

# College Connection

*A Commitment  
to Excellence!*

*A Partnership Between  
Butte College &  
Paradise Unified School District*



**BUTTE COLLEGE**



## OUR VISION

Butte College creates a student-centered, community based environment where people engage as partners in learning, empowering them to become productive, literate, and responsible members of a diverse society.

## WHAT IS COLLEGE CONNECTION?

The College Connection Program is a self-contained, alternative program located on the Butte College campus. The goals of the program are to assist students in developing necessary study survival skills to successfully transition to college-level work and to provide the opportunity to take challenging courses in an enriched learning environment.

## HOW TO BE PART OF THE PROGRAM?

Outreach for College Connection begins in December of the junior year. All students are eligible to participate in the application and interview process. Once students have been selected, they will work with their parents/guardians and the College Connection advisor to develop their college schedules. These schedules will be tailored to reflect the goals of each individual student, whether they are college bound or vocationally oriented. Approximately 30 students will participate in this voluntary program.



## WHAT DOES THE DAY TO DAY LOOK LIKE?

College Connection students follow the Butte College academic calendar. Students will meet in the mornings for a traditional class period on Butte's main campus. During this time, students will discuss concepts and issues from their independent study work. It will also be used as a time for guest speakers, simulations, college and career planning, and developing college survival skills. Subsequently, they attend their college classes. Students take 9-11 college units (approximately 3 classes) per semester.



## STUDENT BENEFITS

- Take advantage of multiple course offerings at a nominal cost in a supervised and challenging environment.
- Earn up to 11 units per semester in course work that is articulated with both California State University and the University of California.
- Establish study strategies for college survival and time management skills.
- Develop a close, supportive relationship with the teacher/advisor and peers.



## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend class regularly.
- Plan academic schedule with College Connection advisor.
- Work cooperatively with College Connection advisor.
- Follow Butte College academic calendar for college classes.
- Take responsibility for self, both academically and socially.
- Inform College Connection advisor when absent.
- Take advantage of support services through Center for Academic Success to complete courses successfully.
- Complete all Independent Student work assigned.
- Become involved in Community Service Projects in your area.

## ARE THE STUDENTS BUTTE COLLEGE STUDENTS OR PARADISE UNIFIED STUDENTS?

Both. Students are concurrently enrolled on both campuses, they are both! This allows students in the program use of support services such as counseling, libraries, and intra-school activities at each site. College Connection students are not eligible for any Butte College financial aid programs, or for participation in intercollegiate athletics.

## HOW WILL STUDENTS EARN CREDITS?

Students in the College Connection Program will be able to meet the high school graduation requirements of the Paradise Unified School District while accumulating Butte College credits. Transcript credit will vary according to student education plans.

College credit earned will become part of the student's Butte College transcript. Students who wish to apply to another college/university can send the transcript to the preferred institution where it will be evaluated and used the same as any other college transcript.



## HOW WILL PARENTS BE INFORMED OF STUDENT PROGRESS?

Parents can access grades through the Aeries portal system at anytime during the semester to check their student's high school independent study progress. A progress report will be sent home with the students once during the semester that includes both high school and college grades. After grades have been posted by the college at the end of each semester, they will be sent to the high school and college grades can be seen on their high school transcripts.

## WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE STUDENTS?

Kimberly Jones is the College Connection advisor/teacher. She started working for PUSD in 2000 as a science teacher. She taught Biology for 16 years and AP Biology for 5 years prior to working with students in the College Connection program. Mrs. Jones is dedicated to making her students' college connection experience as valuable and applicable to the modern trends of higher education. The students are provided with the necessary instruction and advising as needed to fulfill their high school graduation requirements and a successful transition to Community College, CSU, or UC schools.

*Being involved in the College Connection program was the best decision I made for my future. It offers spectacular insight and experience into the college environment, which is exceptionally different than high school. I would not have adapted as well to the level of academic expectations my professors require of me at UCSD without the help of my Butte professors and my College Connection advisor. College is a really big step and College Connection gave me a running head start into adulthood leaving me a feeling of assurance and confidence in further pursuing my higher education."*

**-Autumn Haworth Class 2019**



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## 2022 Program Addendum

Education systems nationwide have been impacted by Covid-19. Much of the spring 2020 and all of the fall 2020 semester saw widespread remote instruction K through college; the CSU system has announced its plan to continue with remote learning spring 2021 semester.

College Connection is committed to providing and guiding students through a senior year that is also an immersion into college. College Connection has always been a hybrid program combining face-to-face class time with program students and teacher/advisor, independent study to complete senior year courses, and college classes. In Fall 2020, Butte College provided remote instruction, shifting all instruction online. Some courses provide a live/synchronous component, while other courses were typical/asynchronous online instruction. College Connection shifted to live/synchronous instruction for the morning advisory class and moved the content for this period to be housed in Canvas, Butte College's online learning management system. The benefits to College Connection students: working in a single online learning management system, deep introduction to Canvas before the Butte College semester begins, regular guidance and instruction with time management and communication strategies, live remote instruction, and weekly open and scheduled office hours with the program advisor.

Regardless of what the 2021-22 academic year brings, College Connection is committed to adapting and helping students adapt to and succeed in the next academic step of their lives.

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