



Pirate Press

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2024.2025 PRHS REGISTRATION TIMELINE

**2/13 AT 6:30 – RISING 10TH TO 12TH
REGISTRATION PARENT NIGHT**

**2/22 – REGISTRATION
PRESENTATION SHOWN IN ADVISORY**

**2/23 TO 3/1 – POWERSCHOOL OPENS
TO SELECT COURSES**

**3/6 TO 4/11 – STUDENTS MEET WITH COUNSELORS
DURING 2ND BLOCK TO REVIEW CHOSEN COURSES**

ACT WorkKeys Breakfast for Students Gift Card Donations Needed- [click here](#)

The PTO would like the opportunity to provide a breakfast for the students who have met their goals on their ACT WorkKeys testing. This breakfast will be provided towards the end of March. We will offer biscuits, doughnuts, juice and water. We are asking for gift cards to purchase these items. Please turn them into the office by March 15th. Thank you!

Porter Ridge High School has a thriving **AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM** where students take the cornerstone courses of AP Seminar and AP Research, along with a combination of challenging courses aligned with their interests! Talk to your counselor about AP Capstone, or visit Mr. Boyles or Ms. Stegall to learn more about Seminar and Research! Talk to our other incredible AP Teachers to see what other AP classes are right for you!

PRHS PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES & PROGRAMS

PRHS IS THE **ONLY**
LEADERSHIP HIGH
SCHOOL IN UCPS

FULLY IMPLEMENTED
AP CAPSTONE
PROGRAM



7 CAREER ACADEMIES

- CULINARY
- DRAFTING
- FILM EDITING & PRODUCTION
- PHARMACY TECH
- ROBOTICS
- TEACHING AS A PROFESSION
- VET ASSISTING



14 PATHWAYS



- AIR FORCE JROTC
- ANIMAL SCIENCE
- ARCHITECT
- ARTS
- BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- CULINARY
- DIGITAL MEDIA
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- FINANCE
- HEALTH SCIENCE
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
- LIBERAL ARTS



Explore Your Passion with AP Capstone™

THE AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM LETS YOU:

- Study topics of your own choosing, in depth.
- Master key skills you'll use in college and career.
- Stand out in your college applications and interviews.

Porter Ridge High School participates in the AP Capstone Diploma Program. It's a two-year program based on two AP courses—AP Seminar and AP Research. Other AP courses teach you, in depth, about a specific subject, like biology or U.S. history. AP Seminar and AP Research are different. They focus on helping you develop academic skills you can use in any discipline. Students must take a combination of AP courses that include AP Seminar in the Junior Year and AP Research in the senior year.

Participating in AP Capstone can help students:

- Stand out to colleges in the application process.
- Develop key academic skills they'll use in college and beyond.
- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem solvers.
- Earn college credit: Many colleges offer credit for qualifying scores.

