen.

Students reflect on what their strengths and accomplishments are and will continue to highlight those in the digital portfolio that they create during high school. This portfolio can go with them to college or career!

Students build good habits that will last a lifetime – like “Be Proactive”, “Begin with the End in Mind”, and “Put First Things First” – in both their classes and extracurricular activities.

Through instruction and high school activities our students move toward being innovative leaders, resilient problem-solvers, skilled collaborators, effective communicators, and key contributors.

SCHOOL/FAMILY COMMUNICATION

PRHS uses a weekly newsletter to keep parents informed of what goes on at school – the **Pirate Press**. It is emailed to the main email address we have on file. We have already sent out multiple newsletters. If you or someone you know is not receiving them, please call the school and update your information.

The newsletter is also added to facebook and Instagram each week, and back editions are on [our](#)



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CELL PHONES are permitted for student use in between classes and during lunch. However, cell phones must be silenced and put AWAY during all class periods. This is to enhance the learning environment for all students. We have specific behavioral expectations for students to keep their cell phone with them during the day. Students may not use it to harass other students, to record other students or teachers without their knowledge, or to violate the PRHS or UCPS Code of Conduct in any way.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR FORMS: On Tuesday 8/29, all students will meet in Pirate Advisory (listed as "Homeroom" on their schedule). They will go to Pirate Advisory after first period and teachers will explain that to the students. In Advisory they will learn more about PRHS and will have a review of important rules and procedures. You can access the [Codes of Conduct here](#) so that you can review them as well. Students will bring home three paper forms on Tuesday 8/29, the rest of the forms needed are available online by clicking here: [online forms](#)

SUPPLY LISTS for students' classes will be on the syllabus for the class, however, supply lists may not be definite until the first day of school. To access the syllabus (after 8/26), go to the PRHS website, click on the 'I want to' button in the right hand side, click on staff directory, and find your teacher's name. There is a link to the classroom canvas page in this part of the directory.

DRESS CODE: PRHS does have dress code guidelines as we believe that dressing for school may be different than dressing for other events... We want our students to Dress for Success and be sure to check out the guidelines before you shop or pick out your back to school clothes. See the [information in our PRHS Student Handbook](#) on page 21. If you have questions stop in at Open House to ask in advance or email your counselor or administrator.

VAPES/TOBACCO AND TOBACCO-LESS PRODUCTS - Vapes are an issue with teenagers everywhere today. Please help us keep our school a healthy environment for ALL students by having a direct conversation with your child that vapes are prohibited on school campus and if a student is found to have a vape we have strict consequences. We suggest that you have this conversation frequently and ask your child to clean out their book bag to make sure this will not be an issue.



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Year Information

PORTER RIDGE HIGH

OPEN HOUSE

Friday August 25- 12-3 PM

- Students & Parents come walk class schedules. Teachers will be on hand so that you can meet them--
- Club Fair displays, Schedule Pick up, Spirit Wear (PRABC), Transportation (sign up for app), Pay Fees, Parking Pass Pick up, and more --
- NEW students 10th - 12th grade, guided tours and information--





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Porter Ridge High School

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal

[Click Here for Back to School Info](#)

Back To School Resources

[Home](#) > [Academics](#) > [Back to School Resources](#) > [Back To School Resources](#)

Click on the box to the left to visit our Back to School pages on the PRHS website for info on.....

[Chromebooks](#)

[Class Schedules](#)

[Schedule Corrections](#)

[Parent Portal](#)

[Pirate Advisory](#)

[Beginning of Year](#)

[Forms](#)

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. Please work with us as we try to teach our students that attendance is required, just as it would be at a job in their future.

- Parents can provide notes for up to five days that a student is absent. After those days PRHS will require a doctor/medical note to excuse the absence.
- An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. Parent notes must be in within five days of the student's return to school.
- If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student will fail the course due to attendance.



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Transportation
Car Rider, Bus Rider,
Student Driver

CAR-RIDER: If you are dropping your child off at school please expect slightly longer lines at car-rider drop-off during the first week of school. We strongly encourage you to arrive on campus by 7:45am to ensure your child is to class on time. This is a good guideline to follow all year long. Please follow all directions of staff as we utilize the whole front lane to drop students off in the morning. In the afternoon your student will walk to your car – most parents text their location in the line.

