

PUMA NATION

Handbook



Pride Progress Purpose

Welcome to Puma Nation

We are excited to welcome you to Perry High School. Pride, Progress, and Purpose are not just the words in our motto, but principles that we have operated on since opening our doors in the Fall of 2007. You have chosen a school whose staff and students are committed to excellence in every arena. Perry is distinguished as an excelling school and has been named an A+ School of Excellence by the Arizona Education Foundation. Our students strive for success in academics, sports, fine arts, and in the “real world.”

The next year will be a journey for both you and your student. While the first few steps on campus may be slow to start, they will gain momentum quickly and before you know it, you will be sending your child out into the world. Partnering with teachers and counselors will help to lay a supportive foundation for your student. I invite you to take a vested interest in your child’s education and encourage him or her to do the same.

On behalf of all the faculty and staff at Perry, I welcome you and look forward to the next four years.

Sincerely,



Heather Patterson
Principal

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Attendance

- All student absences/tardies must be called in within 24 hours in order to be excused. Perry High School is a closed campus. Any student who needs to leave campus during the day MUST be signed out in the attendance office by a parent/legal guardian. Listed emergency contacts are for emergencies only and ARE NOT considered a student pick up list. If the parent requires someone else to pick up their student, the parent must send in a signed, hand-written note or send an email to attendance at phsattendance@gse.cusd80.com with their student at the start of the day.
- Per district policy, after 10 consecutive full-day absences (absent from all 6 classes), a student will be dropped from his/her classes. Since regular attendance is key to student success, students should be in class on a daily basis. By law students must attend 90% of class sessions to receive credit for the course. If students are absent more than 15 class sessions (excused or unexcused), they may be required to make up the hours or they may not earn credit for the course.

Infinite Campus

In high school, students are expected to begin managing their own education. Students are encouraged to check their grades on a regular basis. This can be done easily with Infinite Campus. Students will receive a school password and directions for access. Parents are also provided their own login information which also gives access to student grades. Instructions on how to create your Parent Portal will be distributed at the start of the year.

Counseling

We are so excited to have you join Puma Nation and are here to help you navigate the next chapter in your life. The transition to high school can be intimidating for freshman. There are more people, bigger buildings, new expectations, numerous choices, graduation requirements—oh, and don't forget, memories to make. While it can be overwhelming, it is important to take a breath and take the first steps toward success. As you walk through the next four years, know that you are not alone in your journey. Besides the wonderful teachers you will encounter, you have a great resource in your counselors. We are here to guide you toward success by providing support and assistance from the minute you walk on campus to the tossing of your graduation cap. Don't blink, it will be here before you know it!

This handbook is to serve as a reference for you and your parents in your first year as a Puma. There are so many tools available to you if you choose to use them. In your first year, we will be here to help you learn the ropes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Kirstin Gregg, Counseling Department Chair

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Appointments

Counselors are available before and after school and at lunch without an appointment. To schedule an appointment, email or call Trisha Sprall or look for the QR code around campus.

Career Center

How do freshmen prepare for scholarships? Getting involved in outside activities will make your scholarship application stand out. Whether it is joining a club or helping out in the community, involvement shows that you can handle more than just academics. Colleges and universities are interested in someone who is unique and who will contribute to their school. Whichever activity you choose, stick with it, maybe even work towards a leadership position within that club, sport, or organization. Being able to commit to high school activities shows that you will likely commit to those in college and leadership skills will behoove you in any post secondary road you choose.

Academics

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Graduation Requirements

Subject	CUSD	Arizona Universities
English	4 credits	4 credits
Math	4 credits	4 credits
Lab Science	3 credits Must complete one year in same class to earn credit: Investigative Science, Biology, Chemistry, and/or Human Biology	3 credits One credit in each of the three different lab sciences: Chemistry, Physics, Biology. An integrated lab science (Human Biology, Biotechnology, or Investigative Science) may be used to substitute one required course.
Social Studies	3 credits	2 credits
Career and Tech Ed Fine Arts	1 credit	1 Fine Arts credit
Foreign Language	0 credits	2 credits two years in the same language
Physical Education	1 credit	0 credits
Comprehensive Health	.5 credit- usually taken sophomore year	0 credits
Required Courses	16.5 credits	16 credits
Elective Courses	5.5 credits	0 credits
Total Required Credits	22 credits	16 credits

Education and Career Action Plan

On February 25, 2008, the Arizona State Board of Education approved Education and Career Action Plans (ECAP) for all Arizona students grades 9-12 (R7-2-302.05). Effective for the graduation class of 2013, schools shall complete for every student in grades 9-12 an Arizona Education and Career Action Plan. An ECAP reflects a student's current plan of coursework, career aspirations, and extended learning opportunities in order to develop the student's individual academic and career goals. All Freshman will complete an ECAP in the first semester with their counselor. This plan will be updated annually.

