



# Pirate Press

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## PRHS SPRING FINAL EXAMS

June 2-5, 8:00 AM to 12:30

All courses have a final exam that counts at 25% of a student's final grade. **All teacher made, EOC, & CTE Exams will be taken at school.**

### Exam Dates

Monday, June 2: 1st Period  
Tuesday, June 3: 2nd Period  
Wednesday, June 4: 3rd Period  
Thursday, June 5: 4th Period

### Exam Exemptions

High school students will not be required to take a **teacher made** final exam in a course in the following situations  
Students will have final notifications on 5/30:

- ❖ The student has an average of 90 or above. Teacher made exams are defined as tests designed and graded by a UCPS teacher of record for the purpose of assigning an exam grade to a student.

Courses with State Administered Exams	
EOC Exams	CTE Exams
Math 1 Math 3 English 2 Biology	Accounting I Apparel & Textile Production I & II Business Essentials Business Management I Child Development Culinary Arts & Hospitality I Financial Planning I Food & Nutrition I Foundations of Health Science Health Science I

*All Students must bring their computer & charger to school each day. All exams with the exception of some teacher made exams will be administered online.*

**CLICK HERE FOR**  
**THE SENIOR**  
**LETTER WITH**  
**IMPORTANT**  
**INFORMATION**  
**FOR**

### PTO NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Porter Ridge High School PTO would like to provide snacks to all the teachers during June finals. Please help us show our support for all they do for our kids! Check out the available slots at this link- [Click HERE](#) . Drop off your donated snacks by May 29th in the school office labeled PTO. Thank you!

QUESTIONS? [alanahwhite@gmail.com](mailto:alanahwhite@gmail.com)

# Exam Information

*IMPORTANT - about exemptions AND attendance recovery.....*

- Teachers will share tentative exam exemption status with students on 5/27 and final status on 5/30. If you are unsure – ask your teacher. Remember you can exempt a course if your final average is a 90% or higher AND the exam is a teacher-made exam. All State CTE exams and State EOC exams canNOT be exempted.
- The information that teachers (or Admin) will share with you is accurate for the day that they give you the information - HOWEVER if your grade average changes because of work submitted or tests taken - your exemption status will change.
- Your attendance is REQUIRED all the way up through final exams. If you have completed all of your required exams you are not required to come to school on the makeup exam day – it will be coded as an excused absence- it will not affect your exam exemption or whether you pass/fail a course due to attendance. IF you are a student-athlete - these absences may affect your eligibility so please be sure that you are well under the 12 absence limit.
- Your grades all count - all the way through the end of the grading period.
- You are REQUIRED to do attendance recovery if you have more than 8 absences. If you have accumulated more than 8 unexcused absences you have received emails from Ms. Elliott about recovery. You should be checking your email. The Principal, Dr. Fisenne, typically waives your excused absences as long as they are not excessive – so it is usually your unexcused absences (this includes suspensions) that you need to recover so that you end up with less than 8 unexcused absences. You have had this opportunity all semester at The Study Cove, or by attending your teacher's tutoring – you have very limited opportunities remaining. You should go see your counselor if this applies to you.
- If you are still confused at this point, please see Dr. Fisenne or any administrator during lunches so that she can explain to you directly

• **Schedule for A day B day Final assessments** – Students will report to their Aday class each morning (based on schedule below) and will take both their Aday and Bday exams in that Aday classroom.

• **Final Exam Schedule Information:** All students will test on campus. Buses will depart at @12:30

- Monday 6/2 First Block exams
- Tuesday 6/3 Second Block exams
- Wednesday 6/4 Third Block exams
- Thursday 6/5 Fourth Block exams
- Students missing an exam day will come in on Day Five for the makeup day: Friday 6/6 (Buses depart at 3:05 on 6/6).
- **Exam Reviews:** Review for all final exams on Friday 5/30 in class.

# *Attendance Waivers*



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS WAIVER INFORMATION

**FORM**

Students must be in attendance at school. Students who miss 8 or more days may fail the course due to attendance.

As a school, we do realize that there may be extenuating circumstances that caused a student to miss more than the allowed number of absences from school. Please understand that this process is for serious extenuating circumstances only. Students should continue to complete attendance recovery while they are applying for a waiver.

### HOW TO APPLY

Starting Tuesday, May 20th, come to the counselor's suite to see your counselor and receive the waiver form

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

**MAY 29TH**



# Attendance Waivers



## ASISTIR A LA ESCUELA ES IMPORTANTE! INFORMACIÓN PARA EXCUSAR



Es importante clarificar que los estudiantes pueden no pasar las clases por más de 8 ausencias.

Como escuela, entendemos que hay causas incontrolables por las cuales se falta y causan muchas ausencias en el semestre. Es importante que entiendan que este proceso de aplicación es sólo para este tipo de ausencias! El estudiante debe de continuar asistiendo a la recuperación de ausencias los Martes y Jueves después de la escuela, mientras se este aplicando por la forma para excusarlas.

