

# **Andrada Polytechnic High School**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are Pathways?**

Beginning in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Andrada students chose a Pathway to study. They chose from BioScience, Engineering, Medical Assisting, Mental and Behavioral Health, Digital Communications, Sports Medicine, Transportation Technologies, or Veterinary Sciences. Along with their regular core classes and electives, they study their chosen Pathway (usually 1-2 classes per year). When they graduate, our students have the skills and often times the certifications to work in their field of interest or continue their education.

### **What does "Freedom with Responsibility" mean?**

Getting our students college and career ready is our goal at APHS. Freedom with Responsibility is one of many ways we prepare students for their post-high school experience. We intentionally create opportunities for students to make responsible choices. One example of this is the free period students have beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> semester freshman year. During this time, students can do homework in our quiet library, play sports outside, relax with their friends in the commons, eat something from our café, or work on collaborative projects in one of our small group rooms. These freedoms are earned by meeting the academic and behavior expectations.

### **What elective classes do you offer?**

We offer a variety of elective classes. Many of them compliment our Pathways. Although what we offer is subject to change, here are some examples: Spanish, American Sign Language, Art, Ceramics, Logics and Linguistics, Robotics, Computer Science, Coding, Forensics, Rockband, PE, Athletic Conditioning, World Cultures, Animal Behavior, Peer Mentoring, Medical Terminology.

### **How can I "Jumpstart College" at Andrada High School?**

Some of the Pathway classes our students take may earn them college credit. We have also partnered with Grand Canyon University to offer English, science, math, social studies, and elective classes that not only satisfy your graduation requirements, but also earn college credit. Beginning in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, academically motivated students can take GCU dual enrollment courses. Our goal is to provide students with the opportunity to graduate high school with up to three semesters of college completed, preparing them for the academic challenge of a university and saving them thousands of dollars.

### **If I am an athlete should I choose Andrada?**

Many of our students are athletes who play for the Empire Ravens. Some of our teachers are the head and assistant coaches for those teams. Student athletes ride a bus to Empire after school each day for practice, wear their uniforms on game days, and participate in the quarterly assemblies. Our Ravens are an important part of our Andrada culture!

### **What extracurricular clubs are available at Andrada?**

Some of the clubs at Andrada include: HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), Student Council, National Honor Society, Solar Go Kart Team, STEM Club, Game Club, Sustainability Club, College Club, Math Club, Art Club, and many more. Next year we are planning on adding a Debate Team and a Coding Club, Automotive Club.

### **How do you challenge academically advanced students?**

We are committed to making sure students who are identified as being highly motivated and academically advanced are challenged. These students will have the opportunity to take advanced classes beginning their freshman year. Our counselors work with all of our students to provide college and career guidance. One counselor, however, will work closely with our advanced students and their families to make sure they are competitive if they should choose to apply to highly selective colleges.

### **Can my student with special needs attend Andrada?**

Andrada is able to accommodate all special needs services for students with an IEP or 504 plan. We have a team of special education teachers and paraprofessionals here to help your child be successful in high school.

### **What is my next step in choosing my high school?**

Andrada has 300 spots open for freshmen next year. If you are interested in attending, turn in an interest form. If we have more than 300 students interested, we will hold a lottery on February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will let you know right away if you got a spot or if you've been placed on the waiting list. There is a lot of movement over the next few weeks as students who may have put an interest form in at multiple schools are contacted. Even if you are on the waiting list, there is a good chance you'll get a spot. By March 4<sup>th</sup> students need to commit to the school they want to attend by turning in a completed registration packet. This holds your spot. After March 4<sup>th</sup>, students cannot change schools until completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

### **If you have any questions about Vail's high school choice process or about Andrada Polytechnic High School, please contact us.**

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#### **Important Dates to Remember**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm--** Open House at Andrada  
**February 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm--** Interest Forms Due  
**February 18<sup>th</sup>--** Lottery  
**March 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm--** Your final choice is made by turning in a registration packet.

**We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00.**