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PRHS HAS EARNED LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL STATUS AS A LEADER IN ME SCHOOL



PRHS EOC Tutoring Schedule

See the next slides for dates and times

TIME FOR
REVIEW

Math 1

TIME FOR
PRACTICE

English 2

Biology

In order to Graduate in UCPS students must not only earn credit for courses, but must also show proficiency on End of Course Tests –Math I, Math III, Biology, & English II. Students must show proficiency with a proficiency score of Level 3, 4, or 5. Our Math 3 Tutoring Schedule will come out later this week and will start after May 13. See the tutoring schedules on the next slide

Students: Please consider tutoring sessions to help reach this goal
We will have **SNACKS**

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TIME FOR
TUTORING

Porter Ridge High announces Mr. Brett Farris Band Director



Mr. Brett Farris is a graduate of Western Carolina University where he earned a B.M. and B.S.Ed in Music Education. While at WCU, Mr. Farris studied bass trombone and performed with their Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Trombone Ensemble, Brass Quintet, AIR Orchestra, and has performed with the Brevard Philharmonic. He was also a member of the prestigious "Pride of the Mountains" marching band where he served as the Low Brass Caption TA, and the Drum Corps International group Spirit of Atlanta where he performed on contra. Mr. Farris served as the director of bands at East Rowan High School from 2020-2024 where he established a successful program both on the marching field and in the concert halls frequently earning high ratings during fall and winter marching shows, and Superior ratings at MPA. Mr. Farris is a resident of Concord, North Carolina alongside his dogs, miniature dachshunds named Otis and Peppa, and his wife, Mason. Mr Farris also enjoys spending his free time with video games, disc golf, and spending time with his family.

EOC TUTORING SCHEDULES ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE



EOC Tutoring Schedule

Biology

Monday, May 6	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Tuesday, May 7	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 9	3:10 to 4:10	G114
Monday, May 13	3:10 to 4:10	F109
Tuesday, May 14	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 16	3:10 to 4:10	G114
Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	F109
Tuesday, May 21	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 23	3:10 to 4:10	G114
Tuesday, May 28	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Wednesday, May 29	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 30	3:10 to 4:10	G114

English 2

Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	G110
Tuesday, May 21	3:10 to 4:10	G112
Thursday, May 23	3:10 to 4:10	G107
Saturday, May 25	9:00- 11:00	E203
Tuesday, May 28	3:10 to 4:10	G112
Thursday, May 30	3:10 to 4:10	G107
Friday, May 31	3:10 to 4:10	G110

Math 1

Tuesday,
 Wednesday
 and
 Thursday
 starting on
May 14th
 from 3:10 –
 4:10 in
 room E104

Date	Time	Subject	Teacher	Location
Monday, May 13	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Howard	Media Center
Wednesday, May 15	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 17	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E103
Saturday, May 18	9:00- 11:00	Math 3 EOC	Saffles	E108
Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Howard	Media Center
Wednesday, May 22	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 24	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E103
Saturday, May 25	9:00- 11:00	Math 3 EOC	Saffles	E108
Wednesday, May 29	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 31	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E204



Below is the listing of **ALL** AP Exams. Please review and make sure you know the day, time, and location of your exams.

AP Exam	Date	Time	Room
AP US Government	Monday, May 6 th	8:00 am	PRHS E212
AP Human Geography	Tuesday, May 7 th	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Seminar (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook) *if you are enrolled in Stats you will take on the makeup date, May 23 rd at 12:00 noon*	Tuesday, May 7 th	12:00 noon	PRHS Media Center
AP Stats	Tuesday, May 7 th	12:00 noon	PRHS E212
AP English Literature (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Wednesday, May 8 th	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Computer Science A	Wednesday, May 8 th	12:00 noon	PRHS Media Center
AP Environmental Science	Thursday, May 9 th	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Psychology	Thursday, May 9 th	12:00 noon	PRHS Media Center
AP US History (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Friday, May 10 th	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Art & Design Portfolio	Friday, May 10 th	Portfolio must be submitted by 8:00 pm	
AP Calculus AB & BC	Monday, May 13 th	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Pre-Calculus	Monday, May 13 th	12:00 noon	PRHS Media Center
AP English Language (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Tuesday, May 14 th	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP World History (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Wednesday, May 15 th	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Computer Science Principles (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Wednesday, May 15 th	12:00 noon	PRHS Media Center
AP Music Theory (2 nd part Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Wednesday, May 15 th	12:00 noon	E212 & Counseling Suite
AP Biology	Thursday, May 16 th	12:00 noon	E212
AP Physics I	Friday, May 17 th	8:00 am	Counseling Suite