Below is the suggested coursework for students. Please reference the on-line course catalogue under the "Registration" tab on our website. Note that students may take a zero hour and/or online courses.

Freshman

English 9 or Honors English 9
Algebra 1
 or Honors Geometry
 or Honors Algebra 2 (STEM)
Investigative Science
 or Honors Biology
World History
 or Honors World History
Introduction to Physical Education
World Language/Fine Art/CTE/Other Elective (1)

Sophomore

English 10 or Honors English 10
Geometry, Honors Geometry/Honors Algebra 2 (block)
 or Honors Algebra 2
 Honors Brief Calculus (STEM)
Biology, Honors Biology
 or Honors Chemistry
 or Honors Physics
AP Human Geography
*(does not count for 1 of the 3 credits needed)
Comprehensive Health (1 semester)
Electives (2.5)

Junior

English 11 or AP English 11
Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus
 or AP Calculus AB/BC (STEM)
Biology, Honors Biology
 or Honors Chemistry
 or Honors Physics
Chemistry, Physics, Human Biology
 or AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics
 AP Environmental Science
American/Arizona History
 or AP American/Arizona History
Electives (2.5)

Senior

English 12 or AP English 12
Math Year 4, Pre-Calculus or AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus AB/BC,
 AP Statistics, Honors Brief Calculus
 Multivariable Calc (STEM)
 Linear Algebra (STEM)
Chemistry, Physics, Human Biology
 or AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics,
 or AP Environmental Science
US/AZ Government, Economics
 or AP US/AZ Government,
 or Honors We the People, AP Economics
Electives
*Seniors must be enrolled in at least four credit-bearing classes.

Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Enrollment

Honors Courses

Perry High School offers a number of honors courses. These classes are assigned weighted grades due to the academic rigor and higher expectations in the work required. The grade-point value for these classes are A=5.0; B=4.0; C=3.0; D= 1.0; F=0. Weighted courses are listed with Honors and AP designations in their title. Grade point average (GPA) for transferring students is recomputed in order to align the transferring classes with the courses offered at CUSD high schools. Transfer students will receive grades only for those classes that align to Perry's AP Honors classes.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Advanced Placement courses prepare students to take the national Advanced Placement examination given in late spring of each school year. Students may be granted AP Status and/or college credit on the basis of how well they perform on these tests. Students are not required to take an AP course to be eligible to take an AP exam; however, students enrolled in AP courses are expected to take the AP exam. AP/Honors classes are not available to homebound students.

Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment classes are Maricopa Community College academic and occupational classes offered on the high school campus and taught by high school instructors who meet community college guidelines. Students enrolled in dual enrollment courses and who pay the registration and class fees are eligible to receive college credit while still in high school. It is highly recommended that students research potential colleges and universities in order to understand how these credits will transfer.

A Look Into the Future

While graduation is a "long" four years away, it will be here before you know it. The freshman grade point average sets the foundation for future achievement.

Cum Laude Recognition

Effective with the Class of 2020, all CUSD high schools will be using the Cum Laude recognition program. This replaces the concept of designating a valedictorian and salutatorian at graduation. This recognition program acknowledges the most academic successful students at graduation so more students are recognized. The categories for distinction under the Cum Laude recognition program are as follows:

- Summa Cum Laude- meaning "with highest praise." To qualify, a student must achieve a 4.5-5.0
- Magna Cum Laude- meaning "with great praise." To qualify, a student must achieve a 4.25-4.49
- Cum Laude- meaning "with praise." To qualify, a student must achieve a 3.75-4.24

STEM Program

STEM

Students enrolled in the PHS STEM Diploma and STEM Scholar Diploma Program will participate in a unique academic program that includes additional math, science, and technology courses as well as summer institutes.

Perry's STEM program is directed towards promoting the importance of high school achievement and the value of rigorous course work. The ultimate goal of the program is to prepare students for college readiness in science, medicine, engineering, and math majors. Students who complete the program and earn a STEM Diploma or STEM Scholar Diploma will receive several academic endorsements and special recognition at graduation.

Any student who is interested in Engineering or Computer Science fields is encouraged to apply. Please contact Mr. Fred Mann at 480.224.2947 or mann.fred@cusd80.com for more information.

