

Planning Your High School Journey

Welcome to Incoming Freshman Parent Night!

January 29, 2026



Palo Verde High School

At A Glance

Founded in 1996, Palo Verde is a comprehensive four-year high school serving the award-winning Summerlin community.

From Palo Verde to the World

A Sampling of College Acceptances (Class of 2025)

Ivy League & Top Tier

Stanford
Columbia
Cornell
Georgetown
USC

National Universities

Baylor
Tulane
Pepperdine
Penn State
Rutgers
Howard
Embry-Riddle

Western Region

UNLV
UNR
BYU
U of Arizona
UC Irvine/San Diego
Portland St
Boise St
University of Colorado
University of Oregon
University of Washington
Cal Poly

Service Academies

Naval Academy



UNLV

Quick Facts

- 25-26 School year - **Five Star Rating**
- Approximately 2700 students
- Block schedule - 4 periods per day
- Opportunities to earn up to 32 credits
- International Baccalaureate World School
- Largest UNLV Dual Enrollment Program in NV
- Multiple National Merit Scholars each year

\$16 Million

Scholarship Awards Earned by the
Class of 2025



Beyond the Classroom

Athletics

- Over **20 NIAA sanctioned sports** and year round competitions groups
- 59 State Championship Titles
- 124 Regional State Titles
- 72 Division I Scholarships

Clubs and Activities

- Thriving student life community
- Over 50 different student clubs
- Championship clubs including:
 - Best Buddies
 - DECA
 - Speech and Debate
 - Student Council
 - Varsity Quiz
 - And more!



Welcome to Palo Verde High School



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- ★ Course Selection Process
- ★ Palo Verde Pathways
- ★ Career and Technical Education
- ★ CCSD Diploma Types
- ★ Clubs & Activities and Athletics (Fall)
- ★ Infinite Campus Tools for Families
- ★ Important Reminders for Success

Academic Planning & CCSD Graduation Requirements



Graduation Requirements

2025–2026 School Year

Pathway to Graduation for Students

1. Participate in academic planning meetings with a school counselor.
2. Enroll in coursework that will help to achieve your educational goals.
3. Parents/Guardians must review and approve the academic plan.
4. Take the ACT with Writing during junior year, at no cost. Students pursuing the Alternative Diploma will take the Nevada Alternate Assessment instead.



Core Enrollment Expectations

The Clark County School District (District) strives to prepare students for success in post-secondary education and in the workforce by providing a rigorous curriculum. The Core Enrollment Expectations are consistent with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 389.018 and aligned with the State of Nevada Millennium Scholarship minimum core curriculum requirements. To meet the requirements set forth by the Nevada State Board of Education, all students are enrolled in the Core Enrollment Expectations.

Core Enrollment Expectations

English	4 units
Mathematics <small>(including Algebra II or higher)</small>	4 units
Natural Science	3 units
Social Studies	3 units
Total	14 units

Students who successfully complete the Nevada Department of Education Core Enrollment Expectations outlined above with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.25 may qualify for the State of Nevada Millennium Scholarship. Please see your school counselor for more information about the state of Nevada Millennium Scholarship.

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Monitor progress towards all diploma types with the Infinite Campus Student and Parent portals.
For additional information regarding diploma requirements, please contact a school counselor or refer to your high school course catalog.

CCSD Enrollment Guidelines and Support

Assessment-Based Placement

- Placement in core classes is data-driven from multiple measures including
 - Assessment Scores
 - Previous course enrollment
 - Previous course grades
 - Academic Planning with counselor
- Placement in Advanced Coursework courses is also determined by same measures as core classes
- Assessment scores include: MAPs, CRT (SBAC), PSAT, WIDA, and Course grades.

Support Resources

- School counselors are available to help students with academic and personal guidance.
- Fundamentals classes are available for students who need additional support.
- Department teachers provide support within their subject areas.
- After-school tutoring programs offer additional assistance.

2026-27 CCSD Course Flowchart ELA

Secondary ELA Course Pathways		Standard Path	Accelerated (Acc) Path
Middle School	Grade 6	Reading 6 and English 6 ELA 6 Block	Reading 6 Acc and English 6 Acc ELA 6 Block Acc
	Grade 7	Reading 7 and English 7 ELA 7 Block	Reading 7 Acc and English 7 Acc ELA 7 Block Acc
	Grade 8	English 8	English 8 Acc
High School	Grade 9	English 9	English 9 Honors
	Grade 10	English 10	English 10 Honors English 10: AP Seminar
	Grade 11	English 11	English 11 Honors AP Language and Composition AP Literature and Composition ENG 101 Expanded
	Grade 12	English 12	English 12 Honors AP Language and Composition AP Literature and Composition ENG 101 ENG 102 ENG 100 (CSN only) ENG 101 Expanded (UNR only) ENG 102 Expanded (UNR only)

