CUSD College Connection program

~apply as a junior and participate in college immersion as a senior

When a student begins their junior year, college is four semesters away. The College Connection program provides students the opportunity to begin college in their senior year in a structured and supported environment. Students will have access to Butte College courses, student services, student life and the opportunity to develop essential skills to navigate and succeed in a college environment.

I like College Connection because it is a program that comes with multiple benefits. It allows you to form your own schedule, choose at least 2-3 of your own classes, begin your college journey and meet new people.

-Kaitlyn Bonis

Through College Connection students are still enrolled at their high school, maintaining eligibility to participate in high school athletics, clubs, and events while concurrently enrolled at Butte College. College Connection students gain priority enrollment status, access to Butte College services and resources, and enroll in 9-11 units each semester tuition free.

College Connection students attend all of their classes at the Butte College main campus, meeting daily with their CUSD teacher, and taking 3 independent study courses (Government/Economics, College Prep Writing, and College Survival Skills/Career Planning) to meet high school graduation requirements.

Students utilize Butte College learning management systems, adjust to a new academic setting, discover what college has to offer, learn skills to manage time effectively, earn general education credit and advance towards their degree goal. There is a wide variety of classes to choose from and by the end of their senior year College Connection students graduate with their peers while having moved along the learning curve of college and earning 19-27 college units.

College Connection allows high school seniors to accelerate their education through better opportunities and more educational advantages. I like College Connection because I can leap forward with my education.

-Brynn Alves

All Chico Unified high school juniors with a 2.0 GPA or above are eligible to apply. The College Connection Advisor/Teacher, Elaine Ellsmore will be visiting US History classes on the Chico and Pleasant Valley campuses in early December and hosting two Zoom College Connection Info Sessions on the evenings of 12/7 and 1/5.
CUSD College Connection Class of 2023

Scan here to access the College Connection Application Instructions and Information

Scan here for the College Connection Application-class of 2023

-The application goes live 11/22-

Scan here to join the College Connection Zoom Info Session December 7 5:30-6:30 pm

Scan here to join the College Connection Zoom Info Session January 5 5:30-6:30 pm