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- ❖ **Growing Green** - Are you needing more room in your closet? **Growing Green is throwing a clothing drive** to help the community. Let's do some spring cleaning and donate your old clothes. There will be boxes in each wing, at the entrance of the school, or bring clothes to Ms. Goodine's room, E111. Label the clothing to enter your name in a raffle to win a \$20 amazon gift card. We ask that you do not donate undergarments, swimsuits, socks, or shoes. The clothing drive goes until March 15th. Bring your clothes in today!
- ❖ Buy your **yearbooks** at yearbookforever.com
- ❖ We have **several colleges visiting** our campus over the next few weeks. If you are interested in learning more about Western Carolina, UNC-Greensboro, and Appalachian State please sign up for these events through your Scoir account now!
- ❖ The **Spanish club** will be changing their meeting days and hours to every other Monday from 7:45 to 8:05 beginning this month. The first meeting will take place Monday February 26, in room f102. All active members are expected to attend the meeting, plans for community service and school activities volunteer work will be discuss. For more information contact Sra.Koonce
- ❖ The **Drivers Ed** vision screening is scheduled for Monday February 26th, after school. Students must have completed the Driver's Ed Modules and passed the exam. Make sure you bring a copy of your birth certificate, the 800 Form and the 30 Hour Parent letter. Paperwork can be found on the Driver's Ed website within the Modules or in the main office.
- ❖ Join us for **GSA's** next meeting this Friday, February 23rd in G106 to discuss our upcoming Awareness Week events and play an LGBTQIA+ trivia game!
- ❖ **MHA-SAVES**, the Mental Health Awareness club, has their next meeting on Wednesday, February 28th afterschool until 4:00 in G110. Everyone is welcome!
- ❖ **The Disc Golf club** will be playing at Rob Wallace this Saturday at 1pm.
- ❖ Join **NEHS / Creative Writing Club** on Feb 26 after school in Mrs. Wright's room, F105C. We will be giving out permission slips for our Reading Buddies program for people who have completed the training.
- ❖ If you want to see improvements around the school that you haven't seen yet, or if you have suggestions on ideas/ activities that we could add throughout the school; **the lighthouse team has a suggestion box** for you in the guidance room, where you can submit your ideas anonymously. There are also fliers around the school with the QR code if you wish to submit your suggestions online. Use your voice to bring the change you want!

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!**



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PRHS Student Announcements

Piratepalooza

Anything but a Backpack Rules.

Cannot be alive, must be able to be carried up stairs, You and it must fit in a 3x3 ft area, must not violate any school policies.

No Pajamas All week!!

2/26

class wars
9th: green
10th: yellow
11th: blue
12th: red
Class Wars
during fourth
block

2/27

Teacher
Swap Tuesday



2/28

Wayback
Wednesday



Team Trivia
@5:37

2/29

Rhyme Without
A Reason



Fanta Santa
Ridge Madness
@5:30

3/1

Anything but a
Backpack Day



GatorBall @6:00



growinggreen_prhs
Porter Ridge High School

Friday, February 23rd 2024
@ 3:05 pm

Campus Clean- Up

Have questions? DM this account

NICKELODEON™

nickelodeon THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

BASED ON THE SERIES BY STEPHEN HILLENBURG

BOOK BY KYLE JARROW

MUSICAL PRODUCTION
CONCEIVED BY TINA LANDAU

MARCH
8TH/14TH/15TH

SONGS BY
YOLANDA ADAMS, STEVEN TYLER AND JOE
PERRY OF AEROSMITH, SARA BAREILLES,
JONATHAN COULTON, ALEX EDEY OF EDWARD
SHARPE & THE MAGNETIC ZEROS,
THE FLAMING LIPS, LADY A, CYNDI LAUPER,
JOHN LEGEND, PANIC! AT THE DISCO, PLAIN
WHITE T'S, THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS, T.I. AND
SONGS BY DAVID BOWIE, TOM KENNY & ANDY
PALEY. ADDITIONAL LYRICS BY

TICKETS: \$10

GET TICKETS AT
PORTERRIDGEHS.SEATYOURSELF.BIZ
ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY TOM KITT

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PRHS Student Announcements

GROWING GREEN CLOTHING DRIVE

February 5th to March 15h



**Locate a box in each wing and
front entrance!**

National FFA Week
February 19th -23rd

MONDAY 19TH
NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY 20TH
American Day
(Red, White & Blue)

WEDNESDAY 21ST
Farm vs. Frat
Wear a hat!

THURSDAY 22ND
Blue & Gold
Teacher Appreciation

FRIDAY 23RD
FLANNEL FRIDAY
Farm Fact Friday

No Pajamas

FFA Sponsored

Support your FFA chapter!!!

GROWING GREEN CLOTHING DRIVE



**PLEASE LABEL THE CLOTHES
YOU ARE DONATING WITH
YOU NAME TO BE ENTERED
INTO THE RAFFLE TO WIN
\$20!**

**WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT
DONATE UNDERGARMENTS,
SWIMSUITS, CROP TOPS, OR
CUT UP CLOTHING!**

**HAVE QUESTIONS? DM US
ON INSTAGRAM OR SEE MS.
GOODINE IN ROOM E111**

UNION COUNTY STUDENT SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

I AM. WE ARE.