2026-27 CCSD Course Flowchart Math

Secondary Mathematics Course Pathways		Standard Path	Accelerated (Acc) Path	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Fields Path
Middle School	Grade 6	Math 6	Math 6 Acc	Math 6 Acc BLOCK Math 7 Acc BLOCK
	Grade 7	Math 7	Math 7 Acc	Algebra I Acc
	Grade 8	Pre-Algebra 8	Algebra I Acc	Geometry Acc
High School	Grade 9	Algebra I or Algebra I H	Geometry or Geometry H	*Algebra II or Algebra II H
	Grade 10	Geometry or Geometry H	*Algebra II or Algebra II H	*AP Precalculus
	Grade 11	*Algebra II or Algebra II H	*AP Precalculus	*AP Calculus AB (*MATH 181)
	Grade 12	*AP Precalculus or *MATH 126 and *MATH 127	*AP Calculus AB (*MATH 181)	*AP Calculus BC (*MATH 182)
		*AP Calculus AB	*AP Calculus BC (*MATH 182)	*Calculus III H (*MATH 283)
		Extended Lab: AP Mathematics	*AP Statistics (*MATH 152)	*AP Statistics (*MATH 152)
		*Data Science: Statistics	*MATH 120 *MATH 124	*MATH 126 *MATH 127
		*Data Science: Probability		
		*College Prep Math: Functions		
		*College Prep Math: Trig		
		*MATH 120 *MATH 124		
		*AP Statistics (*MATH 152)		

Post-Secondary Opportunities

At Palo Verde High School we prepare students for following post-secondary opportunities:



University/Four-Year College



Trade/Technical School



Community/Two-Year College



Workforce

Course Selection 2026-27



Course Selection Process

January 26th - Course Selection Week Begins

- **Course Catalog live** on PVHS Website
- **Course Selection Forms go live**

January 28th - Incoming 9th Grade Assembly -

- Students take 30 minutes at home to discover electives

January 30th - Course Selection Forms DUE

- Physical Form - MS Counselors Office
- Google Form - submit online

1st week in February - Counseling Meetings

- **PVHS Counselors conduct 1:1 Meetings** to finalize selections

9th Grade Selection Form

STUDENT INFORMATION		Students MUST COMPLETE →		9th Grade Online Registration Form	
Last Name		First Name		Student ID	
COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Core Courses are data-driven selections determined by CCSD Course Enrollment Guide❖ Courses are scheduled for the entire year unless otherwise indicated in the course catalog.❖ Counselors will only make changes when a course is needed for graduation.❖ No elective changes will be made once school begins.					
IDENTIFY EARNED HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT OR CURRENT ENROLLMENT					
☐ Algebra I		☐ Geometry (H)		☐ Computer Science & Applications	
☐ Biology (regular, honors, Pre-AP)		☐ English 9 (regular, honors, Pre-AP)		☐ Foreign Language I (Spanish, French, Japanese, etc.)	
				☐ Foreign Language II (Spanish, French, Japanese, etc.)	
PALO VERDE PATHWAYS: Our most academically challenging four-year course plans. See course catalog for details. <i>(NOTE: Interested students complete an online application to be selected. The application will be sent via email at a later date.)</i>					
☐ Not Interested at this time		☐ International Baccalaureate Program (IB)		☐ UNLV Collegiate Academy	
				College and Career Pathways - (Four year programs of study)	
				☐ Digital & Graphic Design	
				☐ Education/Human Development	
				☐ Marketing and Business	
				☐ Medical Science	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Please check the language and level: (Not Required for graduation. May be required for college admission.)					
☐ Spanish		☐ French		☐ Japanese	
				☐ No Foreign Language (I understand this may affect my college acceptance.)	
☐ Level I		☐ Level II H		☐ Level III H	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE): (Check one option) (Note: Two years of PE credit required for graduation)					
☐ PE Exempt		OR		☐ PE I	
				☐ Dance I	
				☐ Crossfit	
				☐ Lifetime Sports	
IF EXEMPT, MUST check one option:		☐ Play Sport in/out of school		☐ Medical Exemption	
				☐ Religious Exemption	
				☐ Enrolled in JROTC	
ELECTIVE CHOICES (Students MUST also complete the google form link for course selections)					
CTE / Performing Art		1st Choice:		2nd Choice:	
General Elective		1st Choice:		2nd Choice:	
I acknowledge and agree with my student's academic plan and course selections for the upcoming year.					