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AP TESTING 2024

You should bring the following items to the exam room:

- Several sharpened No. 2 pencils (with erasers) for completing multiple-choice answer sheets
- Pens with black or dark blue ink for completing areas on the exam booklet covers and for free-response questions in most exams
- Up to two calculators with the necessary capabilities if you are taking an AP Biology, Calculus, Environmental Science, Physics, or Stats Exam
- Charged Chromebook if you are taking Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Seminar, US History, or World History

You should not bring the following to the exam room:

- Electronic devices, such as: cell phones, digital cameras, personal digital assistants (PDAs), BlackBerry, smart phones, laptops, Bluetooth-enabled devices, MP3 players, iPods, e-mail/messaging devices, camera/photographic equipment, devices that can access the internet, or any other electronic or communication devices
- Books, compasses, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, protractors, or notes
- Rulers and straightedges (unless you are taking an AP Physics exam)
- Scratch paper (notes can be made on portions of the exam booklets)
- Computers or calculators (except as noted above)
- Reference guides, keyboard maps, or other typing instructions
- Watches that beep or have an alarm, or smartwatches
- Portable listening or recording devices (even with headphones)
- Scissors, pocket knife, or other sharp implements
- Clothing with subject-related information
- Food or drink (*Unless this has been preapproved as an accommodation by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office prior to the test date*)

Reminders:

You are required to arrive no later than 10 minutes prior to your exam: 7:50 for the morning administration and 11:50 for the afternoon administration. Students may not be dismissed until an exam has officially ended; do not ask to leave early if you finish before the end of the exam. If you play a sport or have a job, it is your responsibility to inform your coach or employer of your AP Exam obligation, and arrangements should be made accordingly. Please note that if you ride the bus, you may need to make alternate travel arrangements as morning exams begin at 8:00 am and afternoon exams end at approximately 4:00 pm.

Get a good night's rest before your exam, and eat a nutritious breakfast/brunch. You are allowed to bring a snack and beverage for your 10-minute break. However, food and drink are prohibited in the exam room. It is advisable to bring a sweater or jacket, in case the room temperature is below your comfort level.

You are required to abide by the policies of both the College Board and PRHS during the exam period. Any misconduct will be reported and could jeopardize your AP Exam score.

AP Scores will be available online in July. You will access your scores via your College Board account. Check the score release schedule, available on the student AP scores website in May.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, feel free to contact Ms. Lawson at Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us or (704)292.7662. Thank You and Good Luck!!!



We appreciate our teacher of the year, Mr. Ross!



We appreciate Nurse Fisher our school nurse.



We love our teachers!



Congrats to Teddy Fran's and Ethan Mangum for their incredible success at the UCPS Impact30 Film Show!!! Promo Category: Technical Design, People's Choice, and Overall!!!

PRHS Student Announcements

The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...

Senior Week!

All grades are able to sign up for Goose Chase, Kickball, & Volleyball Tournaments!

5/20

Met Gala Monday

Dress in fancy, "Met Gala" attire.
 Ex: Suits, Dresses



5/21

To the Future Tuesday

Dress in your future school attire, or career.



5/22

Wayback Wednesday

Dress as your younger self.



5/23

H.A.G.S. Thursday

Wear a white shirt to school for your friends to sign during advisory.



5/24

Fun in the Sun Friday

Dress for the summer!
 -Hats
 -Sunglasses
 -Floaties/goggles
 -In dress-code summer attire



- Goose Chase begins!
- Senior Switch
- Volleyball Tournament @CC- 4:30 p.m.
- Senior Academic Awards & Signing
- Senior's get their yearbooks
- Kickball @PR practice fields- 4:45 p.m.
- Elementary School Walks (10-11am)
- Band's Big Show @7pm
- Goose Chase ends!
- Senior Breakfast
- Senior Slideshow
- Razzies
- Senior Beach Bash

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL'S CATERMANS PRESENT

ALMOST, MAINE
 BY JOHN CARIANI

MAY 17TH & 18TH
 7:00 PM

TICKETS: \$7

AVAILABLE AT PORTERBRIDGESSEATYOURSELF.BIZ
 PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH DRAMATICS PLAY SERVICE

5/28 6:30PM
CHORUS CONCERT
 PRHS AUDITORIUM
 FREE

Porter Ridge FFA
PEACH FUNDRAISER

\$25 for 1/2 bushel cling-free peaches
 (about 25 pounds)

Pre-sales: 4/29/24 - 6/14/24
 Pick-up: 7/22/24 at PRHS

To purchase peaches, see an FFA member or Mrs. Helms & Mrs. Simpson.

