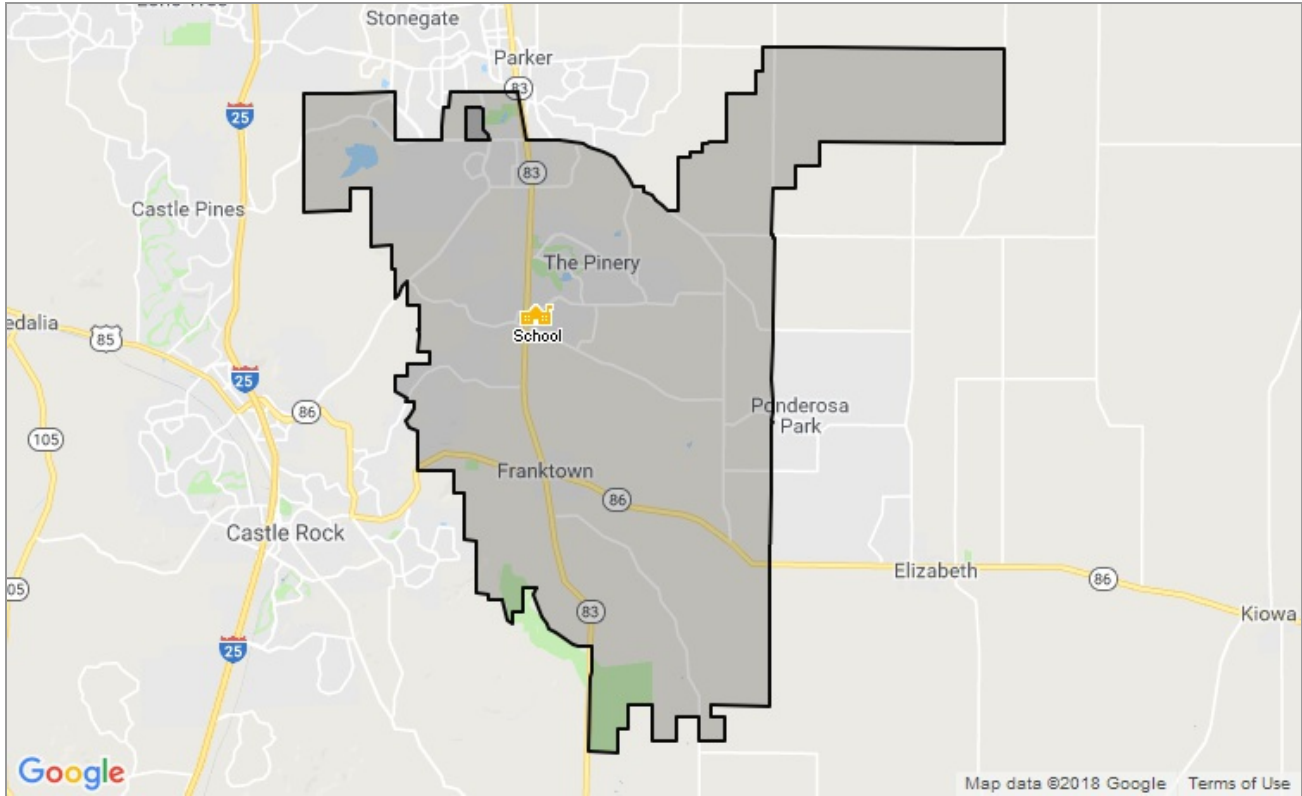


SCHOOL REPORT

Ponderosa High School

Parker, Colorado



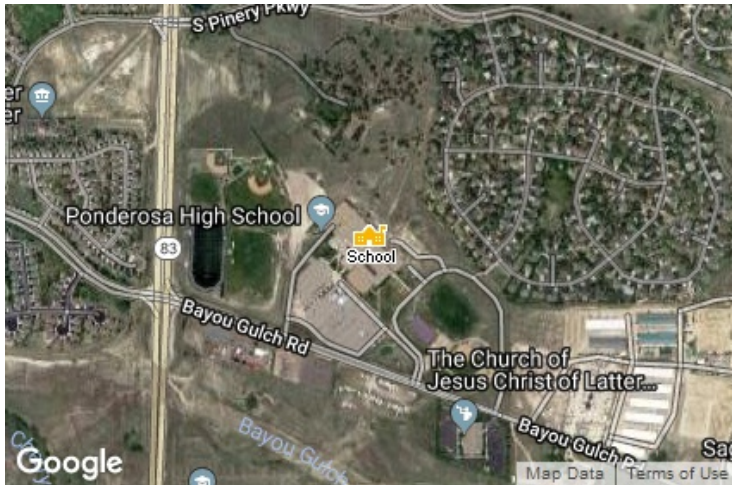
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School: Ponderosa High School