BUS-RIDER: Please sign up for the Edu-Log Parent Portal for bus transportation. Your child can get their Bus Boarding Pass through this app. You can get more information, along with how to download the app at the [UCPS Transportation website](#). We will be able to assist you with this at Open House on 8/25 if you need help. **It is so IMPORTANT that your child is at their bus stop 20 minutes early each day.** We would suggest a little earlier the first two weeks of school.

STUDENT-DRIVERS: All student drivers **MUST** have a parking pass to enter the student lot. This means that they must purchase and pick up their parking pass before school starts. Parking passes are available for sale now and can be picked up on 8/25 during open house and at lunch the first day of school. Students should arrive to park by 7:45am. Students must come directly into the school on arrival – there is no loitering in the parking lot. More information about student parking is on the next page. Students will be emailed once their parking pass application is approved with a parking spot number starting August 21.

Students can **pick up the pass** on Thursday, August 24 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM outside the stadium (JV Football Game) or Friday, August 25, from 12-3 at the Open House. **STUDENTS CANNOT PARK WITHOUT A PARKING PASS-COME PICK UP YOUR PARKING PASS.** Email josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us with questions.

PARKING PASSES are on sale at this time: [Click here for info.](#)



**YOU CANNOT
PARK
WITHOUT
HAVING YOUR
PARKING PASS
DISPLAYED!
PICK UP YOUR
PASS!**



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**[CLICK HERE FOR A LINK TO
PARKING PASS
INFORMATION](#)**



SCAN ME

PIRATE PARKING PASSES

On sale August 11! Check out this page on our website to begin the application process:

<https://bit.ly/3P6yDAT>





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Juniors PSAT

[Click here to Sign up for the PSAT](#)

PSAT

CURRENT JUNIORS CAN RESERVE THEIR SPOT TO TAKE THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST - THE PSAT-AT THE END OF OCTOBER...

ARE YOU A JUNIOR? DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THE PSAT TO TRY TO QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP?

UCPS WILL PAY FOR CURRENT JUNIORS TO TAKE THE PSAT. BUT YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE USING [THE GOOGLE FORM](#). JUNIORS MUST BE LOGGED INTO THEIR UCPS GOOGLE ACCOUNT TO SIGN UP!





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Nutrition & Chromebooks

TECHNOLOGY USE

CHROMEBOOKS are issued to all students so that teachers can plan instruction that may include incorporation of materials online. Please know that this is only a part of the instructional plans. Students are responsible for their chromebooks and should treat them with care.

UCPS HAS INSTITUTED A TECHNOLOGY FEE of \$30 this year that all students must pay. [Click here for the online payment system](#). Info on this fee was emailed home earlier this summer, but it will help to cover accidental damage.

We are excited for students to receive their new device - those paying in advance online or by cash/check can **pick up their chromebook** this week 8/18 from 8-10 am or during Open House on 8/25 12-3. Technology Fee will be added to your students account at the end of August - pay now at link above.

Do you owe **past technology bills** for repairs/lost items? This info was emailed home earlier this summer, but you can also check the Parent Portal in Powerschool

NUTRITION

EATING LUNCH AND BREAKFAST: Let's keep all of our students **READY** for **LEARNING** this year by ensuring they have a nutritious lunch. Learning is always better when we have lots of energy to think and problem solve. All students are welcome to bring their lunch each day. Students can also buy breakfast and lunch from the school cafeteria. **Please know that NO outside vendor food can be brought to school during the lunch period.** Students who are bringing their lunch should have it with them when they arrive to school. There are two important links for our families when using our cafeteria:

If you need help with paying for school meals please **Apply for Free/Reduced Meals** by [clicking here](#)

If you want to set up an online payment account to put money in your child's lunch account [click here](#)

Apply for Free/Reduced Meals NOW

Breakfast + Lunch Cost for each student
= \$28 per week in HS
= \$27.50 per week in ES/MS

WWW.LUNCHAPPLICATION.COM
OR COME INTO YOUR SCHOOL TO APPLY TODAY!!

Apply now to get approved prior to the first day of school. Students without approved free/reduced lunch status will have to pay for meals starting on Day ONE.

Students qualifying for Free Meals will have their \$30 Technology Fee waived - please bring approval letter to school office for waiver.