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Course Selection Form

Palo Verde High School

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Course Selection Form

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|---|---|
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| ☐ Geometry (H) | ☐ Foreign Language I (<i>Spanish, French, Japanese, etc.</i>) |
| ☐ Biology (<i>regular, honors, Pre-AP</i>) | ☐ Foreign Language II (<i>Spanish, French, Japanese, etc.</i>) |
| ☐ English 9 (<i>regular, honors, Pre-AP</i>) | |

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			☐ Digital & Graphic Design	☐ Education/Human Development
			☐ Marketing and Business	☐ Medical Science

Course Selection Form

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Please check the language and level: *(Not Required for graduation. May be required for college admission.)*

☐ Spanish ☐ French ☐ Japanese ☐ No Foreign Language *(I understand this may affect my college acceptance.)*

☐ Level I ☐ Level II H ☐ Level II H

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE): *(Check one option) [Note: Two years of PE credit required for graduation]*

☐ PE Exempt

OR

☐ PE I

☐ Dance I

☐ Crossfit

☐ Lifetime Sports

**IF EXEMPT, MUST
check one option:**

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☐ Medical Exemption

☐ Religious Exemption

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Course Selection Form

9th Grade Elective Choices

Refer to the online course catalog for detailed information.

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General Elective	1st Choice:	2nd Choice:

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Student Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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CTE Electives Courses		General Electives	
<p>Culinary Arts I</p> <p>Engineering Foundations I</p> <p>Forensic Science I</p> <p>Air Force JROTC</p> <p>Principals of Business Marketing</p> <p>Principles of Health Science</p> <p>Teaching & Training I</p> <p>Theatre Tech I</p> <p>Video Production I</p> <p>Web Design & Development I</p>		<p>Crime and Justice</p> <p>Digital Animation</p> <p>Imaginative Writing I</p> <p>Myth and Folklore I</p> <p>Personal Fitness and Wellness (Yoga)</p> <p>Physical Conditioning w/Weights</p> <p>Principles of Leadership (Student Council)</p> <p>Principles of Marine Science</p> <p>Principles of Sports Leadership</p> <p>Psychology I</p> <p>Public Speaking & Argument</p> <p>Publications I</p> <p>Social Media (Study Skills)</p> <p>Sociology I</p> <p>Speech Debate I</p> <p>STEM- Robotics</p>	
Performing Arts Electives Courses		Visual Arts	
<p>Band HS Advanced (Wind Ensemble)*</p> <p>Band HS Beginning</p> <p>Band HS Intermediate (Concert Band)*</p> <p>Band Jazz HS Intermediate*</p> <p>Band Jazz HS Advanced*</p> <p>Choir HS Beginning (Treble Choir)</p> <p>Choir HS Intermediate (Concert Choir)*</p> <p>Choir HS Advanced (Show Choir)*</p> <p>Choir HS Chamber</p> <p>Guitar HS Beginning</p> <p>Guitar HS Intermediate</p> <p>Music Appreciation</p> <p>Orchestra HS Intermediate (Concert Strings)</p> <p>Orchestra Winds/Percussion (Philharmonic)*</p> <p>Piano HS Beginning</p> <p>Piano HS Intermediate</p> <p>Theatre I</p>		<p>Art I</p> <p>Beginning Photography</p> <p>Ceramics I</p> <p>Design Crafts</p> <p>Digital Illustration I</p> <p>Drawing I</p> <p>Film Studies</p> <p>Special Effects/Prosthetic Makeup I</p>	
		Advanced Coursework	
		<p>Advanced Placement (AP)</p> <p>Dual Enrollment</p>	
		<p>AP Human Geography</p> <p>AP Computer Science Principles</p> <p>MUS 121/125 (<i>Music Appreciation/History of Rock and Roll</i>)+</p>	
* Audition/Director Approval		+Course Fee Req. (See course catalog)	

PALO VERDE PATHWAYS



PALO VERDE PATHWAYS



Brand new for the Class of 2030!

Selective, academically rigorous
programs of study that are
exclusively offered at PVHS!

Detailed information in the PVHS
Course Catalog

Applications will go out in early
Spring for all incoming Freshman
who indicate interest on the Course
Selection Form



International Baccalaureate (IB)
Programme





Overview



An accredited International program
that integrates academic subjects
with global perspectives.



An accredited international program
that connects academics with
career-related studies.