School Details

Name
Ponderosa High School

Level
High

Type
Public

Grades Served
9-12

School District
Douglas County School District No. RE-1

Address
7007 E. Bayou Gulch Road, Parker, CO 80134

Phone
(303) 387-4000

School Facts

	Ponderosa High School	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
Overall Grade	A-	B+
Total Enrollment	1,237	66,896
Students per Teacher	21:1	20:1
Students in Free Lunch Program	7%	12%
Academic Grade	A-	B+
Average GPA	3.4 (out of 473 responses)	3.49 (out of 7774 responses)
Math Proficiency	42%	43%
Reading Proficiency	42%	49%
Gifted Students	13%	—
AP Enrollments	459	—
Graduation Rate	94%	90%
Average ACT Score	26 (out of 122 responses)	27 (out of 2425 responses)
Average SAT Score	1,260 (out of 62 responses)	1,220 (out of 1125 responses)
Teacher Grade	B	B
Average Teacher Salary	\$57,519	\$57,519
Teachers in 1st or 2nd Year	31%	29%

About this data: Facts and proficiency scores are provided by Niche, which compiles scores, community reviews and other data about schools across the United States. Ratings for this school are based on the most recent available facts for each school and district. Data compiled from the U.S. Department of Education, Private School Universe Survey, Common Core Data and others.

Source: Niche Update Frequency: Quarterly

Community Reviews for this School

Posted: 5/25/2018 by Sophomore

The people at Ponderosa are different from other surrounding schools. There's always a crowd of students you can fit in with due to the wide range of people. The school staff is very good at making students aware that they are cared for and we are a priority. Most teachers are great and always make an effort to make their classrooms enjoyable and something to look forward to. Some teachers are young, which make them more relatable, which make the students more involved and relaxed, in my opinion.

Posted: 1/28/2018 by Senior

I had the opportunity to choose between the IB program at Douglas County High School and the more traditional high school experience with AP classes at Ponderosa, and I'm thrilled that I chose the latter. Ponderosa is truly a family, where each student has a personal relationship with the teachers and the community. The smaller student population means more one-on-one time and a small town feel (although we still compete with the other larger schools in the district and consistently score better in academics and athletics). It's truly a great school that I would recommend to anyone in Douglas County.

Posted: 1/3/2018 by Alum

I enjoyed my time at Ponderosa in hindsight. At the time though, I had difficulties with the way things were run. Certain students got special treatment just for being annoying about classwork, and their grades were rarely based on skill. I saw bribing, and even teachers giving special treatment to kids on the football team. No one really cares about the well-being or inclusiveness at the school except for a couple young teachers. The facilities are pretty bad, and it's pitiful that they are because this school is in the 3rd richest district in the nation. The school district has terrible teacher turnover, and many financial problems.