SEND QUESTIONS TO:
 cassidy.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us
 jenna.simpson@ucps.k12.nc.us



PRHS Student Announcements

PRHS StuCo is excited to present our annual...

KICKBALL

MAY 21 @5PM



Free for Spectators

STUDENT COUNCIL
PRESENTS...



SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

MAY 20TH
4:30 PM

FOOD, DRINKS, AND YARD
GAMES WILL BE PROVIDED

SIGN-UPS: APRIL 22ND - MAY 3RD

📍 Chesnut Square Park



SINGER NEEDED

JOIN OUR TEAM

- Featured Performer in the Fall 2024 Show
- Expand your performance resume. Perform for large crowds
- Travel and gain performance experience

INTERESTED?

📧 Emmanuel.ross@ucps.k12.nc.us

Or See Mr. Ross in the Band Room

PORTER RIDGE PRESENTS

PIRATE E-SPORTS

MULTIPLE GAMES
PLAY AND COMPETE!
INTEREST MEET DATE: TBD

FOUNDERS:
Cody Chen
Diego Corona
Brandon Cravioto-Gonzalez



- Pirates, the lighthouse team is looking for around ten **students to announce the daily announcements** during the morning and the afternoon. Get the application in the counselor's office....
- **Women's Basketball workouts for the month of May will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.** If you have any questions please see Coach Brown
- **Juniors, get started with the college application process by attending our Setting Sail for Senior Year presentations.** These presentations will be held during Tuesday Advisories in Guidance starting on April 30th. Juniors can register using the QR code found on the Counseling Instagram and in the Pirate Press!
- There will be a **meeting for all women interested in playing tennis** next year on Tuesday, May 21st after school in room E104. Please stop by room E104 if you have any questions.
- Bonjour Pirates! The **French club** will meet this Friday, May 10th to plan for upcoming events and next year.
- Join us as Porter Ridge High **School's Castaways present Almost Maine** on May 17th and 18th at 7PM. Tickets are just \$7 and available at porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz
- **GSA** will be having a meeting on Friday May 10th with a focus on mental health awareness. All are welcome to G106!
- **MHA-SAVES, the Mental Health Awareness Club, and GSA** will have a joint meeting this Friday, May 10th, from 3:15-4:30 in the Lower G Atrium. For this meeting, we will be painting affirmation stones in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. Please meet in Mrs. Jessup's room, G106, for snacks and a quick presentation. Get ready to paint! Hope to see you all there!

We need your IDEAS

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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Senior

Announcements



UPDATED: Class of 2024: Click on the Senior Letter below! Students and Parents there is information about graduation, senior week, and more
SENIOR LETTER



Sprinkle us your Scholarships!

Seniors, join us for an ice cream scholarship celebration in 4th on May 17th

All scholarships must be turned into Ms. Lawson by May 15th to attend!



Class of 2024 Graduation
Tuesday June 11th 8:00 pm

2024

ACADEMIC SIGNING &

Awards Day

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST
8:30AM IN THE PRHS MAIN GYM

Students may bring up to 2 guests.
Parents are encouraged to attend! Event
will be followed by a Senior Breakfast for
our students.



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Parent Information

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We're looking for PTO Board Vice President and Secretary. We are seeking parents willing to pay to support the PTO's work, willing to donate items for teacher appreciation and school events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events or as needed.

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](#)**

Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Floats- PTO Needs your help- **[Click here](#)** to donate a gift card

The PTO would like to serve the teachers ice cream floats for teacher appreciation week on May 7. We are asking for Walmart gift cards or a donation. If donating please send to the school office labeled PTO by May 2.