### CÓMO APLICAR?

A partir del martes 20 de mayo, ve a la oficina de los consejeros para hablar con tu consejero y recibir el formulario para solicitar la excusa de tus ausencias

**LA FECHA LÍMITE DE  
ENTREGA ES EL 29 DE  
MAYO**

## *Attendance Waivers*

# CONGRATULATIONS

to Mrs. Gordon's classes that are  
Adobe Certified Professional  
Print & Digital Media Publication  
using InDesign

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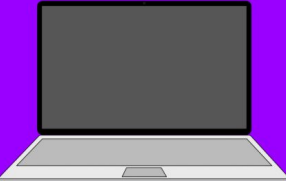


# *Senior Information*


[CLICK HERE FOR THE SENIOR LETTER WITH  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATION](#)



Any student who has damage to their Chromebook that would affect final exams should bring it to the Media Center for repair.

**REMOVE STICKERS**



Any student who has put personal stickers on their laptop must remove them before turning in their Chromebook to avoid a charge.

# Student Life

THE PORTER RIDGE FFA PROUDLY HOSTS:

## 4TH ANNUAL PORTER RIDGE PIRATES FOR PUPS

BENEFITING



South Charlotte Dog Rescue

**May 31, 2025**  
**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**


Food Truck 🐾 Snow Cones 🐾 Vendors 🐾 Adoptable Dogs 🐾 Raffle Baskets 🐾 Games & More!





LOCATION: PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BY THE STADIUM

SEND QUESTIONS TO: [CASSIDY.HELMS@UCPS.K12.NC.US](mailto:CASSIDY.HELMS@UCPS.K12.NC.US)




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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!**

## Who is your counselor?

**Ashley Lawson**- last names A-Cou  
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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.

Need Career advice or direction?

Talk to your Counselor or Career Development Coordinator, Ms. Sarah Webb today to see all of the pathways and academies PR has to offer!

[Click here for more info...](#)

## Attention Class of 2026!

Thank you to all those who came to our Junior night on April 14th. Below is the link to the presentation if you were not able to attend:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1g2ILHIVnzxvnDTZo2ADhOxFbQz0EgoD2JFQit8KQGwU/edit?slide=id.p#slide=id.p>



### Infinite Campus Parent Information

Infinite campus will be the new gradebook and student information application replacing Power School next year. Click below for parent information.

English: <https://youtu.be/noYbSQxz6m0>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/3UELvzz-Cgs>

Russian: <https://youtu.be/h0AtWziCKho>

Ukrainian: <https://youtu.be/qBibr6Dxpoo>



# COLLEGE BOARD RESOURCES



SCAN FOR AP CLASSROOM  
RESOURCES AND MORE!

<http://share.bigfuture.org/739mSz>

## College Readiness Student Opportunities

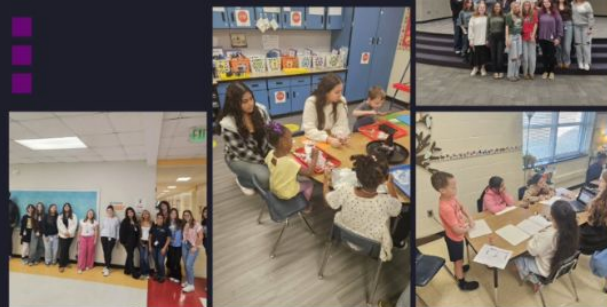
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- \* Opportunities for college credit
- \* Ability to be a peer tutor
- \* Teach UCPS Pathway- SPCC & Wingate
- \* Weekly school observations

## LOOKING TO START A CAREER?

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1118

# Parent Information

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We are seeking parents willing to support the PTO's work, to donate items for teacher appreciation, PTO, and school events, and willing to volunteer at PTO or school events. Please email Amy Dieffenbach at [amy\\_dieffenbach@yahoo.com](mailto:amy_dieffenbach@yahoo.com) or Alana White at [alanahwhite@gmail.com](mailto:alanahwhite@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping with the PTO in any capacity. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to serving together at our wonderful school!

## JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE

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Code to get to  
the Venmo  
account or  
use the QR  
Code below



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Please help the PRHS PTO raise money to support teachers, staff, and students by allowing us to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to our organization! Your card can be linked to more than one organization and you'll multiply the rewards that go toward education. By providing your last name and phone number below, you give us permission to link your VIC card for you. [Click here](#) or on the link above.



# PIRATE ATHLETICS

**Sign Up now for the annual Golf Tournament to support the Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club!**



## **PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB 2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

# **MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025**



### **EAGLE CHASE GOLF CLUB**

**3215 BRANTLEY RD**

**MARSHVILLE, NC 28103**



**CLICK ON THE AD FOR MORE INFO**

**Congratulations to Brooklyn Green, Lexi Johnson, and Hayden Stamey for being named to the 2025 Southern Carolina All-Conference team!**

**Congratulations to Gabe Harvey, Garrett Long, and Matthew Dorsey for being selected to the Southern Carolina 4A All-Conference Team!!**

### **2025-2026 Cross-Country/Track and Field Uniform Store is Open!**

If you are a MS or HS runner and want to order your own competition top, order now!

