



Porter Ridge High School

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2023-2024 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 2023-2024 student population of approximately 1750. 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 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
Government and Politics
Human Geography
Music Theory
Psychology
Research

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

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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. The Class of 2023 earned 27 AP Capstone Diplomas and 17 AP Capstone Certificates.

Honors Courses

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

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

Class of 2023 Post Secondary Plans	
Attending College	84%
Attending a 4 Year University	49%
Attending a 2 Year College	35%
Military	2%
Entering the Workforce	14%

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