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Class of 2024 Information

Reach out to make an **IMPACT** as a Leadership Mentor in 9th Grade Pirate Advisory

LEADERSHIP MENTOR



TO APPLY: <https://forms.gle/PN9QMWPMCYMXJYE38>

GET READY FOR SENIOR PORTRAIT MAKEUPS!

Great news Class of 2024!

Prestige Portraits has been chosen as your official Senior Portrait Yearbook Photographer.

Your school is requesting that every Class of 2024 Senior make an appointment with your school to have their portraits taken. Don't miss out on being in the yearbook! You must be photographed by Prestige to be included in the 2023/24 yearbook.

We will be at your school on the dates below to offer these special photography sessions.

DATES: September 5th, 2023

LOCATION: Porter Ridge High School (Media Center)
Sign-up in school.

COST: \$25



Senior Portraits included in your school's yearbook will require students dressed in either a Black Drape or a Tuxedo. Prestige will provide these outfits at the time of your session. Please wear appropriate undergarments under these outfits. We suggest a white t-shirt for the tux and something strapless to wear under the drape. Also, don't forget to bring up to two outfits for your casual pictures!

Yearbook Only sessions are available at the camera by request and will also be done at Makeup Day in the fall.

Questions? Please email us at prestigebwarea@lifetouch.com. We look forward to sharing this milestone with you and providing outstanding photography and customer service.

Prestige
Photography by Lifetouch

P.S. If you would rather have a session done at a Prestige studio, visit prestigeportraits.com/studio to find a studio near you.

Peer Math tutor
FOR PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Are you a good Math student?
Do you want to #IMPACT other students at PRHS during the school day and get paid too?
Be one of 5 Student Math Tutors
Email sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us

Class of 2024 Senior Portraits

It's time to schedule your Senior Yearbook Portrait Session



Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch will be at our school this summer. Every senior needs to schedule their session at prestigeportraits.com



Prestige
Photography by Lifetouch



To be included in the formal section of the 2023-24 yearbook, you must have your image taken by Prestige.



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Class of 2024
Information

Class of 2024
Spirit Wear

NOW AVAILABLE @
www.porterridgeband.org

Stay tuned- sales will open back up soon!

The advertisement features a large grey t-shirt with the following text: "SENIOR CLASS OF PR MMXXIV 2024". The "PR" is flanked by three horizontal lines on each side, and a sword is positioned below it. Below the t-shirt, there is a black drawstring bag, a pair of black shorts, a black t-shirt, a black cap, and a sign. The black t-shirt and cap both feature the text "Class of 2024 SENIOR Porter Ridge High School" with a skull logo. The sign is white with a diagonal split and the text "HOME OF A SENIOR" in blue, with a skull logo on the right side. A black banner at the bottom also features the "SENIOR" logo and "Class of 2024" text.

PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

21

MONDAY

NO EVENTS

22

TUESDAY

-Volleyball
vs Myers Park
5:00/6:00

23

WEDNESDAY

-Tennis
@ CATA
3:30

-Volleyball
vs Forest Hills
5:00/6:00

-Soccer
@ Independence
5:30/7:00

24

THURSDAY

-Volleyball
@ Parkwood
5:00/6:00

-Soccer
@ West Stanly
5:30/7:00

-JV Football
vs South Iredell
6:30

25

FRIDAY

-Vars Football
@ South Iredell
7:00

26

SATURDAY

-XCountry
"Carolina Kickoff"
@ Metrolina
Christian 7:00am

#COMMITTED



RESULTS FROM THIS PAST WEEK

		<u>JV</u>	<u>VARSITY</u>
8/14	SOCCER VS HICKORY RIDGE	LOSS	LOSS
8/15	VOLLEYBALL VS WEST CABARRUS	WIN	WIN
8/16	SOCCER VS RICHMOND	WIN	WIN



PIRATE ATHLETICS

[CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)

All tickets are sold on this website or at the GATE by credit/debit card.



