

While you may have once been Stallions, Knights, or Panthers, or possibly called another school home, once you get here you transform into a Coyote! When you become a Coyote, you learn the Coyote way, which is to operate at a higher level than other high school students. My expectation of all Coyote students is that you leave here a better student, citizen, and young adult, ready to not only tackle higher education and a career, but excel in all facets of life! For we are a Pack, and we RISE UP together to meet all challenges...and you will be challenged while here at BP!

I am so excited to welcome everyone to the 2018/19 school year. For those of you who are new to Buena Park, I hope you feel the welcoming spirit that is found here at Buena Park, and have already thought of which of our many wonderful programs you wish to participate in. One of our many attributes as a school is the ability to provide for each student many different types of College and Career preparatory programs. Whether you are planning to attend one of the most prestigious four year colleges or universities, get certifications in one of our many Career Technical Program and join the workforce straight out of high school, a combination of the two, or anything in-between, our supportive staff with their education and career expertise will guide you as you grow into a young adult. We expect you to **R.I.S.E. UP** and operate at a higher level, and do so by developing the core values of **Respect, Integrity, Service before self, and Excellence** in all you do.

Buena Park High School continues to offer a complete Honors/AP and college prep program that has a history of providing students with the necessary education to attend our nation's finest educational institutions: Columbia, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCI, UCLA, USC, UCSD, The Claremont Colleges, Cal State Schools, APU, and many more. We boast National Merit Finalists and Questbridge Scholars in addition to many more incredible accomplishments from our entire Coyote Family: State ranking (7/10) and similar schools ranking (10/10) ranks, multiple CIF championships, Newsweek's National Top 1000 High Schools and US News and World Report's Top 1000 (#3 of the FJUHS schools). The greatest of these has been that Buena Park High School was awarded four statewide awards: 2015 Gold Ribbon School, 2015 Exemplary ARTS School, 2015 Exemplary C.T.E. School, and 2015 Title 1 Academic Achievement School; the **ONLY SCHOOL** (K-12, Public or Private) to receive all four awards in the entire state of California. Buena Park High School has also opened a number of specialize academic programs that make BPHS a "Destination High School."

EARLY COLLEGE: partnership with Cal State Fullerton, Fullerton College and Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) where students take college classes during their regular school day and earn both UC-/CSU-transferable college credit while meeting their high school graduation requirements.

AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA: an innovative and prestigious diploma program that includes (2) unique 1-year courses, AP Seminar and AP Research. The program allows students to

immerse themselves in topics that personally matter to them while developing the analytic, research, problem-solving, and communication skills that colleges seek in the applicants.

CAVPA (Coyote Academy of Visual and Performing Arts): Fine Arts pathway that includes all five branches of the arts: Band & Orchestra, Vocal Music, Digital/Media Arts, Dance, Theater, and 2-D and 3D fine art.

AGRICULTURE SCIENCE ACADEMY: BPHS is home to the #1 High School Agriculture Program in the Western USA.

AFJROTC and Aerospace Engineering/Ground School Flight Program: As part of the AFJROTC program students are able to earn their ground school flight certification toward their pilot's license.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION: With both an academic and skills-based focus, BPHS offers nine different CTE pathways: Ag Science, Business Finance, Culinary Art & Hospitality, Video Production, Visual Communications, Computer Science & Engineering, Automotive Technology, and Sports Medicine. Each of these pathways offer unique aspects that greatly contribute towards building a well-rounded education foundation.

We also offer a wide variety of extra and co-curricular programs. We truly believe it is crucial that all students become involved in some type of school activity/team. It provides students with the necessary feeling of belonging and helps to develop their self-confidence and life skills. As partners in the educational process, parents and guardians provide the crucial encouragement, monitoring, and support to our children that are vital to their success. Every BPHS student is enrolled to not only gain his or her four-year diploma, but to proceed on to a 2- to 4-year post high school education (8 Year Educational/Career Plan). We appreciate you and your support, as your role cannot be underestimated nor duplicated by any institution.

As a fellow parent, I would remind us all that our role as academic and homework monitor, motivator, and loving disciplinarian is crucial to our children's success. There are a couple of things to keep in mind:

- 1) There is almost always homework. Even if there isn't a physical assignment that needs to be turned in, students should spend time each night reviewing and preparing for each subject.
- 2) Check in on your student's teachers' webpages and/or Aeries accounts for class information
- 3) All absences affect class grades and must be cleared via note or phone call
- 4) Touch base with your student's counselor at least once a year

5) Know where/when/what/how/with whom our children are “doing their thing”

6) Stay active in your child’s day-to-day activities. I realize that at this age many would prefer that we start to take a back-seat to what is happening, but I also know they truly need our involvement and guidance more than ever. You and I own our child’s/student’s academic progress by staying in touch with all aspects. We at BPHS are pleased to be able to do whatever we can to assist you in the privilege/challenge before us all.

I have an unwavering belief in the greatness of Buena Park High School, and in each and every one of our students and staff. I want to thank you in advance for your support. Welcome again to the 2018-2019 school year.

R.I.S.E. UP COYOTES!