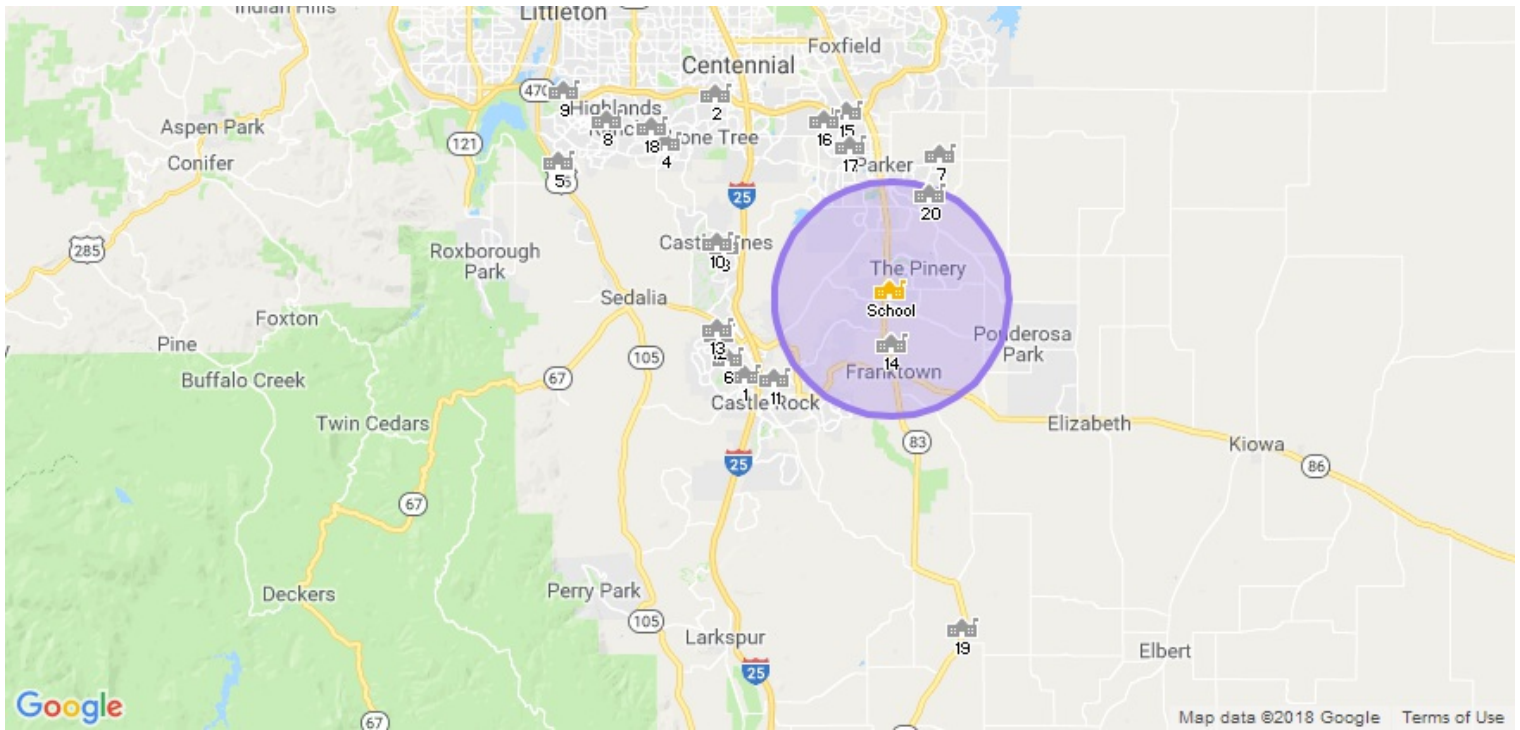
Posted: 5/27/2017 by Alum

I recently graduated Ponderosa High School as a part of the Class of 2017 and I could not have asked for a better high school experience. Being a part of a smaller school allowed me to have more leadership opportunities and to feel as though I was able to make my mark. The teachers at Ponderosa are incredible, they truly care about the development of their students' academic abilities as well as helping them become better, more well-rounded individuals. Students have many opportunities to succeed. The school offers over 20 AP classes, a large variety of clubs and activities, and many competitive sports teams. Although from a socioeconomic and racial point of view, Ponderosa does not have much diversity, there is a lot of diversity in ideas and among the people in the school. Everyone has a different passion. I would recommend Ponderosa to anyone looking for a smaller school with many opportunities and great academics.

Posted: 1/7/2017 by Senior













I had a great experience at Ponderosa High school. The students are all very friendly and the teachers are too. Not one year in my high school career did I get an awful teacher. I felt safe at school and was always excited and happy to be there! Many teachers tried their best to prepare students for college, I saw a lot more of this my senior year since it was my last year in high school my teachers wanted me to be ready to continue my education.

Nearby Schools (within 5 miles)



This School Other Schools

Name	Level	Type	Grade	Students per Teacher	Total Students	Average School Rating	District
Ponderosa High School	High	Public	9-12	21	1,237	A-	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
Academy Charter School	Elementary, Middle	Charter	PK, K-8	20	728	B+	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
Acres Green Elementary School	Elementary	Public	PK, K-6	22	716	B+	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
American Academy	Elementary, Middle	Charter	PK, K-8	17	1,782	A-	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
Arrowwood Elementary School	Elementary	Public	PK, K-6	16	428	B-	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
Aspen Academy	Elementary, Middle	Private	PK, K-8	11	385		Douglas County School District No. RE-1
Aspen View Academy	Elementary, Middle	Charter	PK, K-8	19	847	B	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
Ave Maria Catholic School	Elementary, Middle	Private	PK, K-8	18	466		Douglas County School District No. RE-1
Bear Canyon Elementary School	Elementary	Public	PK, K-6	20	559	B+	Douglas County School District No. RE-1

	Name	Level	Type	Grade	Students per Teacher	Total Students	Average School Rating	District
	Ben Franklin Academy	Elementary, Middle	Charter	PK, K-8	20	896	B+	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Buffalo Ridge Elementary School	Elementary	Public	PK, K-5	23	535	A-	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Castle Rock Elementary School	Elementary	Public	PK, K-6	17	400	B-	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Castle Rock Middle School	Middle	Public	7-8	20	869	B	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Castle View High School	High	Public	9-12	21	2,050	B+	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Castlewood Christian School	Elementary	Private	PK, K-6	5	11		Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Challenge to Excellence Charter School	Elementary, Middle	Charter	K-8	19	498	A-	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Chaparral High School	High	Public	9-12	21	2,199	A	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Cherokee Trail Elementary School	Elementary	Public	PK, K-6	21	579	B-	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Cherry Hills Christian School	Elementary, Middle	Private	PK, K-8	23	921		Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Cherry Valley Elementary School	Elementary	Public	K-6	25	52	A	Douglas County School District No. RE-1
	Cimarron Middle School	Middle	Public	6-8	23	1,446	B+	Douglas County School District No. RE-1