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

23-24 PIRATE PASS



- ✓ ENTRY TO ALL PRHS REGULAR SEASON HOME GAMES FOR ALL SPORTS
- ✓ 50 YD LINE PRIORITY SEATING
- ✓ ENTRY TO PRMS HOME FOOTBALL GAMES
- ✓ BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP

\$150

<https://ucps.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/4358>

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR
ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

[FOOTBALL](#)

[JV FOOTBALL](#)

[SOCCER](#)

[JV SOCCER](#)

[VOLLEYBALL](#)

[JV VOLLEYBALL](#)

[CROSS COUNTRY](#)

[GIRL'S GOLF](#)

[GIRL'S TENNIS](#)

[FIELD HOCKEY](#)



PORTER RIDGE
ATHLETIC ZONE



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

SPIRIT WEAR SALE DATES

8/8	5PM	PRHS FALL SPORTS MEETING
8/11	5PM	PRMS PEP RALLY
8/18	4PM	PRHS 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION
8/23		PRMS OPEN HOUSE
8/24		PRMS OPEN HOUSE
8/25		PRHS OPEN HOUSE



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Student Activities

- Click to check it out!

THERE IS A CLUB FAIR FOR FRESHMEN AT THE ORIENTATION ON FRIDAY, 8/18, THE OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, 8/25, AND THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL DURING LUNCHES.

Clubs and Special Interests

Club Information

Battle of the Books

Beta Club

Book Club

Club PFC

Computer Science Club

Dungeons & Dragons Club

FBLA

***Click here to check out
what PRHS students are
involved in outside of
classes!!!***

CONGRESSMAN DAN BISHOP (NC-08)
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE 21ST ANNUAL

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY DAY

Saturday, August 19, 2023

10:00-11:30am

Historic Union County Courthouse

300 N. Main St.

Monroe, NC

Welcome from the Congressman begins promptly at 10am



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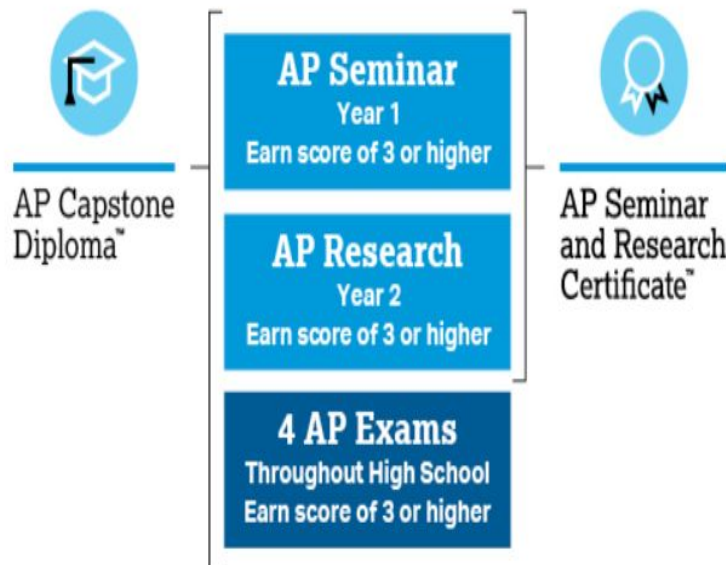
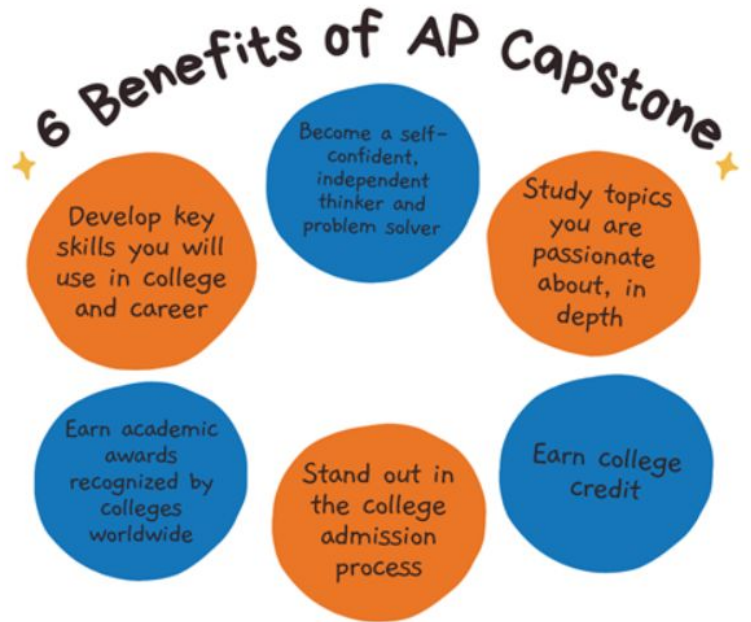
AP Capstone Program

