

Questions and Answers about La Paloma High School

What is La Paloma High School?

La Paloma High School is a WASC-accredited alternative high school that implements standards-based curriculum and instruction which allows students to earn credits toward graduation in a smaller school setting. In order to qualify for a **high school diploma from La Paloma High School**, students must successfully complete **190 credits**. After completion of 190 credits students earn their high school diploma. Because we are a continuation, students may not attend a four-year college right after high school, but they may attend a two-year and go through a transfer process if their ultimate goal is a four-year college.

What does the La Paloma program look like?

La Paloma offers a seven period school day which runs from 8:30 to 2:345. Classes are forty-five (45) minutes. While seven classes are available, most students are enrolled in five classes and leave campus at 12:35. There is typically no homework at La Paloma. Students are expected to come in person Monday-Friday.

Who is a good fit for La Paloma?

Anyone (grades 10-12) who has not completed requirements for a high school diploma and qualifies within the guidelines set forth in the District's Board Policy. Per law students must be 16 or older to apply.

How do students enroll?

For students who are 18 years of age and younger and whose class has not already graduated -

A transfer request is made through a student's home school. Transfer requests shall be based on an acceptable reason(s) and evidence that the student will make adequate progress to complete all graduation requirements. The student discusses the reason(s) for a transfer and

secures a Transfer Application Request from the counselor. Student meets requirements of being 16 and student is credit deficient. All decisions made will be in the best interest of the student.

What is the purpose of La Paloma and how does it serve the student?

La Paloma seeks to serve the educational needs of students and to provide enrichment and help for students requesting a smaller, alternative method of education. We serve students who have experienced academic, behavioral and/or personal difficulties, and were not able to function comfortably at a comprehensive high school as well as those who simply desired a smaller school setting. While La Paloma allows these students to study at their own pace, there is an expectation that students earn at least twelve (12) credits per quarter. Senior students who meet this reasonable expectation and who require additional time to earn the credits necessary for graduation will likely have their requests for additional time granted.

How are credits awarded?

Students at La Paloma have the opportunity to earn points daily in each one of their classes. Credits are based off of attendance and progress in the class. Students must attend to earn credits and must be productive in class. 15 class days equals one credit. Students can earn credits quicker by getting progress work from teachers if they are in good attendance. For nearly all classes, La Paloma students, like their peers at comprehensive sites, need to earn a total of ten (10) credits to complete most classes. As mentioned earlier, we expect students to earn a minimum of twelve (12) credits per quarter which equates to forty-eight (48) per year. Students may be given the opportunity to complete additional work if approved by teacher. This provides an opportunity to earn additional points and credits.

Credits earned from La Paloma High School will be on the student's official transcript and applied toward the graduation requirements of the specific school and the Liberty Union High School Dis-

trict. All students must meet the standards and benchmarks for each course. Students at La Paloma who complete the graduation requirements will earn a La Paloma High School .

diploma. In order to earn a comprehensive high school diploma, students must attend their final semester at that comprehensive site and meet the school's graduation credit requirement (270 credits).

How long may a student remain at La Paloma High School?

Depending on the student's ultimate goal for graduation, the student may remain at La Paloma or return to their comprehensive site. Because La Paloma graduation requirements are different than those at the comprehensive sites, students are encouraged to meet regularly with their counselor and/or administrator discuss plans throughout their enrollment period with at La Paloma. This will enable the student and La Paloma staff to discuss realistic goals for graduation and consider what's in the best interest of the student.

Are the rules different from the rules of a traditional school?

At La Paloma High School, each student must take responsibility for his/her own actions. All students are expected to follow the policies and rules as outlined in both Board Policy as well as in the La Paloma student handbook.

Bell Schedule, Monday—Friday

8:30-9:15.....	Period 1
9:20-10:05.....	Period 2
10:10-10:55.....	Period 3
11:00-11:45.....	Period 4
11:50-12:35.....	Period 5
12:35-1:05.....	Lunch
1:10-1:55.....	Period 6
2:00-2:45.....	Period 7

La Paloma Staff 2024-2025

Rachel Hancock.....Principal
Adriel Briscoe.....Counselor
Andrehina Salinas.... Psych./Counselor

Lynn Azevedo.....Art
Maria Balderrama.....Math
Nicole Bell.....P.E.
Erin Blubaugh.....English
Kristen Capps.....English
Debbie Clawson.....Science
Barbara Davis.....Math
Kaitlyn Engelhardt...Academic Support
Caleb Gonzalez.....Social Studies
Robert Hovis.....English
Jeff Marchetti.....Social Studies
Jermain Worley.....Econ & Electives

Angela Skaggs.....Secretary
Ron Jackson.....Campus Supervisor
Jenell Hovis.....Paraprofessional
Anthony Ramirez.....Custodian



Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an alternative learning environment which will foster a student's self-confidence, responsibility and academic achievement.

Vision Statement

Students will graduate as self-directed learners who are effective, clear communicators and responsible citizens prepared to compete globally in the 21st century.

Motto

Respect • Responsibility • Progress

La Paloma High School strives to maintain a small community atmosphere and personal approach, allowing students to take advantage of individual attention and instruction.

School Office Hours

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Monday - Friday

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On May 29, 1970, the State of California's Department of Education granted permission, based on the suitable action of the Liberty Union High School District Board of Trustees, to establish La Paloma High School.

