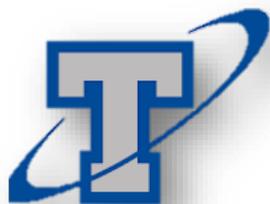


**Papillion La Vista
South High School**

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Titans**

Papillion La Vista South High School 2025-2026 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 41,700. This year, serving just over 11,676 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 8/29/25

Freshmen: 520
Sophomores: 521
Juniors: 510
Seniors: 493

Class of 2025 Plans

4-Year College	67%
2-Year College	11%
Military	4%
Employed	8%
Trade or Apprenticeship	6%
Gap or Service Year	4%

**American College Test (ACT)
Mean Scores for the Class of 2024 · Composite Scores**

PLSHS (2024)

Overall Composite	20.8
Core or More	21.7
Less Than Core	19.1

**Per ACT, Class of 2025 data will be available in October 2025*

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
Total Credits	45	

*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.

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

Course Abbreviations

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

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