DOCUMENTARY OR NARRATIVE
SHORT FILMS EXPLORING
TOPICS OF INDIVIDUALITY,
COMMUNITY, AUTHENTICITY,
CONNECTIONS.

FREE SUBMISSIONS

FOR UNION COUNTY HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS (9-12)

7 MINUTE MAXIMUM
LENGTH

MP4 SMART PHONE
FORMAT ONLY

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO

1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE

1ST PLACE = \$300

2ND PLACE = \$200

3RD PLACE = \$100



**ENTRY DUE
3/10**

**NOTIFICATION
3/31**

**FESTIVAL
4/13**

**FOR SUBMISSION INFORMATION VISIT
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/YUYQ2T3M](http://tinyurl.com/yuyq2t3m)**



This project was supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a
division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



AN INNOVATIVE LEADER

Rallies others toward a common goal through creativity, integrity and determination. Works to connect with other people through empathy and partnership.



A RESILIENT PROBLEM-SOLVER

Capitalizes on productive struggle, inquiry, discourse and social learning to think critically and solve relevant and meaningful problems. Lifelong learning is driven by the desire for continuous improvement.



A KEY CONTRIBUTOR

Actively participates in the community and is civic-minded, independent, and financially literate. Meets the demands of future opportunities with resilience and generosity.



AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

Accomplished in the skills of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and the use of technology. Possesses confidence and works in an organized manner.



A SKILLED COLLABORATOR

Works respectfully as a productive member of a team. Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability for success in a rapidly-changing world.

THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENS

- Be Proactive
- Begin With the End in Mind
- Put First Things First
- Think Win-Win
- Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- Synergize
- Sharpen the Saw

Pirate staff work on increasing effective use of academic language during teacher PD led by teacher - Ms. Lukasik and Instructional Coach - Mr. Broome.





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Senior Announcements

ATTENTION SENIORS

submit pictures for the Senior Slideshow



submit photos via instagram

@prseniorssideshow24

or

email prseniorssideshow24@gmail.com



Due April 29th

What we're looking for:

- baby pictures
- throwbacks
- school events
- high school events
- individual senior pics
- sports
- extracurriculars





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Parent Information

JOIN PTO

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We'd love to have your help kicking off the PRHS PTO! We're looking for PTO Board members and chairs, parents willing to pay the \$10 membership fee to support the PTO's work, parents willing to donate items for teacher appreciation events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events.

Please email Amy Dieffenbach at amy.dieffenbach@yahoo.com or Alana White at 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



INFORMATION TO LINK VIC CARD

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.



Follow the PTO
Instagram Page at
[prhs_pto](https://www.instagram.com/prhs_pto)



PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

26

MONDAY

-Softball vs Legion
Collegiate 4PM

-Soccer @
Independence 6PM

-WLAX @ AK 5:30

-MLAX @ AK 7:30

27

TUESDAY

-Soccer vs Parkwood
6PM

28

WEDNESDAY

-WLAX vs S Meck
5:30

-MLAX vs S Meck
7:30

-Softball vs Hough
4:00

-Baseball vs
Piedmont 4:30

29

THURSDAY

-Soccer @ CATA 6:00

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FRIDAY

-Softball @
Piedmont 6:00

-Baseball @ Catholic
4:30/7:00

02

SATURDAY

#COMMITTED



CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ATHLETIC
SCHEDULES

TICKETS FOR THE SCC CONFERENCE
TOURNAMENT. OUR GIRLS TEAM IS
IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME VS
MARVIN RIDGE THIS FRIDAY 2/23
AT 6:00 PM. GET YOUR TICKET AT
THE QR CODE OR BY [CLICKING HERE](#)