Benefits

- International Standard of Excellence
 - Weighted GPA (.05)
 - Graduation Gown & Stole
 - College Credit/Merit Aid/Scholarships/Money
 - Internal & External Assessments
 - DP students: Develop critical thinking and explore areas of knowledge
 - CP students: Gain work-related experience and career-specific skills
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Core Elements

- Developing personal & professional skills
- Developing language and culture awareness
- Engaging with the community
- Research ethical dilemmas

- Thinking about how they learn
- Participating in activities that support learning
- Being able to research and write critically

Eligibility & Requirements

	IB Foundation Courses (PVHS Recommended)	
Subject	9th	10th
IB Core Course	N/A	N/A
ELA	Eng 9/10 H	Eng 11 H
Math	Alg/Geo H	Geo/Alg II H
Science	Biology H	Chemistry H
Social Studies	AP Human Geo	World Hist. H
Foreign Language (Choose One)	Spanish I French I Japanese I	Spanish II French II Japanese II
Language Levels I and II available		
IB Electives (Choose one)	Elective Elective Elective	Elective Elective Elective



By the end of sophomore year:

Pass Algebra II / Algebra II H



Beginning Junior Year:

Start a CTE course of study

If you have questions, please email either:



Amy Reed (Diploma Programme) at reedas@nv.ccsd.net



Scott Schmidt (Career-related Programme) at schmisd@nv.ccsd.net

UNLV

Collegiate Pathway



Collegiate Pathway

Overview

- Dual-enrollment pathway allowing students to earn college credit through UNLV. (Up to 45 credits)
 - Students remain on the Palo Verde campus while completing university-level coursework
 - Selective, academically accelerated pathway with a strong cohort model
 - Designed for students ready for college-level expectations who want academic acceleration, independence, and an early start on college coursework.
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Collegiate Pathway

Benefits

- Dedicated PVHS Counselor
 - GPA bonus points for all dual enrollment courses
 - Earn a Certificate of Achievement for completing the UNLV Collegiate Pathway
 - Receive an official UNLV transcript and UNLV graduation stole
 - Students get access to the UNLV Library and facilities through their official UNLV Rebel Card
 - Field trip to UNLV, exclusive to Collegiate Academy students
 - Receive an individualized College Counseling session with PVHS counselor
 - Earn up to 45 transferable UNLV college credits
 - Significantly reduced college costs
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Collegiate Pathway

Eligibility & Requirements

- Students must complete selective application process
 - Complete one advanced course (AP or Honors) with grade of B or higher 9th and 10th grade.
 - Maintain a weighted GPA of 3.0 during all four years of high school
 - Complete at least five dual enrollment courses with a B or better
 - Meet the course prerequisites, including ACT qualifying score (Math and English courses)
 - Maintain positive attendance (Present 90% of the year) and citizenship (no major referrals)
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Palo Verde High School - UNLV Partnership

- PVHS has the largest UNLV dual enrollment partnership in Nevada
- 23 courses offered
- 701 enrollments in dual enrollment courses
- Over 2000 credits earned
- \$363,819 saved in student tuition

What are the Benefits of Dual Enrollment Courses

Academic Advantages

- **Transferable Credits:** Earn grades on a transcript transferable to other universities.
- **College Experience:** Take college-level courses in familiar surroundings with a Palo Verde instructor.
- **UNLV Resources:** Access university resources like tutoring and the writing lab.
- **Save Time:** Earn up to 24 General Education credits.
- **Weighted GPA:** Dual Enrollment courses earn .05 toward the weighted GPA.

Course Regulations

- **UNLV Rules Apply:** Courses are conducted strictly under UNLV regulations.
- **No CCSD Policies:** UNLV grading policies (e.g., test retakes, extended deadlines) do not apply.

Financial Benefits of Dual Enrollment



Dual Enrollment

\$110



UNLV

\$865

Dual Enrollment offers significant cost savings compared to traditional college enrollment.

Dual Enrollment Courses Offered 2026 - 2027

Education Courses

- **Education 201:** Intro to Elementary Education &
- **Education 203:** Intro to Special Education
- **Education 214:** Preparing Teachers to Use Tech &
- **CED 200:** Multicultural Issues of Counseling

Social Studies

- **History 101/102:** U.S. History
- **Political Science 101 / Finance 111:** US Gov/Econ
- **Psychology 101:** Introduction to Psychology &
- **Sociology 101:** Introduction to Sociology

Elective Courses

- **Japanese 113/114:** Elementary Japanese
- **Spanish 113/114:** Elementary Spanish
- **Music 121/125:** Music Appreciation/History of Rock & Roll
- **Communication 101:** Oral Communication

Math & English (ACT Score Prerequisites)

- **English 101/102:** Composition
- **Math 120:** Fundamentals of College Mathematics
- **Math 124:** College Algebra
- **Math 126/127:** PreCalculus I & II



Business & Marketing



Medical Sciences



Digital & Graphic Design



Education & Human
Development



Overview



Business & Marketing



Medical Sciences



Digital & Graphic Design



Education & Human
Development

- Selective, cohort-based programs built around a four-year course sequence
- Emphasizes hands-on learning while keeping college options open
- Designed for students who want industry-aligned, hands-on learning connected to careers while keeping college options open.