STEM Scholar Diploma

Freshman	Summer	Sophomore
Honors English 9	Health (online option)	Honors English 10
*Honors Algebra 2	*STEM Workshop	Honors Brief Calculus or Honors Pre-Calculus
Honors Biology (Science Fair Project)	*1 summer	Honors Chemistry
AP World History		Heath/Fine Arts Fine Arts/Fine Arts
World Language 1		World Language 2
Physical Education		AP Statistics
Junior	Summer	Senior
AP English 11	STEM Experience	AP English 12 Dual Enrollment 12
AP Calculus BC		Multivariable Calc and Differential Equation
AP Chemistry		AP Physics 1 or AP Physics C
AP American/Arizona History		AP Government/AP Economics
**Menu/Focus (Science Engineering)		**Menu/Focus (Science Engineering)
Fine Art Elective(s)		
**Menu (PHS) Human Biology, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, Robotics, Honors Science, Research, Cybersecurity **Focus (Chandler Gilbert CC and PHS) Computer Science, & Engineering @ PHS, Biotechnology @CGCC		
Dual Enrollment Credits Available *Advanced placement college credits available with successful test scores *Students entering with Algebra 1 may take Honors Geometry/Honors Algebra 2 block		

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*Honors Geometry	*STEM Workshop	Honors Algebra 2
Honors Biology (Science Fair Project)	*1 summer	Honors Chemistry
AP World History		Heath/Fine Arts Fine Arts/Fine Arts
World Language 1		World Language 2
Physical Education		Fine Art Elective(s)
Junior	Summer	Senior
English 11	STEM Experience	English 12 Dual Enrollment 12
Honors Brief Calculus or Honors Pre-Calculus		AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry		AP Physics 1 or AP Physics C
AP American/Arizona History		AP Government/AP Economics
**Menu/Focus (Science Engineering)		**Menu/Focus (Science Engineering)
AP Statistics		
**Menu (PHS) Human Biology, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, Robotics, Honors Science, Research, Cybersecurity **Focus (Chandler Gilbert CC and PHS) Computer Science, & Engineering @ PHS, Biotechnology @CGCC		
Dual Enrollment Credits Available *Advanced placement college credits available with successful test scores *Students entering with 8 th grade math may take Algebra1 or Geometry courses		

Testing and Resources

Testing

The PSAT is a pre-cursor to the SAT College Entrance Exam. While mostly taken by sophomores and juniors, it is open to any student and is offered annually in the fall. While the ACT and SAT can be taken any time by any student, most wait until their junior year to test. We do encourage all grade levels to participate.

ACT

The ACT test is the statewide high school achievement test for students in grade 11 and are administered in the Spring semester for all juniors during their school day.

Tutoring

Perry offers an extensive tutoring schedule for every curricular area. This schedule will be available on line and is subject to change. Students may find that they will have to put more effort and time into their high school coursework, and our exceptional staff is here to provide them support. Please encourage your student to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

CUSD Counseling and Social Services

Educating our youth is a group effort that goes beyond the classroom. Our district counseling and social services department has developed a program designed to support parents in navigating the challenges and opportunities of their student's high school career. Please visit our district website at cusd80.com and click on the health services link to learn about the many resources that are available. You may also reach our counseling department to learn more about what Perry High School offers for our students.

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Clubs and Activities

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The next four years seem like a long time, but it will go by incredibly fast. One key point to really enjoying high school and all that it has to offer is to get involved. It's a great way to meet people and get connected with the Puma Nation. When it comes to activities, Perry has something for everyone. We currently have more than 60 active clubs on campus with more being formed. Within the first three weeks of school, we will have Rush Week, which allows you to see all that the clubs on campus have to offer and see which might be of interest to you. During the school year, the clubs have many projects that provide opportunities for you to volunteer and help make a difference in our community.