TICKETS



[CLICK HERE FOR
HOME EVENT
TICKETS](#)

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

PORTER
RIDGE
ATHLETIC
ZONE



PIRATE ATHLETICS



prhs_volleyball



TRYOUTS MENS VOLLEYBALL

TUES & WED FEB 27 & 28

3-5pm in PRHS Main Gym

*Must have Family ID completed to tryout. Email Coach Welch heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us with any questions

The **Baseball Team** will be hosting a family and community day on Saturday, February 24th. The start time will be 10:00 am. Events will include An age-appropriate home run derby, player introductions, and the final preseason intrasquad scrimmage game. There will be catering on-site for lunch as well. Come out and support your Baseball Pirates!

THANK YOU WRESTLING FOR A GREAT SEASON

State Placers

Khaliq Butler 4th at 144 lbs
Khaleal Henson 5th at 157 lbs
Eddison Morales 6th at 190 lbs
Andy Morales 6th at 285 lbs

Porter Ridge Wrestling 2023 -2024 Season

Overall Record 26-4
Conference Record 4-0
Southern Carolina Conference Team Champions
Eddison Morales - Regional Champion at 190 lbs

SCC All Conference Wrestlers

Khaliq Butler 144
Andy Morales 285
Khaleal Henson 157
Maddox Cheek 126
Joseph Courtney 150
Krizangel Flores 175
Eddison Morales 190
Jackson Suggs 138
Joziah Chandler 215
Aslan Demurchiyev 132

Achieved 100 plus wins in their career.

Khaleal Henson
Khaliq Butler

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

! NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

For winter sports, UCPS will implement the following protocols.

- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime of the final event.



PIRATE ATHLETICS

STATE MEET RESULTS



ANDY MORALES 6TH



EDDIE MAORALES 6TH



KHALEEL HINSON 5TH



KHALIQ BUTLER 4TH

#COMMITTED



PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB 2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024



ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

2722 W. ROOSEVELT BLVD

MONROE, NC 28110



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rolling Hills Country Club ... June 17, 2024

PRABC Champion Sponsor—\$7,500

This is an exclusive opportunity for ONE sponsor to support the Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club at the highest level of recognition for the school year. Sponsorship includes standalone signage at and logo inclusion on all printed and electronic materials at two PRABC events to include the April BBQ and June golf tournament. Sponsor has the opportunity to provide swag item for each golf tournament participant.

Includes two foursomes at June golf tournament

Presenting Sponsor—\$5,000

(two available) Sponsorship includes logo recognition on all printed and electronic materials including but not limited to swag bags, score cards, etc. A logoed golf towel will be included for each player, opportunity to provide additional swag item.

Includes foursome

Albatross Sponsor—\$2,500

Swag Bag Sponsor (two available)
Logoed balls included for each player,
opportunity to provide additional swag item
Includes foursome

Beverage Cart Sponsor (two available)
Logoed koozie included for each player,
opportunity to provide additional swag item
Includes foursome

Golf Cart Sponsor
Logo inclusion on golf carts
Includes foursome

Lunch Sponsor
Logo inclusion on lunch containers
Includes foursome

Eagle Sponsor—\$1,500

Contest Sponsor
Logo inclusion on long drive and closest to pin materials
Includes foursome

Putting Green
Signage at putting green and on practice balls
Includes foursome

Mulligan/Raffle
Logo inclusion on long drive and closest to pin materials
Includes foursome

Driving Range
Signage at putting green and on practice tees
Includes foursome

Birdie Sponsor—\$1,000

Hole Sponsor (18 available)
Signage at hole, opportunity to set up table at hole
Includes foursome

Par Sponsor—\$500

Hole Sponsor (18 available)
Signage at hole
DOES NOT include foursome

Individual Golfer—\$200



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Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek
tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc
bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cassidy Jarrett– last names Me-Sao
cassidy.jarrett@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.

