

OUR VISION

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



WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE STUDENTS?

**Region III College Connection Teacher/Advisor
Elaine Ellsmore**

Elaine began teaching at Pleasant Valley High School in 1998, and joined the College Connection program in 2007. Each year presents the opportunity to teach, guide and support a diverse & amazing group of students as they begin their journey into college and adulthood.

BA Social Science
MAE Curriculum & Instruction
Certificate College Admissions Counseling

"College Connection is an opportunity for any student to achieve their dreams, be allowed independence, and grow into the person they want to become."

-Esmeralda Vazaquez-Huerta2023

"I joined College Connection in order to challenge myself and get the support I need in college."

-Jesse Gonzalez 2023



"College Connection is great if you want to explore your interests and experience college life."

-Bella Nelson 2023



COLLEGE CONNECTION CONTACTS

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College Connection Region III

*A Commitment to
Excellence
~since 1995*



*A partnership
Between Butte College &
Chico Unified School District*



BUTTE COLLEGE

WHAT IS COLLEGE CONNECTION?

The College Connection Program has provided CUSD seniors a bridge between high school and college since 1995. Participating seniors take their high school and college courses at the Butte College main campus, gain a head start on adapting to a college environment while having a unique and exciting senior year!



HOW CAN I JOIN THE PROGRAM

College Connection outreach begins in the Fall semester. All juniors enrolled in a participating CUSD schools are eligible to apply to the program, more information can be found at your high school counseling webpage and www.butte.edu. Once admitted, students will work with their College Connection advisor to develop an individualized college schedule that reflects the student's academic needs, goals & plans. The program is designed for students from across the academic spectrum and with diverse goals. Approximately 40 students can participate in this voluntary educational program.

THE COLLEGE CONNECTION SCHEDULE

The College Connection calendar blends the CUSD and Butte College academic calendars. Students will attend their high school classes at Butte College through a combination of in person learning and independent study. Additionally, students enroll in 3-4 college courses (9-11 units) each semester. Enrollment in the Summer/Winter sessions is optional and available.

Students attend high school and college classes on the main campus to have greater access to Student Services resources and academic support. Students may use the Butte College bus at no cost, and/or use personal vehicle with parent permission.

HOW STUDENT PROGRESS IS REPORTED TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The advisor will maintain contact with parent/guardians via a monthly newsletter, through AERIES progress/semester grades, and facilitate student communication of college progress.



HOW WILL STUDENTS EARN CREDITS?

Students in the College Connection Program will meet senior year graduation requirements through enrollment in the College Connection high school courses while earning College credits. Transcript credit will vary according to students' personalized 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 transcripts to the preferred institution where it will be evaluated the same as any other college transcript.

COLLEGE CONNECTION STUDENTS ARE CONCURRENTLY ENROLLED AT BUTTE COLLEGE STUDENTS AND CUSD

College Connection students are concurrently enrolled at their high school and Butte College. This allows students to access Butte College student services, counseling-advising, library, student life, and attend Butte for FREE. College Connection students remain eligible for high school athletics, events and activities. College Connection students will become eligible for the Butte College Promise Scholarship and other financial aid upon graduation.

STUDENT BENEFITS

- Learn, earn, and explore in a college environment
- Priority enrollment in a wide variety of college courses
- 18-31 tuition free college units in the areas of general education, career exploration, and enrichment
 - 9-11 units Fall and Spring semesters
 - 4 units Winter-optional
 - 6 units Summer-optional
- Instruction in strategies and resources for college success; a year of guidance, support and college orientation
- Time and opportunity to form your academic purpose, plan, and network



STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain regular attendance and inform College Connection advisor and college instructors in case of absence
- Complete all Independent Student work assigned
- Be a partner in your education; work cooperatively with College Connection advisor and college instructors
- Follow College Connection calendar
- Take academic and social responsibility, utilize available resources for student success: Center for Academic Success and Student Services
- Develop and practice self-advocacy and communication skills