Benefits

- Dedicated PVHS Counselor
 - GPA bonus points for all advanced coursework (AP, Dual Enrollment, IB)
 - Priority access to advanced coursework and electives enrollment
 - Real world industry internships, networking and work experience
 - College and Career Pathway **Graduation Cord/Stole**
 - College and Career Pathway **Recognition Award Ceremony**
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Eligibility & Requirements

- Students must complete selective application process
 - Maintain weighted 3.0 cumulative GPA
 - Maintain a B or better in pathway-specific courses
 - Participate in at least one Pathway-aligned club or complete Pathway-aligned activity log (30 hours per year)
 - Maintain positive attendance (Present 90% of the year) and citizenship (no major referrals)
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Medical Sciences Pathway

Subject	9th	10th	11th	12th
ELA	- English 9/(H) or Higher	- English 10/(H) or Higher	- Eng 11/(H) - AP Language - AP Literature - IB Literature I	- Eng 12/(H) - AP Language - AP Literature - ENG 101/102 - IB Literature II
Math	- Algebra I/(H) or Higher	- Geometry/(H) or Higher	- Algebra II/(H) - AP Pre-Calculus - AP Statistics - AP Calculus AB/BC - IB Math SL/HL	- AP Pre-Calculus - AP Calculus AB/BC - AP Statistics - Math 124, 126/127 - IB Math SL/HL
Social Studies & Required	- Health/Career Ed.	- World History/(H) - AP World History	- U.S. History/(H) - AP U.S. History - IB History	- Gov/ Econ/(H) - AP Gov/Econ - PSC 101/FIN 111 - IB Gov. & Econ
<u>(Science)</u>	- Biology/(H)	- Chemistry/(H)	- Anatomy & Physiology H	- AP Biology
Pathway-Specific Courses (Requirement)	- Principles of Health Science	- Community Health	- Medical Assisting	- Medical Assisting Advanced Studies
	- Public Speaking	- Principles of Sports Leadership	- PSY 101/SOC 101	- Internship/ Work-based Learning
Pathway-Aligned Electives (Optional)	- Foreign Language I	- Foreign Language II	- Foreign Language III - DE/IB Foreign Language	- DE/IB Foreign Language - Elective/Open
Extracurricular (Requirement)	HOSA/ NSHS/ Medical Explorers Club	HOSA/ NSHS/ Medical Explorers Club	HOSA/ NSHS/ Medical Explorers Club	HOSA/ NSHS/ Medical Explorers Club
In unable to participate in extracurricular activity, students can complete 30 volunteer hours with related organization.				

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Courses



Palo Verde High School CTE Programs

Palo Verde High School offers 11 Career and Technical Educational Programs. These programs prepare students for future careers and college.

Technology

- Web Design
- Engineering Foundations

Health Sciences

- Community Health
- Medical Assisting
- Forensic Science

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**Students enrolled in at least
one CTE course**

Service

- Teaching & Training
- Military Science

Arts & Industry

- Culinary Arts
- Marketing
- Theatre Tech
- Video Production

250-300

**Completion
Certificates**

What are the benefits of complete CTE Programs of Study?

Academic & Career Outcomes

- **Higher Graduation Rates:** CTE concentrators have a 95% graduation rate compared to 85% for non-CTE students.
- **Employer Demand:** 96% of employers view CTE applicants favorably, and certified employees are 2x as likely to receive a promotion within 6 months.
- **Increased Earnings:** Earning a CTE Associate Degree can increase earning potential by 45%.

College & Future Planning

- **Earn College Credit:** Articulated credit allows students to earn transferable college credits at little to no cost.
- **Career Exploration:** Students can explore career paths early, increasing the likelihood of having a concrete post-high school plan.

Real-World Skills & Experience

- **Industry Certifications:** Students can earn "job ready" credentials (e.g., Adobe, CompTIA, OSHA) while still in high school.
- **Hands-On Learning:** Students are 3x more likely to report being "very satisfied" with their ability to learn real-world skills.
- **Professional Growth:** Through Student Organizations (CTSOs), students build soft skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

CTE Program Structure

Two-Year Programs

- All CTE programs are two years long (with Military Science as an exception).
- These programs are two-year commitments.