Click on icon to see the store. These tops can be used for cross-country and track throughout your PR running career.

**\*\*PRHS does NOT require any athlete to purchase a uniform top.**





# PIRATE ATHLETICS

PRHS

## LITTLE PIRATE

### CHEER CAMP

SHIRT AND  
SNACKS  
INCLUDED

Tuesday  
June 24

9:00-12:00

Wednesday  
June 25

9:00-12:00

Thursday  
June 26

9:00-12:00

PRHS Cheer is **EXCITED** to host Little Pirate Cheer Camp this summer!! Please click [here](#) to sign your Little Pirate up!! They will learn cheers, chants, dances, and participate in stunting. On the last day there will be a Cheer Showcase to show off all their new moves. Anyone ages 5 to 13 is eligible to attend. Please contact Coach Lawson with any questions.



## 2025 PIRATES BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP

### INFORMATION

- June 16th-18th
- 8AM-12PM
- Porter Ridge HS Gymnasium
- Ages 8-14
- \$100 Per Camper
- Bring a Snack/Lunch
- Register Today!

TO REGISTER VISIT:

[HTTPS://OSP.OSMSINC.COM/P/BH054-476](https://osp.osmsinc.com/P/BH054-476)



## PRHS LAX CLINIC

@ Porter Ridge

**JUNE 16-18**

**PORTER RIDGE HS STADIUM**  
• Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders - Seniors \$200

#### ABOUT THE CLINIC

- 🎯 Skill-focused drills
- 👤 Position-specific coaching
- 🏆 Player Development


#### FORMAT

**8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Open to all rising 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in playing lacrosse for PRHS.

Join us for 3 days of skill development, tactical training, and game prep led by top coaches and players from **Wingate University**.

CLICK TO REGISTER



704.728.2658 [deevo@thebrandstoryteller.com](mailto:deevo@thebrandstoryteller.com)

# Attendance Procedures

## STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO UCPS ABSENCE REPORT FORM

ATTENTION  
PLEASE!

1



### Create your account

Parent or guardian must create an account. The system will not accept submissions from student email accounts. PRHS will review accounts created to ensure that the email address used matches the parent email address in powerschool. For safety reasons if the email address does not match the known parent email, the account will be deleted. For reference, the school newsletter, the Pirate Press, is sent to the parent email address on file. You can also call the school to check on your email

2



### Report Absences

Parent or guardian will submit all absences digitally via this Microsoft form.

3



### Please Note:

- Must submit one day absence at a time.
- You cannot submit an absence before it occurs
- You must upload documentation necessary to excuse absences.
- Porter Ridge High School may only accept a maximum of 5 absences per semester excused with a parent note. After 5 days, only a doctor's note will be accepted.

4



### Report absence:

Once your account has been created, use this link to log in and begin reporting absences.

5



### Are there any questions?

For questions regarding attendance, please call the school.



@ 704-292-7662

## GUIA PASO A PASO PARA INFORMAR LA AUSENCIA DEL ESTUDIANTE

ANUNCIO  
IMPORTANTE

1



### Crea tu cuenta

La cuenta debe ser creada solo por el padre o la persona a cargo del estudiante. La escuela de PRHS va a revisar y verificar de que la cuenta corresponda al mismo correo electrónico que se tiene en el sistema de la escuela, por razones de seguridad.

2



### Reporta la razón por la cual no se asistió a la escuela.

Los padres o la persona a cargo del estudiante debe de documentar la razón por la cual el estudiante no estuvo en la escuela. Esta documentación se hace de manera digital por vía de Microsoft. En el mismo lugar donde usted creo su cuenta.

3



### Para tener en cuenta:

- Solo puede reportar un solo día de ausencia.
- No puede reportar ausencias por adelantado.
- Debe de adjuntar la documentación para la excusa.
- La escuela de Porter Ridge High School sólo acepta un máximo de 5 excusas escritas por los padres. Después de 5 excusas, sólo se aceptarán notas provenientes del doctor.

4



### Reporte la razón por la que se faltó:

Después de que creó su cuenta, usé este link que le da este QR code para reportar la ausencia.

5



### Si todavía tiene preguntas?

Por favor comuníquese con la escuela al número de teléfono que esta aquí abajo.



@ 704-292-7662





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## **Ports of Information for Pirates:**

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@lawandjusticeskillsusa @prhs.culinaryarts @prb.o.b @porter.ridgewbb  
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@prhs4mun @prhs\_sewing\_and\_upcycling @prhs.rise @prhs\_fieldclub  
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