

OUR SCHOOL

Ponderosa High School provides an outstanding educational program which gives all students the opportunity to develop their academic skills and knowledge, aesthetic appreciation and sense of self-worth so that they may become active, productive, responsible members of our society.

Ponderosa earned maximum six-year terms of accreditation in 2001, 2007 and 2013 as a result of the review by the Western Association of Schools and the Colleges.

Ponderosa's College and Career Center continues to provide post-graduation options and planning for all students. Student Academic Recognition programs have also been expanded to include the Principal's Honor Roll and Academic Achievement Awards for students earning a 3.0 and above GPA. Ponderosa is generously supported by a dedicated community of parent volunteers including boosters in Drama, FFA, Band, Choir, Athletics and the Safe and Sober Grad Night Committee.

The school's Academic Performance Index in 2013 was 843 (state average 790) placing it above the 90th percentile in California. A total of 40% of students are enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement course.

MISSION STATEMENT

The primary objectives and purposes of the PHS Foundation are to raise funds to support and promote the enhancement of education at Ponderosa High School through enrichment and development of programs, the improvement of the physical plant, the support of student activities and the recognition of achievements.

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PONDEROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION



**Supporting and promoting
public education in our
community**

DID YOU KNOW?

- Ponderosa High School students have a full range of Advanced Placement courses, Career Technical Education pathways and a new ROP Diesel Engine program. The Agriculture program is expanding to include Agricultural Mechanics (including welding, woodworking and electrical systems).
- In 2014, Ponderosa began offering AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) with a mission to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and success in a global society.
- Google surveys, Google documents, Chromebooks and blended learning have made their way into Ponderosa classrooms.
- Ponderosa competes in the Division 2 Capital Valley Conference athletic league.
- Enrollment for the 2014-15 school year is 1827 students. Roughly 72% of students are enrolled in courses required for UC/CSU admission.
- Students at Ponderosa High School have won the countywide Academic Decathlon 22 years in a row.

WHO ARE WE?

The Ponderosa High School Foundation was established in January 2004 by a group of caring community members. Our goal is to be able to make philanthropic giving as effective as possible. We are a public charity. Our common vision is to enhance the quality of education for the students at Ponderosa High School.

WHY GIVE?

Individuals, families, businesses and organizations can donate for a specific purpose or help create permanent charitable funds that will help our school meet the challenges of changing times. The Ponderosa High School Foundation will invest and administer these funds. We will use distributions to award money each year to many educationally focused areas within our school. It is not our intent to replace any club (Boosters, for example), but rather to enhance those groups already in existence, identify new needs and allow for tax deductibility of your donations.



HOW DO I GIVE?

Please make your check payable to:

Ponderosa High School Foundation

Drop off at the Ponderosa office
or mail to:
PO Box 1102
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*If you have a specific program,
event or activity to which you
would like to contribute,
please reference it on your check.*

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