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

**The SECU Foundation
Scholarship Information as
sent to SENIORS via email.
Make sure to check it.**



SECU Foundation
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE®

\$10,000 Scholarship

SECU Foundation takes an active role in assisting communities across North Carolina because we believe in "People Helping People®." To support this commitment, the People Helping People scholarship was established to help North Carolina public high school students attend college.

Eligibility requirements:

- Current senior at a North Carolina public high school
- SECU member or eligible for membership through a parent/guardian
- North Carolina resident and eligible for in-state tuition
- Accepted to attend one of the 16 UNC system universities as a full-time undergraduate
- Demonstrated scholastic achievement with a 2.5 or higher unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Exhibited leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement
- Filed FAFSA as part of the application

2024-2025



CSS PROFILE

The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid.

Participating NC Schools

Duke
Davidson
Elon
UNC Chapel Hill
Wake Forest

Complete the CSS Application if you are applying to any of these schools!

WE ARE GOING LIVE



UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

UCPS is offering three virtual sessions this spring to help parents with resources and tools to navigate tough situations. Join us on **Facebook @UCPSNC** on February 8, March 20 and April 10 at 6 p.m.

SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS

Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.

This presentation is for parents and guardians of children ages 5-17. Parents will learn facts about online risks, statistics, videos, and other resources. Mr. Traceski will also share tips for keeping children safer online.

PRESENTER: Eric Traceski, Senior Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service

SUICIDE AWARENESS

March 20 at 6 p.m.

Parents will learn about terminology related to suicidal activity, prevalence, risk factors, characteristics and warning signs. They will also receive information about community resources.

PRESENTERS: Belle Walker and Susan Slattery-Rogers, UCPS Student Support Staff

VAPING

April 10 at 6 p.m.

Parents will learn about e-cigarettes (e-cigs, vapes) and how to identify the different shapes and sizes. The presenters will also discuss the epidemic use of e-cigs in teens and the harmful effects. In addition, parents will receive resources to prevent the use of e-cigs and where to get help for teens who are using e-cigs.

PRESENTERS: Carolyn Ford and Erica High, Community Engagement Specialist, Community Support and Outreach, Union County Government

STAY CONNECTED  www.ucps.k12.nc.us



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Attention Seniors!

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED
ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?**

If so, please email ALL offers to
Ms. Lawson at
ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us.



Alumni Scholarship

**NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS!**

application deadline - April 8th
apply @ www.girlsontherununion.org

2024 GIRLS ON THE RUN OF UNION CO.

ALUMNI COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Now Accepting Applications



ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Graduating seniors who participated in any
GOTR or Heart & Sole Program in Union Co. is
eligible to apply for our \$1,000 scholarship!



PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Mrs. Jarrett will start her maternity leave effective this week. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you so much.

Me - Neu - Lawson

New - Peo - Anderson

Per - Rho - James

Ri - San - Green

PRHS
FAFSA NIGHTS

Tuesday February 13th 4:00 to 5:00
Thursday February 15th 4:00 to 5:00
Monday February 26th 7:00 to 8:00

PRHS
Registration Help Sessions

Tuesday, February 13th
5:00 to 7:00
PRHS Cafe

Thursday, February 15th
5:00 to 7:00
PRHS Cafe

Monday, February 26th
5:00 to 7:00
PRHS Cafe



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PRHS COUNSELING news

"Academy Pathway Applications for 2024-2025"

Academy applications for the 2024-2025 school year will open on February 9th. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the [UCPS Career Readiness](https://ucpscte.org/) (<https://ucpscte.org/>) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

"2024-2025 CTE Internship"

UCPS Career & Technical Education (CTE) Internship program provides students the opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career interest prior to college or post-secondary training. The 2024-2025 CTE Internship application will open on February 1st. Students can find the Internship application by going into their Major Clarity account and clicking on Work-Based Learning on the left-hand side.

Application Deadlines

Ø Summer 2024 Internship – April 15th

Ø Fall 2024 Semester – May 1st

Ø Spring 2025 Semester – October 1st

If you have any questions, please contact your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.