Advanced Studies

- Many programs offer an optional third year for advanced studies.

Multiple Completions

- Students can complete more than one CTE program during high school.

CCSD Diplomas

3 Types of Diplomas:

- College and Career Ready
©
- Advanced(F)
- Standard

Advanced Honors diploma will continue to be an option for students through the Cohort of 2025 (CCSD Regulation 5127) but not an option anymore after 2025 seniors graduate.

Alternative Diploma (a)		Standard Diploma		Standard Diploma		Advanced Diploma and College and Career Ready Diploma (b)	
Cohorts 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029		Cohorts 2026, 2027, 2028		Cohort 2029 and beyond		Cohorts 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029	
Categories	Credits	Categories	Credits	Categories	Credits	Categories	Credits
English	4	English	4	English	4	English	4
Mathematics	3	Mathematics	3	Mathematics	3	Mathematics	4 (c)
Science	2	Science	2	Science	2	Science	3
Wrld Hist/Geo/Hum	1	Wrld Hist/Geo/Hum	-	Wrld Hist/Geo/Hum	1	Wrld Hist/Geo/Hum	1 (e)
US History	1	US History	1	US History	1	US History	1
American Govt	0.5	American Govt	0.5	American Govt	0.5	American Govt	0.5
Economics and Fin Lit	0.5	Economics and Fin Lit	0.5	Economics and Fin Lit	0.5	Economics and Fin Lit	0.5
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Health Education	0.5	Health Education	0.5	Health Education	0.5	Health Education	0.5
Computer Ed & Tech	0.5	Computer Ed & Tech	0.5	Computer Ed & Tech	0.5	Computer Ed & Tech	0.5
Arts/Hum/CTE	1	Arts/Hum/CTE	1 (d)	Arts/Hum/CTE	1	Arts/Hum/CTE	1
Electives	5	Electives	6	Electives	5	Electives	6
Flex Credit	2 (e)	Flex Credit	2 (e)	Flex Credit	2 (e)	Flex Credit	-
Total	23	Total	23	Total	23	Total	24
GPA Requirement	-	GPA Requirement	-	GPA Requirement	-	GPA Requirement	3.25 weighted

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Mathematics	3	Mathematics	3	Mathematics	3	Mathematics	4 (c)
Science	2	Science	2	Science	2	Science	3
Wrld Hist/Geo/Hum	1	Wrld Hist/Geo/Hum	-	Wrld Hist/Geo/Hum	1	Wrld Hist/Geo/Hum	1 (e)
US History	1	US History	1	US History	1	US History	1
American Govt	0.5	American Govt	0.5	American Govt	0.5	American Govt	0.5
Economics and Fin Lit	0.5	Economics and Fin Lit	0.5	Economics and Fin Lit	0.5	Economics and Fin Lit	0.5
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Health Education	0.5	Health Education	0.5	Health Education	0.5	Health Education	0.5
Computer Ed & Tech	0.5	Computer Ed & Tech	0.5	Computer Ed & Tech	0.5	Computer Ed & Tech	0.5
Arts/Hum/CTE	1 (d)	Arts/Hum/CTE	1 (d)	Arts/Hum/CTE	1	Arts/Hum/CTE	1
Electives	5	Electives	6	Electives	5	Electives	6
Flex Credit	2 (e)	Flex Credit	2 (e)	Flex Credit	2 (e)	Flex Credit	-
Total	23	Total	23	Total	23	Total	24
GPA Requirement	-	GPA Requirement	-	GPA Requirement	-	GPA Requirement	3.25 weighted

- (a) Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn the Alternative Diploma through participation in the Nevada Alternate Assessment instead of the ACT. Students remain eligible for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act services until their 22nd birthday.
- (b) Additional College and Career Ready Diploma requirements:
- One mathematics credit must be Algebra II or higher, *and*
 - Proficiency in two languages, or two credits in: Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses, Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit courses, a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program of study, Work-Based Learning courses, or a world language course, *and*
 - Earn a College-Ready endorsement (ACT in English of 18 or higher and in Math of 22 or higher) or a Career-Ready endorsement (CTE certification, OWINN certification, ASVAB of 50 or higher).

- (c) One of the four units of mathematics must be Algebra II or higher.
- (d) District students must take World History or Geography to earn either the Arts/Humanities/CTE credit for the Standard/Alternative Diploma through 2028 or the World History/Geography credit for the other diplomas.
- (e) Flex Credits are: a second or third year CTE course, *or* a fourth year of mathematics (Algebra II or higher), *or* a third year of science, *or* a third year of social studies.