Information

**To learn more about the
 AP Capstone Diploma
 Program**

**[please click here](#) and
 Contact Your Counselor!**

This unique program from the College Board allows students to take two additional AP Courses unique to the AP Capstone program. These courses are AP Seminar and AP Research. The AP Capstone Program started with the Class of 2021 at Porter Ridge and our Capstone students have an excellent record of high performance in AP courses, with over 95% of our Class of 2023 earning a diploma or certificate. Students may take these courses along with other AP Courses and be eligible to work towards an AP Capstone Diploma from the College Board. According to College Board, AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two AP® courses — AP Seminar and AP Research — and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study experienced in other AP courses. More information can be found on the College Board website. If interested, please contact your counselor.





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Student Advisory

PRHS IS A LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

LeaderinMe®



CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDENTS DO IN ADVISORY!



The Seven Habits Course is all about developing life-readiness skills to prepare you to lead your own life and face difficult challenges. Everyone is a leader, including you. Effective leaders do things in ways that yield lasting positive results and live by timeless, universal principles. Principles provide constancy amidst change; each of the 7 Habits is based on principles of effectiveness that will guide you through life's greatest challenges.



The Find Your Voice Career Readiness course is designed to help you learn and master skills that will enable you to find and then express your voice at school, at home, online, in the workplace, on a team, and in a competitive world market. Everyone has something to say but learning how to say it makes all the difference.



The Take Charge College Readiness course is designed to prepare you for the challenges and new responsibilities post-secondary education brings to students like you. The best thing you can do is apply what you learn in this course right away. If you do, you won't find yourself scrambling to develop important skills that make academic and general success possible. This course is for all students who will attend a 4-year university, 2 year, vocational school or enter into the workforce or military.



The Inspire Others Leadership Readiness course is all about Inspiring your team and keeping organized. These skills require both interpersonal effectiveness and the time-tested tools of leadership. The intent of this course is to learn and apply the same processes used by organizational leaders across the world. While the content in this course is world-class, the project-based learning approach is what brings it to life.



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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
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Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc
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Cassidy Jarrett– last names Me-Sao
cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us

Alexandra Green– last names Sap-Z
alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.

NEW TO PRHS? JOIN US TO SELECT YOUR CLASS

STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE LEADING TOURS DURING MAY AND AUGUST.
 A COUNSELOR WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS!

SUMMER DATES:

MAY 30TH 4-6:30PM

MAY 31ST 4-6:30PM

AUGUST 1ST 4-6:30PM

AUGUST 8TH 4-6:30PM

AUGUST 15TH 4-6:30PM

AUGUST 22ND 4-6:30PM

CLICK THIS LINK TO
SIGN UP!!!

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/
 GO/20F0D4DAAAE2FAB9-SUMMER](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4daaae2fab9-summer)
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INTERESTED IN BEING A PEER TUTOR?

PRHS is revamping the Peer Tutor Program for Elementary, Middle, and High School Peer Tutors!

If you are interested in being a Peer Tutor at any of these levels, email your school counselor!

Save the Date Senior Night

For after high school plans

Monday, September 11th at 6PM





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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Schedule Corrections: The Schedule Correction Google Form will open Monday, August 21st. Counselors will work on "Please See Counselor" holes first. "Please See Counselor" is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected, including alternates. Please make sure that you check your schedule in PowerSchool and fill out the Schedule Correction Google Form if needed.

-Monday afternoon, August 14th, Student Schedules were released via PowerSchool
-Monday, August 21st, Students may request corrections via Google Form



SCHEDULE CORRECTION FORM

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdx_z2d_5dzcNlMnw42dqBL_AhzP1AokKgotn00vgs3F6jS_hg/close_dform

Schedule Information:

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7598>

- The Schedule Correction Google Form will close on **Friday, September 1st at 5:00 pm.**
- **Requests for 1st & 2nd semester should be made at this time.** All corrections must be requested on the same submission. Only one request will be allowed.
- All schedules have been reviewed. We will not make changes for students who were placed in the 1st or alternative courses requested. Requests will only be considered for the following:
 - Senior is missing a required class for graduation or for college admissions
 - Student has not met or is missing a prerequisite for a course for which they are enrolled
 - Student is taking a course that he/she has passed
 - Student is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in their schedule
 - Student has the same course listed twice on the schedule
 - Student has "Please See your counselor" listed on their schedule. Please See Counselor is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected (including alternates).