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





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



**PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETICS THIS WEEK**

6 MONDAY	7 TUESDAY	8 WEDNESDAY	9 THURSDAY	10 FRIDAY	11 SATURDAY
-NO EVENTS	-Softball 1st Rd NCHSAA Tournament TBD -W Soccer vs Cuthbertson 5:30/7	-NO EVENTS	-NO EVENTS	-Softball 2nd Rd NCHSAA Playoffs TBD	-Track Regionals @ Davie County HS

#COMMITTED x 

ATHLETIC RESULTS THIS WEEK

On 4/30, the PR Track team celebrated our Seniors during Senior Night where men's and women's teams took first place and both teams had an outstanding final home meet! On 5/2, track competed at Marvin Ridge for the Conference Championships and had PR's from almost all of our athletes. Some highlights are Kennedy Williams with a 2nd place finish in the 400M, Mylen Cadiang 2nd place in the 100M, Raeghan Melchor 2nd in triple jump, Landon Adams 2nd place in the 110M and 300M hurdles, girls 4x200M relay winning 2nd place and boys 4x200M and 4x100M relays placing 3rd. Proud of our Pirate men's and women's track teams as we head into next week's Regional competition.

The **Softball** team will be at Reagan tonight in the second round of the NCHSAA Playoffs at 6:30. This is at Reagan!

PIRATE ATHLETICS



[CLICK HERE FOR
HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)

[All tickets are sold on this
website or at the GATE by
credit/debit card.](#)



[CLICK HERE FOR
OUR DAILY
SPORTS
SCHEDULE](#)

PORTER RIDGE
ATHLETIC ZONE



PIRATE ATHLETICS

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.



There will be a **meeting for all women interested in playing tennis** next year on Tuesday, May 21st after school in room E104. Please stop by room E104 if you have any questions.

Women's Basketball workouts will be every Tuesday and Thursday. If you have any questions please see Coach Brown.

WOMENS TENNIS MEETING

2024
SEASON

MAY 21 AFTER SCHOOL
ROOM E104

EMAIL COACH MCQUEEN WITH ANY QUESTIONS:
TJMCQUEEN@EARTHLINK.NET

PIRATE ATHLETICS

Registration is underway for the 2024 PRABC Golf Tournament, Monday, June 17, 2024. Sign up as an individual or team. We are accepting sponsorships, raffle prizes, gift baskets, goodie bag items and more. Please visit prathleticboosterclub.org or email prabcevents@gmail.com for more information.



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB 2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024



ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
2722 W. ROOSEVELT BLVD
MONROE, NC 28110



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS — LEVELS —

ALBATROSS SPONSOR - \$2500

- LOGO ON WEBSITE, PIRATE PRESS, FLYERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.
- LOGO GOLF TOWEL PROVIDED TO EACH PARTICIPANT
- BANNER AT ENTRANCE TO GOLF TOURNAMENT AS PRESENTER
- TABLE PROVIDED FOR SPONSOR DISPLAY USE
- 2 COMPLIMENTARY FOURSOME INCLUDED

BIRDIE SPONSOR - \$1000

- LARGE BANNER HOLE (18 AVAILABLE)
- OPPORTUNITY TO SET UP A TABLE AT HOLE
- FOURSOME INCLUDED

EAGLE SPONSOR - \$500

- YOUR CHOICE OF
 - CONTEST SPONSOR
 - CLOSEST TO THE PIN
 - LONG DRIVE
 - MULLIGAN
 - RAFFLE
- FOURSOME INCLUDED

PAR SPONSOR - \$100

- ORGANIZATION NAME AND LOGO ON SIGN AT ONE OF THE COURSE HOLES

FOR MORE INFORMATION

VISIT

<https://www.prathleticboosterclub.org/2024golftournament>
or email PRABcevents@gmail.com





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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

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

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Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc
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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.

REMINDER

DID YOU COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA FORM?

Check your application status at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

Sprinkle us your Scholarships!

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PRHS
Scholarship Total
\$13,402,818

73 Students
200 Awards
WAY TO GO SENIORS



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SETTING SAIL TO SENIOR YEAR JUNIOR PRESENTATION

🏴 DURING TUESDAY ADVISORIES

🏴 LEARN ABOUT THE COLLEGE PROCESS

🏴 GET STARTED ON COLLEGE APP ACCOUNTS

Scan to Register Now:



PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

collegeboard

AP

Question 1

The graph of a differentiable function f is shown. If $h(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$, which of the following is true?

$h'(k) = \int_0^k f(t) dt < 0$

$h'(x) = f'(x)$

$h'(k) = f(k) = 0$

$h'(x) = f'(x)$

$h'(k) = f'(k)$

A. $h'(k) < h'(6) < h'(16)$
B. $h'(6) < h'(k) < h'(16)$
C. $h'(k) < h'(6) < h'(16)$
D. $h'(6) < h'(k) < h'(16)$

AP Calculus AB | MCQ (No Calculator)

NEW AP DAILY PRACTICE SESSIONS AVAILABLE NOW

New practice videos on AP Classroom and YouTube

Dear Colleague,

The 2024 AP[®] Exam administration is about a month away, and preparations are in full swing. Make sure your students know about all the [free resources](#) in AP Classroom they can use to review material, check their understanding, and get quick feedback on their areas of strength and where they need more practice.