Current Clubs for 24-25:

Puma Aquatics Club	PNHSDA-Dance Arts	*Culinary/FCCLA
Art Club	NHSSM and NHSSMA	*Dance Club
Asian Culture	(National Honor Sports Med)	*DECA/Marketing
Astronomy Club	Operation Smile	*ECE/FCCLA
Biology	Paddleboarding	*Photo Imaging-CTE
Bring Chance to Mind	Perry Puma Athletic Council	*HOSA Sports Med
Card Club	Perrywinkles Improv Club	*HOSA Med Pro
Chess	Philosophy Club	*Moveo
Close Up	The Precedent-Newspaper	*Newspaper
Connect 4 College	Puma Mental Warriors	*Pom
Culinary Club	Puma Pals	*Skills USA
Drama Club	Red Cross Club	*Swim and Dive
E.L.L.A	Rho Kappa	*Tech Club
Environmental Club	Robotics	*Technical Theatre
FCA	She's the First	*Tri-M Music Honor Society
Fitness Club	Spanish National Honor Society	*Yearbook
French Club/NHS	Sparrow Club	
German Club/NHS	Stronger Than Ever	
Key Club	STUGO-Student Government-application	*Indicates you must be enrolled in the class.
Latin Culture Club	Technical Theatre	
Leo	Turning Point USA	
LINK Crew-application	Women in STEM	
Math Club-Mu Alpha Theta		
National Art Honor Society		
NHS-National Honor Society-application		

See Mr. Ames in the Activities Office for steps to forming your own club.

Athletics

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At Perry High School, the coaches and administration stress the importance of educational athletics. This means that student-athletes learn skills which are in extension of what they are learning in the classroom. They are expected to do more than win games; they are to be strong academic students, good citizens, and contributors to our community. Our coaches teach the school motto of pride, purpose, and progress. This is why we encourage everyone to participate in athletics year round. We also believe that educational athletics keeps students mentally focused and physically fit. All athletes have the opportunity to work daily with a conditioning coach who will train them in strength, endurance, and proper nutrition. Our well-rounded student-athletes have received numerous academic and athletic scholarships to varied universities, colleges, and military institutions including Harvard, Stanford, Embry Riddle, West Point, and all of our in-state schools.

The other important facet to our athletics program is our fans. Whether it's a swim and dive meet, a softball game, a homecoming football game, or any of our hundreds of athletic events, we invite all students, parents, families, and community members to come out and support the Pumas.

Fall Sports

Badminton (girls)
Cross Country (boys and girls)
Football
Golf (boys and girls)
Pom and Cheer (year round)
Swim and Dive (boys and girls)
Tennis (freshmen)
Volleyball (girls)
Flag Football (girls)
Unified Football

Winter Sports

Basketball (boys and girls)
Soccer (boys and girls)
Wrestling
Unified Soccer

Spring Sports

Baseball
Softball
Volleyball (boys)
Tennis (varsity boys and girls)
Track (boys and girls)
Sand Volleyball (girls)
Unified Basketball
Unified Track

Athletics schedules can be found on the school website: <https://www.cusd80.com/phs>

All student athletes must have a current physical, birth certificate, and insurance information for a clearance card. Clearance packet should be completed online at <https://www.registermyathlete.com>

Tips for Success

Get Organized

Obtain school supplies and create an organizational plan that works for you. Not sure where to begin? Ask for help. Visit teacher websites to look for required supplies, syllabi, etc. Once teachers hand out their course syllabi, keep a hard copy to reference throughout the year.

Stay Informed

- Parents: attend Open House at the beginning of the year. Meet your student(s)' teachers.
- Visit the Perry HS website and individual teacher websites regularly.
- Check our Freshman page on the website often (from the Perry High homepage, click on "information" then "Freshman Resources.")
- Sign up for E-Blast and receive notification when websites are updated.
<http://www.mychandlerschools.org/register>
- Check Infinite Campus regularly. Sign up for updates to be sent to your phone.
<https://www.cusd80.com/parentportal>
- Contact classroom teachers with questions regarding academic progress. Keep a copy of your student's schedule to use to create a group email, and check in periodically. All emails are set up in the following manner: *lastname.firstname@cusd80.com*.
- *Paw Print*- Watch for weekly email that includes a link to our many resources and valuable information.
- Follow us on Twitter/X: @PerryPumas07
- ParentSquare: a safe and secure platform to host all school-to-home communication in one place. It includes direct two-way messaging, private conversations, news posts, district-wide urgent alerts and notifications, and a simple user interface through website or app that makes it easy to stay connected.

Be Involved

- Parents/Students-become involved at Perry. Attend activities and athletic events. Become a Puma Nation fan! We have so much to offer. Be proud of your school!
- Parents-Talk to your students daily. Ask about school, friends, and life.
- Students- Be proactive. Ask for help. Talk to your teachers. Attend tutoring. Sometimes success takes extra effort, and there is no shame in needing assistance. Being successful is not about being perfect and having all the answers, but more in how you overcome obstacles, and seek answers.

Tutoring

- Our tutoring schedule will be available in August on our website and in the *Paw Print*. Tutoring is available Monday through Thursday after school.