UNC-Greensboro Visit

Feb. 23rd 12-1pm

in the Cafeteria



Sign up for the
event through
your student
Scoir account
now!



APPALACHIAN STATE VISIT

SIGN UP
THROUGH
SCOIR NOW!

FEBRUARY
29TH @ 12PM
CAFETERIA





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OPEN HOUSE



The first step to your college and career goals!

- Tour campuses and labs
- Learn about degrees and workforce programs
- Get help with financial aid
- Meet with instructors and academic advisers
- Learn about student clubs and organizations

When & Where

March 12 | 4pm - 7pm

Old Charlotte Highway Campus,
4209 Old Charlotte Highway,
Monroe, N.C.

March 19 | 4pm - 7pm

L.L. Polk Campus,
680 Highway 74,
Polkton, N.C.



Scan here to register for Open House.

**Registration requested but not required.

PRHS COUNSELING news

Experience CAROLINA

with the University Office for Diversity and Inclusion at UNC-Chapel Hill

Have you ever wondered what a typical day on campus is like? Project Uplift and Uplift PLUS offer an opportunity to experience campus life at UNC-Chapel Hill. Led by current UNC students, we provide a warm and inviting space for you to experience Carolina.



PROJECT UPLIFT

2024 Dates : June 1, 8, and 22

Project Uplift is an one-day summer enrichment and college access program that provides students with exposure to life at Carolina



Enjoy a one-day immersive Carolina experience.



Engage in an essay writing workshop.



Get the inside scoop from current Tar Heels on what it's like to be a Carolina student!



Learn about admissions, scholarships and student aid.



UPLIFT PLUS

2024 Dates : July 7 - July 20

Uplift PLUS is an intensive, 2-week on-campus program, providing an immersive and engaging experience to prepare the next generation of leaders.



Participate in academic, social, cultural and experiential learning activities.



Complete an essay writing course in which you draft your college admissions essay.



Receive one-on-one mentoring from current Carolina students.



Gain exposure to campus resources and various schools and units at UNC-Chapel Hill.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Apply online at go.unc.edu/ProjectUplift. Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for Uplift PLUS.
2. Upload a PDF copy of your unofficial high school transcript.

DEADLINES

We encourage you to start your application early!

Application Opens: January 15, 2024
Application Deadline: March 15, 2024
Decision Notification: April 2024

LEARN MORE AT GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFT



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST
Diversity and Inclusion



ANNOUNCEMENT

SPRING SPCC TEXTBOOK REIMBURSEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MARCH

- **New forms will be online**
- **Keep up with SPCC Canvas announcements for more info**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN

NAIL CARE? BRAID EXTENSIONS? BRAIDS?
CUTTING? COLORING? STYLING?

COSMETOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2024
3:30 - 5:30PM**

WALTER BICKETT EDUCATION CENTER
704 S. Washington Street
Monroe, NC 28112

See your Career Development Coordinator for more information about the event.





Click on the text
box for the
application for
Academy Pathways



2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series

For more info and to register visit
<https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

Live Events

Scoir for Seniors - Aug.
Practice SAT - Sept./Oct.
ACT/SAT Blitz - Sept.
College Entrance Exams 101 - Oct.
Union County College Fair - Oct.
HS Programs Expo - Dec.
Paying for College - Dec.
Practice ACT - Jan./Feb.
ACT Blitz - Feb.
Getting Ready for College - Mar.
SAT Blitz - Apr.
Writing a College Essay - May

On-Demand Library

Always available at the link above.

Scoir for Underclassmen
College Recruiting for Athletes
Choosing the Right Path in HS



@UCPSCollegePrep



ucpscollegeready

PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

"Academy Pathway Applications 2024-2025" – Rising 11th & 12th Graders

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Nurse Aide & EMT Academy Deadline

*The application for Nurse Aide & the *New* EMT academy **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Wednesday, March 6th. If the application is not turned in by Wednesday, March 6th, students will put on a waitlist.

