



## Contact Us

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*Pioneer Academy*  
Grades 1 - 8 Full-Time Online  
Grades 9 - 12 Traditional, Hybrid, & Full-Time Online



**Pioneer High School**  
9 - 12 Traditional, Hybrid, and Full-Time Online

*At Pioneer,*

*We believe that students benefit from the unique ways we provide education. Pioneer creates an environment that provides students:*

- College and Career Readiness
- A STEAM Focus: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math
- The Ability to Earn 8.5+ Credits Per Year
- Graduate Early, Earn an Associates Degree from WNC
- The Ability to Catch Up on High School Credits
- A Smaller Campus and Class Size Ratio
- Flexible Hybrid Scheduling for On/Off Campus Classes
- Jump Start Dual High School and College Credits from WNC
- Problem Solving and Academic Skills Through AVID
- Jobs for Nevada's Graduates (J4NG) Career and Internships
- College Prep and Communication Skills with AVID, COMS101
- Creative Outlets with Art, Ceramics, AP Art, Journalism/Media
- Outdoor Adventures and Activities Through Project Discovery

## Pioneer is an AVID School

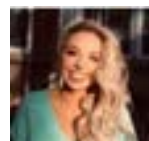
- Courses are offered for all grades
- Supports high expectations
- Reinforces successful study habits
- Creates productive note taking
- Helps students organize



# The Pioneer Team

The PHS staff consists of an experienced, highly qualified, and caring staff with a student and learner centered outlook.

New Pioneer team members are hired in panels of their peers and staff are chosen with a focus on treating students, families, and each other with the highest respect and kindness. It is “the Pioneer way” of doing business.



## PIONEER ACADEMY FEATURES

**J4NG:** Students who participated in the PHS Jobs for Nevada’s Graduates program were reported by the State of Nevada as achieving 100% graduation in 2019 and 2020. Students have toured Tesla, Click Bond, Renown, Carson Tahoe Medical Center, and have had guest speakers from professionals in several fields.

**HIGHER EDUCATION:** The University of Nevada, Reno, recognized PHS for student entry into the UNR Honors program. Students at PHS also earn WNC credits in the Jump Start program and have earned Associate Degrees before high school graduation. WNC recognized PHS for student achievement in Jump Start at a CCSD School Board meeting in 2021.

**CAMPUS FACILITIES:** PHS is built to seat approximately 200 high school students. Pioneer acquired over \$6.5 million dollars for improvement and new construction funding over the last few years. This allowed the campus to remove portables, add new buildings, science labs, classrooms, health lab, online labs, gymnasium, additional restrooms, cafeteria, Panther Hall, offices, security gates, a school parking lot, and a secured single point entry to the campus.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Pioneer partners with local organizations, businesses and families in the community. Project Discovery, operated by founder, Dr. Mike Selby, has been the longest standing partner for over 16 yrs. Other organizations and individuals include; Team Sports, WNC, Carson City Schools Foundation, FISH, River Wranglers, the Keller, Cannon, Pintar, and Hernandez families, Carson Tahoe, DCSAR, and Jobs for Nevada’s Graduates.

**ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES:** Students at PHS have competed at the local and state levels in track and field, soccer, football, softball, volleyball, baseball, and skiing. An online student competed on the US Junior Olympic Ski Team. On the PHS campus, students can participate in volleyball, basketball, indoor rock climbing, and yoga. Students also have access to all CHS sports and activities while enrolled at Pioneer. PHS has the following student activities and clubs: Leadership, Speech/Debate, and Media & Journalism.

## PIONEER ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:** Students significantly raised ACT achievement in all areas of math, science, and English in 2020. Graduation rates have steadily increased over the past 14 years. Pioneer has been awarded by the Nevada Department of Education and the CCSD School Board for achievement.

**TEAM:** The Pioneer Team consists of highly qualified teachers of English, Science, Math, Social Studies, Art, PE/Health, Special Education and a Learning Strategist. Other team members include Online Lab Staff, Online Coordinator, Social Worker, Academic Counselor, Special Education Aide, J4NG Specialist, Attendance Clerk, Office Manager, Lead Custodian, Cafe Mgr., School Psychologist, and an Administrator. The PHS team has a high employee retention rate, 80% of the teaching staff have between 6-25 years of experience, and many of the teaching staff have earned Masters Degrees or higher. Four team members also teach at local colleges.

**ACCREDITATION:** PHS has been fully accredited as an individual high school since 2009. Pioneer High School scored higher than the international average on the high school Accreditation Review in 2019.

**AWARDS:** PHS was awarded by the Nevada Department of Education in 2011, 2016, and 2018 as a “Nevada Highlighted School for Achievement.” PHS staff and administration were asked to present at the NDOE Mega Conference on two occasions.

**STATE LEVEL ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS:** PHS Health Science students in the HOSA and CTE program competed at the state level 2015-2019. They have placed, earned 2nd place, and brought back several medals competing against medical magnet academies across the state. A student in the PHS CTE program scored the highest on a completer exam in Carson City in 2019. The Pioneer CTE program in Health Information Management was awarded the highest CTE rating as a “Program of Excellence” during a program review in 2020.