On April 22, we'll be releasing a brand-new batch of [AP Daily: Practice Sessions](#). These videos are focused on practicing free-response and multiple-choice questions for the AP courses that offer them. Last year's videos are still available too.



AP DAILY: PRACTICE SESSIONS NEW 2024 Videos

AP Daily: Practice Sessions



Sessions are 15 minutes each.



New video recordings for each course will be released on April 22. All videos will be posted on [YouTube](#) and in [AP Classroom](#) and can be watched on demand at any time.



The 2024 practice sessions aren't available for AP Seminar, AP Research, AP Art and Design, and AP world languages. However, videos on the Review page under Course Resources in AP Classroom are excellent preparation resources for these courses.

[Learn More](#)

Click on the Ad to Learn More



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PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

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

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/>) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

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!

Scan below to schedule a meeting:



Shannon Minick
SPCC Career Coach
sminick@spcc.edu



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Follow us on:  [prhs_counseling](https://www.instagram.com/prhs_counseling)



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PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS



CAMPUS VISIT DAY

Tuesday, May 14
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](https://cabarruscollege.edu/admissions)

CAREERS START AT CABARRUS COLLEGE

Join us to learn about our 18 degrees in 11 health science disciplines.

- Drop-in format with sessions beginning every 30 minutes
- Tour our state-of-the-art facility
- Meet our faculty
- Connect with current students in your program of interest
- Learn how our generous scholarships, loans and financial aid keep your costs low

Register now. We can't wait to meet you!

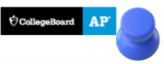


CabarrusCollege.edu
Admissions@CabarrusCollege.edu
 704-403-1555



CABARRUS COLLEGE
 of
 HEALTH SCIENCES
We are Healthcare Education.

Britt Ellis
 Director, Admissions and Recruitment
 Enrollment Management
[Cabarrus College of Health Sciences](https://CabarrusCollege.edu/Health_Sciences)
 52 YEARS | LEADING EDUCATION CARING
 O: 704-403-3207
 F: 704-403-2077






Explore Your Passion with AP Capstone™

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.

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.

www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs

How It Works

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of your choice, you'll receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, you'll receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.




AP Capstone Diploma™

AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

Team Project & Presentation

Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation

End-of-Course Exam



AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

Academic Paper

Presentation & Oral Defense

4 AP COURSES & EXAMS

(Taken at any point throughout high school)

AP Seminar: Where Creativity Meets Critical Thinking

Learn more about AP Capstone at collegeboard.org/apcapstone.



Pre-College Programs Summer 2024

JUNE 16-21 / JUNE 23-28

Week-long immersion programs introduce high school students to college-level study, university life, and career options in a dynamic learning environment.

What makes pre-college programs *unique*?





Each program exemplifies the high-quality arts and sciences approach that is a hallmark of UNC Asheville and pairs participants with expert faculty and industry professionals in concentrations including Ceramics; Pre-Med; Geology & Adventure; Film Scoring & Sound Design; Great Smokies Young Writers Workshops (Creative Writing); Meteorology; River Ecology & Adventure; Music Composition & Songwriting; Climate, Robotics, Rocketry & Aerospace Engineering; and Video Game Design.

Pre-College Programs are open to rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Lodging, meals, excursions and all academic materials are included in the program cost starting at \$1,430 per week.

Registration Open Now

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For more information, visit unca.edu/precollege or contact Office of Conferences & Camps at precollege@unca.edu





WINGATE GATEWAY SCHOLARSHIP

WINGATE

South Piedmont Community College
 Central Piedmont Community College
 Stanly Community College
 Richmond Community College
 Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
 Blue Ridge Community College

A four-year degree for \$2,500 per year or less?

Make your dreams a reality with the Wingate University Gateway Scholarship

Wingate University is working with area community colleges to break down financial barriers and provide students with a seamless transfer pathway. Our community college partners include South Piedmont, Central Piedmont, Stanly, Richmond, Rowan-Cabarrus and Blue Ridge.