Cosmetology Academy Deadline

*The application for Cosmetology **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Friday, May 17th. If the application is not turned in by Friday, May 17th, students will put on a waitlist.

"2024-2025 CTE Internship"

UCPS Career & Technical Education (CTE) Internship program provides students the opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career interest prior to college or post-secondary training. The 2024-2025 CTE Internship application will open on February 1st. Students can find the Internship application by going into their Major Clarity account and clicking on Work-Based Learning on the left-hand side.

Application Deadlines

- Summer 2024 Internship – April 15th
- Fall 2024 Semester – May 1st
- Spring 2025 Semester – October 1st

If you have any questions, please contact your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us

Want to take SPCC classes in high school?
Want to get a jumpstart on your career?
Confused about next steps after graduation?

Let's Talk!

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Shannon Minick
SPCC Career Coach
sminick@spcc.edu



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PRHS COLLEGE VISITS

ALL VISITS WILL BE IN THE CAFETERIA FROM 12-1PM

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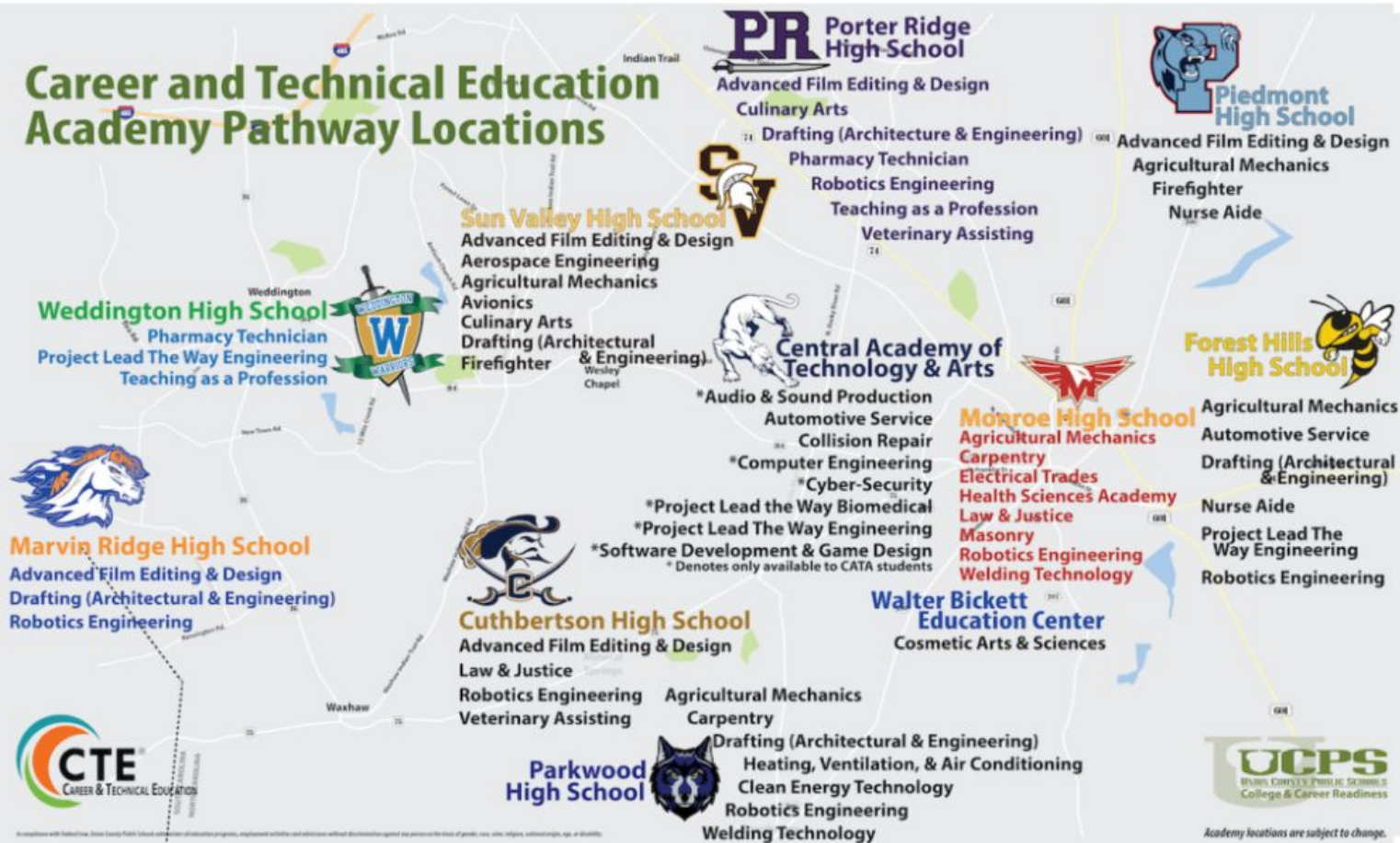
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SIGN UP FOR ANY VISIT THROUGH YOUR STUDENT SCOIR ACCOUNT NOW!