A District-approved computer science course may count as either a fourth year of mathematics *or* a third year of science (one credit total) only after successful completion of the required mathematics or science coursework. (Senate Bill 200, 2017)

The maximum weighted GPA that can be earned is 4.950; this is achieved by earning a 4.0 unweighted GPA and 0.950 bonus points.

PVHS - Clubs and Activities Offered

Acapella Club
Advocates Club
Agriculture Club
Alzheimer's Awareness Club
Animation Club
Archery Club
Art Club
Asian Student Union
American Sign Language Club
Audio Production Club
Badminton Club
Best Buddies Club
Black Student Union
Bible Club
Ceramics Club
Clothed by Faith Club
Club America

Computer Science Club
DECA
Fashion Club
Games Club
Girls Who Code/AI Club
Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club
History Club
HOSAIB Council
Interact Club
International Club
Jewish Student Union
JROTC: Kitty Hawk Honors Society
K-Pop Club
Key Club
Lacrosse Club
Latino Student Union
Monster Makers Club

National Honors Society
Nationality Club
Palo Paws Club
Palonesian Club
Pep Club
Psychology Club
Purple Star Club
Robotics/STEM Club
Science National Honor Society
Speech and Debate
Student Finance and Budgeting Club
Theater Club
Theater Tech Club
Thespian Society
Varsity Quiz/Science Bowl
Virtuosi Club
Wilderness Club

Over 50 Clubs and Activities offered at Palo Verde High School

PVHS - Athletics

Fall Sports

- Boys/Girls Cross Country
- Boys Football
- Girls Golf
- Boys/Girls Soccer
- Boys/Girls Tennis
- Girls Volleyball

Winter Sports

- Boys/Girls Basketball
- Boys/Girls Bowling
- Boys/Girls Wrestling
- Girls Flag Football

Spring Sports

- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys/Girls Track and Field
- Boys Golf
- Boys/Girls Swimming and Diving
- Boys Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Lacrosse (Spring 2026)

Students interested in Fall sports are encouraged to reach out to our Athletic office with any questions up the coming season.

PVHS - Performing and Visual Arts

Performing Arts

Band

- Beginning Band
- Intermediate Band (Concert Band)
- Advanced Band (Wind Ensemble)
- Intermediate Jazz Band
- Advanced Jazz Band
- Marching Band

Choir

- Beginning Choir (Treble Choir)
- Intermediate Choir (Concert Choir)
- Advanced Choir (Show Choir)
- Chamber Choir

Orchestra

- Intermediate Orchestra (Concert Strings)
- Winds/Percussion Orchestra (Philharmonic)

Theatre I - IV

Guitar - Beginning/Intermediate

Piano - Beginning/Intermediate

Advanced Conducting

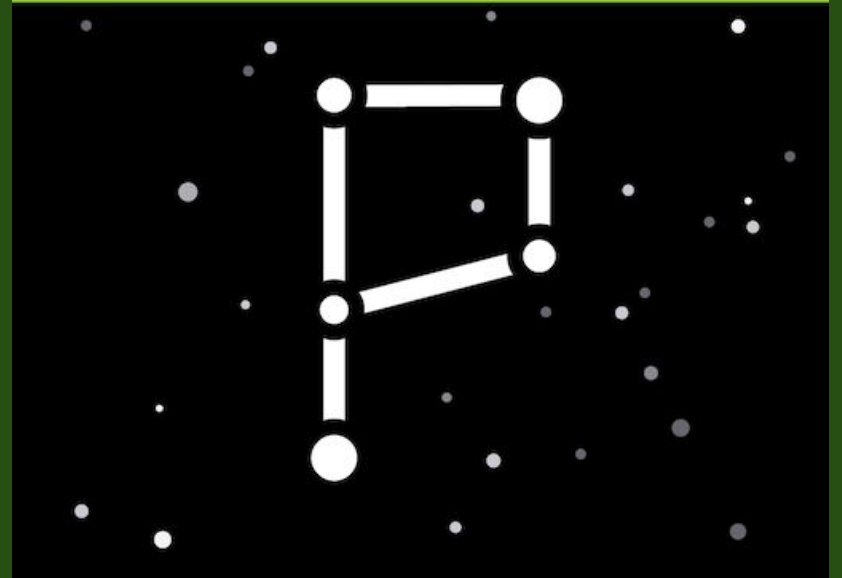
Visual Arts

- Art I
- Beginning Photography
- Ceramics I/II/III
- Digital Illustration I
- Drawing I/II
- Film Studies I
- Painting I/II
- Special Effects I/II/III
- AP 2-D Art and Design
- AP 3-D Art and Design
- AP Drawing
- IB Visual Arts IB

