



PONDEROSA POINTS OF PRIDE

Great schools are steeped in tradition, legacy and longevity. They endure over time regardless of their physical surroundings. Ponderosa high school has over three decades of proven success and is very proud of its accomplishments. Below are some highlights.

- Ponderosa is known for its “family feel” where students, faculty and staff feel safe and comfortable.
- Ponderosa offers big school opportunities in a small school setting.
- Ponderosa is ranked as one of the top 500 high schools in the country by Newsweek Magazine.
- Ponderosa was selected as one of the top 300 schools in the country by U.S. News and World Report.
- Ponderosa recently received the *College Success Award* from GreatSchools.org, which recognizes high schools who well-prepare students for post-secondary success.
- Ponderosa has a 98.7% graduation rate.
- Ponderosa students can choose from 33 college credit courses and 18 Advanced Placement courses.
- On average, Ponderosa students earn over 5 million dollars in scholarships annually.
- Ponderosa has one of the lowest mediation rates in Colorado. When our students graduate, they are prepared for college.
- Ponderosa has the lowest referral rate for drug and alcohol use among all DCSD high schools.
- 75% of Ponderosa’s student body is involved in athletics and/or activities.
- Ponderosa has won 32 state championships and 120 league championships, the MOST among all high schools in Douglas County.
- Ponderosa is the only high school in Douglas County that offers an Auto Mechanics program where students can earn NATEF certification and compete for jobs right out of high school.
- Our annual Wish Week, sponsored by Student Council, has raised over \$200,000.00 and granted over 30 wishes.
- Ponderosa is the only DCSD high school that has a “Human Rights Awareness Week,” where students can learn about global issues affecting our society.

***Ponderosa High School
Proud, Productive, Proven!!***