Career and Technical Education Academy Pathway Locations



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VIDEO EDITING IN PREMIERE PRO
USE INDUSTRY STANDARD CAMERAS AND EQUIPMENT
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SKILLS FOR ANY CAREER
BUILD RESUME WITH CERTIFICATIONS
FREE CREATIVE CLOUD SUBSCRIPTION
EXEMPTIBLE EXAMS
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Students Consider
our Digital Film
Editing & Production
Academy classes
during registration!

NEXTSTOP 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 curate 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.

-Mica Anderson

Senior, Weddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY

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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

- 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

COST:

Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition
Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

TRADITIONAL PATHWAY

PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY

- 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

COST:

Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition
Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

- 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

COST:

Student incurs cost

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



TARDY POLICY

Parents, it is important that students are on time for classes throughout the day. In order to ensure that you are aware if your child is tardy to class we will begin to send home notifications via our ConnectEd communication tool when your child has an unexcused tardy. We do have consequences for excessive tardies at school and these can be found in our [PRHS Student Handbook](#). Staff at PRHS remind students that the expectation is to go directly from one class to their next class, by taking the most efficient route possible. While we allow 5 minutes for each transition, students should report to their next class as quickly as possible and do not need the full five minutes. We find that students who take the most direct path to get to class and do not go into different parts of the building are always on time to class. If tardiness is due to a late bus they will be given a pass to class and will have an excused tardy which does not count against them. Thank you for your support as we teach our children the importance of being on time.

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 should 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 can fail the course due to attendance.

Important Links

[School Forms- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Health and Safety Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Technology How to Page- CLICK HERE](#)

[Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[Transportation Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[Transportation information](#) can be found on the [UCPS Transportation pages](#).

The school system is using the Edulog App this year to track your bus. Please see the flyer below: Video on how to install the app: [CLICK HERE](#)

For directions on **how to install** this Real-time bus app on your phone [please follow this link](#). There is a great video for your reference here.

[Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook](#)

for the Tardy Policy,
Dress Code, &
Attendance
Requirements

School Nutrition Prices

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the [meal application](#) (click here)

Click [here](#) for more information on meal prices.

Click [here](#) to set up an account to **make payments** and monitor your child's lunch account.

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

TECHNOLOGY USE, FEES & HELP

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. Mr. Jason Toudt is our Technology Systems Engineer.



HELPDESK HOURS

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

Start: 7:45am

End: 11:30am

Tuesday – Thursday

Start: 12:45pm

End: 3:00pm

- Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.
- Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class periods. Away means stored in a backpack, or in a teacher-designated location.
- Teachers do have discretion to allow students to use their cell phone for an instructional purpose during class time.
- If you violate this you will lose the privilege to have your phone (and headphones) during class.



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