Build on your success in community college and earn a scholarship to complete your bachelor's degree for no more than \$2,500 per year in tuition!

Requirements

- Meet our admission standards
- Earn your associate's degree from a participating community college with at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Complete the FAFSA or financial responsibility form.

Gateway Scholarship NEXT STEPS

1. Submit an online application to Wingate.
2. Provide your high school and community college transcripts.
3. Complete the FAFSA or financial responsibility form.
4. Once accepted, commit to Wingate by submitting your enrollment deposit.



Gateway Scholarship FAQs

- Our admission application is FREE. There is no separate application for the scholarship. High school students should submit our first-year undergraduate application. High school graduates (those who completed community college courses after graduating from high school) should use the transfer-student application.
- The scholarship is for up to 4 years (8 semesters) at Wingate as long as students maintain a GPA consistent with our academic standards.
- The scholarship is applied to a student's financial aid after all other institutional, federal and state aid have been applied toward tuition.
- The scholarship can be used for any undergraduate program (not just certain majors.)
- Scholarship recipients are responsible for the costs of room, board and a meal plan if they live on campus (average additional cost of \$10K per year).
- The scholarship is not limited to a certain number of recipients each year. Any student who meets the qualifications is eligible.
- Although it is not an income-based scholarship, families are required to complete the FAFSA or a financial responsibility form, to be eligible.
- The scholarship includes any associate degree pathway.
- Students must be enrolled full-time at Wingate (12 or more credit hours) to receive the scholarship.

Gateway to Wingate Tips

- Plan your courses. Work with your community college advisor and Wingate to ensure that your courses will transfer toward your major.
- Visit Wingate University's campus.
- To receive a schedule that best fits your academic goals, submit your enrollment deposit early.

Areas of Study

Undergraduate Majors

- Accounting
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Agricultural and Food Systems
- Biology and Education
- Environmental Biology
- Environmental Biology/Public Health Track
- Chemistry
- Chemistry and Business
- Communication
- Health Communication
- Journalism
- Speech & Theater
- Sports Medicine
- Strategic Communication
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Educational studies
- Elementary Education
- Middle Grades Education
- Reading & Elementary Education
- English
- English & Education
- Exercise Science
- Fitness Professional Track
- Pre-Professional Track
- Finance
- Health and Physical Education
- History
- History Education
- Human Services
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Mathematics & Business
- Mathematics & Education
- Music
- Music Education
- Music Performance
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Religious studies
- Sociology
- Sport & Recreation Management

Pre-Professional Programs

- Pre-Professional Programs
- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine
- Pre-Ministerial

Graduate Programs

- Accounting
- Business
- Education
- Elementary Education
- Educational Leadership
- Higher Education
- Executive Leadership
- School Superintendency
- Medical Science
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Public Health
- Social Work (under development)
- Sport Management

If you have questions about Wingate's admissions application, please contact Valerie Graham, Valerie@wingate.edu, 704-233-8103.



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 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

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



We have made a change on how we are accepting absence notes. Our attendance counselor has transitioned to a different job and UCPS is no longer filling these jobs. If you have questions about your child's attendance please call the main office at PRHS and our staff will assist you. Moving forward we will be accepting parent notes only using an [electronic Absence Reporting Form linked here](#). Please bookmark the form. It will also be linked on our website and in our newsletter. There is information below about using the form, and more information on the form itself:

- This form is to be used by a PARENT/GUARDIAN to report a **STUDENT'S PREVIOUS DAY OR CURRENT DAY'S absence** from school due to illness.
- A maximum number of **FIVE (5) days can be excused FOR ILLNESS with a parent note** (uploads to this form) each semester, for an approved 'excused absence reason. A request for an exception to this guideline should be directed to your child's administrator or counselor for Principal approval. (This includes paper/email notes that were sent in prior to this form being available.)
- Official Medical/Court/Legal Absence notes should still be turned in to the main office on paper. Please do not complete this form when you are providing documentation from a doctor (or court, DMV, etc...).
- Only the parent or guardian may complete this form, no students. Parent email completing form will be verified with email(s) we have on file, only forms submitted by a matching email will be accepted. If you need to verify your email that we have on file - it is the email address that we send the weekly Pirate Press newsletter to. You can verify other addresses by calling the school.
- *Email and paper Parent Notes for illness will no longer be accepted*
- Students arriving to school late, or returning to school from a medical/court/legal appointment should continue to sign in to school and turn in their doctor/court/official note to the front desk.

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.



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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