## PHS COURSE OFFERINGS

### Language Arts:

- English I
- English II
- English III
- English IV
- English 095

### Mathematics:

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- \*Pre-Calculus, \*Trigonometry (\*Online)

### Science:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physics
- Anatomy and Physiology I, II

### Social Studies:

- World History
- US History
- Government/Economics

### Physical Education:

- Personal Fitness
- Health
- People PE

### AVID/College Prep:

- AVID 9
- AVID 10-11
- AVID 12
- Principles of Academics 9-12



## PHS COURSE OFFERINGS ELECTIVES

- Anatomy and Physiology I, II
- Art Foundations
- Art Studio Advanced (Ceramics)
- A.P. Art
- AVID 9
- AVID 10-12
- Communications (COMS101)
- College Prep (CPD123) Dual Credit
- Jobs for Americas Graduates J4NG I, II
- Media and Publications (Yearbook, Newsletter)
- Project Discovery (Outdoor Adventure Trips)
- Project Lead the Way, Intro to Engineering Design I, II
- Spanish
- Other Foreign Languages
- Student Leadership
- Student Aide
- Yoga
- \*Online Electives (See Course Catalog)



## Pioneer Student Testimonials 2021

During the past five years, Pioneer students have self reported that they feel more cared for and safe at PHS than other schools they have attended. They reported this on the state wide student survey known as the SEL or Social Emotional Learning survey. For more detailed data, see the SEL link on the Pioneer High School Website.

“The events also make the students bond, connect, and make each other feel like family.”

“Pioneer has changed how I look at school. Since I have been attending Pioneer, I have been getting great grades and I could not do it without my teachers taking the time to make sure I understand what I am learning.”

“The students here are nice and helpful when you need it. The teachers here are all great and are helpful and understanding of almost every situation. I chose Pioneer because they have a better learning environment, the teachers work one on one with you, and the teachers care about you and your mental health.”

“I am going to be proud to say that I graduated from Pioneer High School. If I had come to this school in 9th grade I would have graduated early.”



## JZC Sound Studio

Inspired by a PHS student, Zaca, grant written by math teacher, Mr. Corbitt, and assembled by Mr. Jordan; this professional grade recording studio was installed to inspire student creativity in music, radio, song writing, and podcasts.



## Activities

Pioneer High School students can attend all CTE, sports, and other activities at Carson High School. PHS students have played football, attended culinary classes, JROTC, choir, and band at CHS. See your PHS counselor for dual enrollment at both high schools.

### Hands On Discovery & Inquiry Based Projects

Students and staff built boats from garage items at the Carson Community Swim Center. This was the first whole school activity with Project Discovery.



### PHS Ski Club

The Pioneer Ski Club has partnered with Project Discovery and has utilized the Mt. Rose and Alpine Meadows ski resorts.



# Western Nevada College

# JUMP START

*your college degree*

Pioneer student, Sydney Miller, earned an Associates Degrees at WNC before graduating as a senior at PHS. This was accomplished with dual enrollment at PHS and WNC as a Jump Start student. College degrees were earned for free while enrolled at Pioneer.



**P**ioneer hosts the Jobs for Nevada's Graduates (J4NG) organization. These classes support career exploration, interview skills, job shadowing, and features guest speakers throughout the school year. 100% of PHS students enrolled in J4NG graduated on time with their class in 2019 and 2020.

## Pioneer Campus



Pioneer High School is located in the center of Carson City, Nevada. Students can ride a bus in CCSD routes if they live outside the walking zone. The physical campus only has high school students. Other grades are supported online only.



### **Project Discovery Team Building with PHS Staff and Students**

Off campus experiences are encouraged and attended by PHS staff and students. We believe that field trips build background knowledge and reinforce positive group problem solving techniques. Students can participate in monthly trips to Project Discovery and career exploration with the Jobs for America's Graduates class.

Field trips include: Tesla, Click Bond, Renown, Carson Tahoe, Nevada Museum of Arts, UNR, WNC, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, ropes and challenge courses, rock climbing, zip-line, summer camp, Lake Tahoe kayaking, a 4 day overnight expedition to Rock Creek, snowshoeing at Chickadee Ridge, and hiking to the top of Mt. Rose.



Student in Pioneer art classes can explore entry level activities through highly ad-

vanced art skills in different class offerings. Ceramics, painting, drawing, and illustration are some of the projects. Visitations to

the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno and in

Carson City are two of the annual trips outside the classroom. Students can also choose additional art classes online.



### **Art Show in Downtown Carson City**



### ***Graduation at Pioneer***

Graduates in CCSD can earn all of the same diplomas while enrolled in both high schools (PHS or CHS). These high school diplomas include; Advanced, CTE, Standard, and Adult. Graduates at PHS have earned the Millennium, Nevada Promise, and several local scholarships. A student earned the first Associates Degree at WNC in Carson City while attending PHS at the same time. This college degree was earned at no cost to the PHS student.

Graduation is held at the Carson City Community Center in the Bob Boldrick Theater. In a normal school year, PHS has under 200 students in grades 9-12 on campus. The average size of senior classes are between 50-60 students. PHS students have continually raised graduation rates and the number of scholarships over the past several years.