

**Papillion La Vista  
South High School**

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School CEEB Code:  
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# Papillion La Vista South High School 2024-2025 Profile



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**Academic Schedule**

Papillion La Vista South High School's academic year is divided into two semesters allowing for a total of 180 instructional days. PLSHS operates on a seven-period day with fifty-two-minute periods. Classes meet five times a week. Credits are assigned to the majority of classes at one credit per course per semester.



**OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

Papillion La Vista South High School is one of two Class A high schools in Sarpy County, just south of Omaha. The communities of Papillion and La Vista are a part of the greater Omaha metropolitan area, with an approximate combined population of over 40,000. This year, serving just over 12,039 students, we are the fourth largest district in Nebraska. There are sixteen elementary schools (Pre-K-6), three middle schools (7-8), and two high schools (9-12). The Papillion La Vista South faculty is comprised of 148 certified staff and 91 non-certified staff members. The district (K-12) has AA accreditation awarded by the Nebraska Department of Education.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**School Information**  
Grades: 9-12  
Enrollment as of 8/31/24

Freshmen: 526  
Sophomores: 521  
Juniors: 502  
Seniors: 474

**Class of 2024 Plans**

68.7% 4-Year College  
12.1% 2-Year College  
1% Military  
4% Employed  
9.1% Trade School or Apprenticeship  
5.1% Gap Year or Service Year  
Graduation Rate: 95%

Plan Category	Percentage
4-Year College	68.7%
2-Year College	12.1%
Trade School, Apprenticeship or Union	9.1%
Employment	4%
Gap Year	5.1%
Military Service	1%

**American College Test (ACT)  
Mean Scores for the Class of 2023 · Composite Scores**

**PLSHS (2023)**

Overall Composite	20.4
Core or More	21.5
Less Than Core	17.5

*\*Per ACT, Class of 2024 data will be available in October 2024*

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**



Students must earn a minimum of 45 semester credits to graduate from Papillion La Vista South High School. Students in grades 9 through 11 must enroll in a minimum of six credit classes each semester. Students in grade 12 must enroll in a minimum of five credit classes each semester.

Department	Credit	Required Courses
English	8	2 semesters each of English 9, English 10 and English 11
Math	6	2 semesters of Algebra 1
Science	6	2 semesters of Biology and 2 semesters of Physical Science concepts (e.g., Chemistry or Physics)
Social Studies	6	2 semesters each of U.S. History and World Civilizations; 1 semester of American Government
Physical Ed.	3	1 semester of Introduction of Physical Education/Health
Additional Credits	16	16 semesters are required, which may include electives and/or credits beyond the minimum requirements in English, Math, Social Studies, Science and Physical Education
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>45</b>	

\*A student participating in any extra-curricular club or athletic team must have earned a passing grade in 4 classes from the previous semester and currently be enrolled in 4 credit-bearing classes.

**AP Courses Offered**

- AP English Literature/Composition
- AP English Language/Composition
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Music Theory
- AP Biology
- AP Physics 1 & AP Physics 2
- AP Chemistry
- AP Microeconomics & AP Macroeconomics
- AP World History
- AP Gov't & Politics: U.S.
- AP Gov't & Politics: Comparative
- AP U.S. History
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language

**Total Enrollment in AP Courses:**

**Honors Courses Offered**

- Honors English 9, 10
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Algebra 2
- Honors Precalculus w/Trigonometry
- Honors Biology
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Anatomy/Physiology
- Honors U.S. History
- Honors American Government (online)
- All level 3 & 4 World Languages

**Athletics**

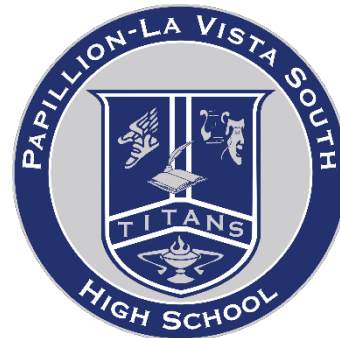
Baseball (b), Basketball (b/g), Cross Country (b/g), Football (b), Golf (b/g), Soccer (b/g), Softball (g), Swimming (b/g), Tennis (b/g), Track & Field (b/g), Volleyball (g), Wrestling (b/g)

**Activities**

Band, Cheerleading, Dance Team, Debate, DECA, Drama, Forensics, High Ability Learners (HAL), Intramurals, Journalism, National Honor Society, NJROTC, Pom Squad, Robotics, SKILLS USA, Student Council, Titan Techs, Unified Plus, Upward Bound, Vocal Music, Yearbook, Newspaper

**Clubs**

Anime Club, Art Club, Asian Lives are Important, Circle of Friends, Culinary Club, Educators Rising, Esports, Gaming Club, Global Support Club, Hope Squad, HOSA, Key Club, Latino Leaders, LEO Club, Math Club, Microfinance Club, Poetry Club, P-Town Twirlers, Science Club, Spanish Club, Speech Team, Titans Unite, Young, Gifted & Black



**GRADING SYSTEM**



Mark points are assigned to various courses to differentiate the difficulty of each course. For determining mark points, courses are differentiated based on whether the course is on level, honors, or AP. For example, an A in an AP course would be worth more points (5) than an honors course (4.5) or on level (4.0).

**Grading Scale**

		Unweighted	Honors	Weighted AP
A+	100-97			
A	96-93			
A-	92-90	4	4.5	5
B+	89-87			
B	86-83			
B-	82-80	3	3.5	4
C+	79-77			
C	76-73			
C-	72-70	2	2.5	3
D+	69-67			
D	66-63			
D-	62-60	1	1.5	2
F	59-0	0	0	0

**Explanation of Abbreviations**

- AP- Advanced Placement
- GPA – Grade Point Average
- NS - Night School
- APEX – Credit Recovery
- P- Online Course
- NG-No Grade
- LC – Learning Center
- HON-Honors
- O – Online
- MCC – Metro Community College
- W - Withdraw
- WF- Withdraw Failing

**Course Abbreviations**

- AC – Academy School to Career
- AD – Advisory
- BU – Business & Marketing
- CA - Communication Arts
- FA – Fine Arts
- FL – World Language
- FS - Health Science & Human Services
- GU – Guidance
- IA – Skilled and Technical Sciences
- MA - Mathematics
- PE – Physical Education
- RO - NJROTC
- SC - Science
- SH – Study Hall
- SS- Social Studies

## Graduation Recognition

The goal of the Papillion La Vista Community Schools laude recognition model is to celebrate academic excellence while at the same time creating a system that eliminates the competition between students that exists in a traditional class rank formula. This will make it possible for students to pursue course offerings that best fit their interests and future goals while at the same time reinforcing the value of a rigorous course of study.

### Papillion La Vista South High School Laude System

**Summa Cum Laude** (With the Highest Honor)  
GPA of 4.25 or higher on a weighted scale.  
Student with the honor will wear a gold cord at graduation.

**Magna Cum Laude** (With Great Honor)  
GPA of at least 4.0 but less than a 4.25 on a weighted scale.  
Students with the honor will wear a silver cord at graduation.

**Cum Laude** (With Honor)  
GPA of at least 3.75 but less than a 4.00 on a weighted scale.  
Students with this honor will wear a black cord at graduation.



Summa  
Cum Laude

Magna  
Cum Laude

Cum  
Laude

### Papillion La Vista South High School Mission Statement:

To provide a high impact experience that builds character and creates opportunities.

#### **Four Core Values:**

- Excellence
- Teamwork
- Improvement
- Inclusion

#### **School Culture – Built on 3 pillars:**

- Build Relationship
- Be Intentional
- Pursue Excellence