Points of Pride/Core Values

At Poudre High School, we live by the philosophy of Ubuntu—translated as “I am who I am because of who we are.” Ubuntu speaks about our interconnectedness and how our actions affect the whole community. We’re all in this together—students, parents, counselors, teachers and staff. Your success is our success!

Pathways for students, based on the Colorado Career Cluster model, create smaller learning communities within a large high school.

Poudre is home to PSD’s International Baccalaureate Program and authorized by the Higher Learning Commission as an alternate site for Front Range Community College.

The mission of IB, to “develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect,” is clearly embedded in the PHS philosophy represented by Ubuntu. Further, the philosophy of the Middle Years Program taught in all classes encourages students to develop the academic and social skills needed to be successful learners.

Performance & Demographics

- PHS Enrollment: 1,825
- 96% of IB Class of 2017 earned a full IB Diploma (International average is 79%); average score was 5.2, well above passing score of 4.0
- Last year, over 600 students participated in Front Range Community College programs, resulting in thousands of credits earned and saving families over $500,000 in college tuition
- Over 10% of 2019 graduating seniors were accepted into Colorado’s ASCENT program, earning themselves a free year of college
- State and nationally recognized teams in Science Olympiad, Theatre, DECA, FCCLA, FBLA, FFA, HOSA, Robotics, Speech and Debate, and more
- Students continually recognized as National Merit Scholars, Daniels Fund Scholars, and Boettcher Scholars
- Gold key winners in the Scholastic Arts competition; annual award-winning student-literate magazine; students selected each year for honor ensembles in choir, orchestra and band
- Award-winning Visual Arts Programs