Please make sure to fill out the form, so that your schedule is ready for the 1st day of school, which is Monday, August 28th. A counselor will email you as we are able to process your request at your UCPS school email whether a correction can or cannot be made to your schedule.



NEXT STOP TEACH UCPS

Want to become a teacher?
Start your journey right now in high school!

- Three pathways are offered
- Earn an Associate's Degree from SPCC at no cost
- Attend Wingate University to earn a Bachelor's Degree
- Earn a Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - Students pay no more than \$2,500 per year
- Participate in apprenticeship and internship programs, professional development and student teaching opportunities
- Become a certified teacher within four years after high school

When I enrolled in the Teaching as a Profession class, I expected to learn the basics of how to be a teacher. In other words, I anticipated purely learning how to share information with others, the process of grading tests, finding worksheets, and other responsibilities of a teacher. I learned so much more in this class than I ever had in mind. I gained new insight on how different ages of children act, how to create a classroom that is inclusive, how each student has a unique learning style, and that a classroom is made up of several different parts, not just the academic instruction.

Mia Anderson
 Senior, Weddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
 TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY

DRIVEN BY PARTNERSHIPS WINGATE SOUTH PIEDMONT STAY CONNECTED www.ucps.k12.nc.us

Want to become a teacher? Start your journey right now in high school!

Union County Public Schools recently launched Next Stop: TeachUCPS, a teacher pipeline program for high school students. Through an innovative partnership with South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) and Wingate University, UCPS is growing its own teachers and providing a roadmap that removes financial barriers for pursuing a teaching license.

ASSOCIATE'S PATHWAY	PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY	TRADITIONAL PATHWAY UNIVERSITY PATHWAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available to all UCPS high school students High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school Gateway to Wingate Scholarship Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024 Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant Gateway to Wingate Scholarship Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024 Complete the 3 Teaching as a Profession courses High school diploma May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation
<p>COST: Associate's Degree - Zero Tuition Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - No more than \$2,500 per year</p>	<p>COST: Associate's Degree - Zero Tuition Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - No more than \$2,500 per year</p>	<p>COST: Student incurs cost</p>

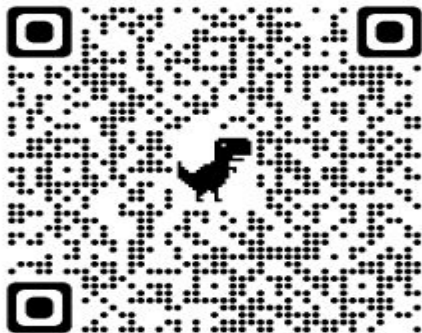
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, do they have to transfer to Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School?
- A. No, students will stay at their home school and travel to take the Teaching as a Profession courses at either Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School. Please see your Career Development Coordinator for information about transportation.
- Q. Is there a fee for this program?
- A. Under Next Stop: TeachUCPS, tuition fees are covered. The program does not fully cover additional fees.
- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, can they still participate in the Career and College Promise program?
- A. Yes, students have the opportunity to take community college courses through Career and College Promise while in the program.
- Q. Will the CTE Teaching as a Profession Pathway be expanded to other high schools?
- A. This will be reviewed annually and program expansion will be based on student interest and available funding.
- Q. How can I learn more about TeachUCPS and apply?
- A. Talk to the Career Development Coordinator at your school or visit ucps.k12.nc.us and click on: Academics - High School Education - NextStop: TeachUCPS

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 Want to get a jumpstart on your career?
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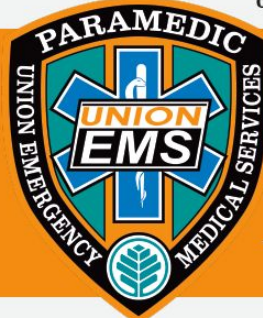
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