Students interested in a Performing Arts groups are encouraged to reach out to music directors with any questions up the coming school year

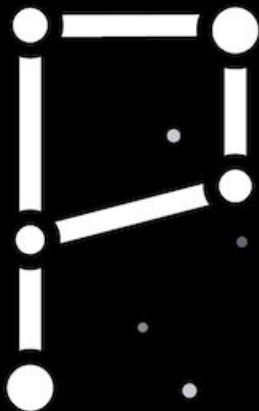
Infinite Campus

CAMPUS



Infinite Campus - Parent Portal

CAMPUS



[Scan the QR code
or Click this link to
access the Parent
portal App](#)

It is so important to have access to grades, attendance and information

Make sure to turn your notifications on to get the most up to date information!



Scan the QR code
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YouTube video on
notifications

Infinite Campus - Menu Options

Grades Tool View tasks, standards, and updates.

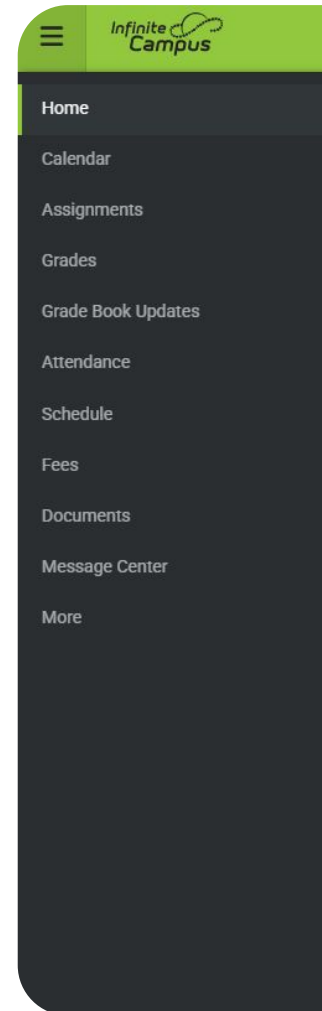
Assignments Tool Access assignments; filter by "Missing" or "Current Term."

Attendance Tool View absences/tardies by quarter or term.

Schedule Access student schedule by term.

Academic Plan Review and approve student plans.

Calendar Three viewing modes: Assignments, Schedule, Attendance.



Infinite Campus - Communications and Settings

Message Center

- Access announcements, inbox messages, and surveys.

Account Settings

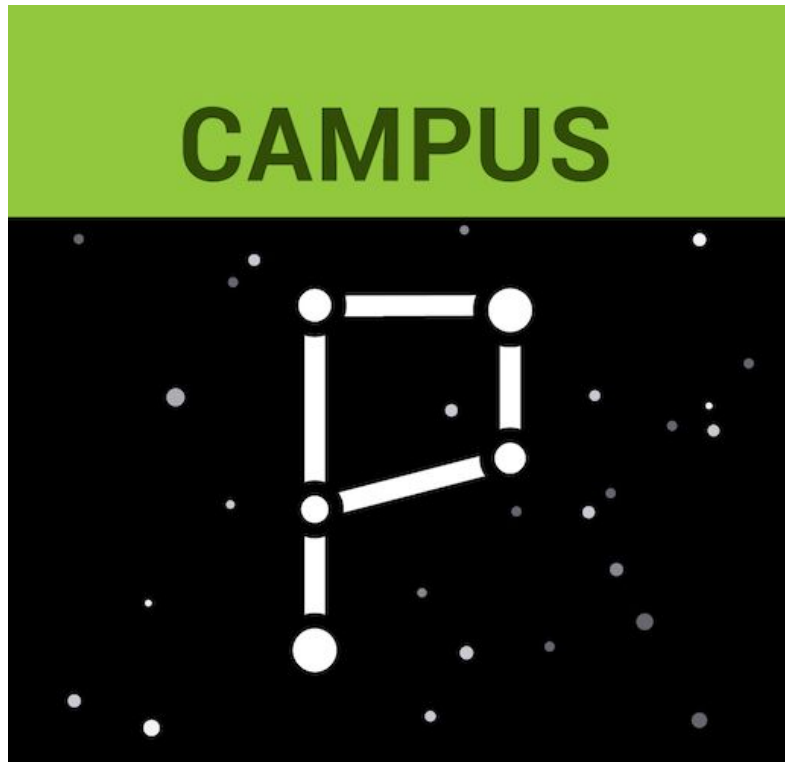
- Update security email, password, and notifications.

Contact Preferences

- Manage personal info, language settings, and message preferences.

Documents

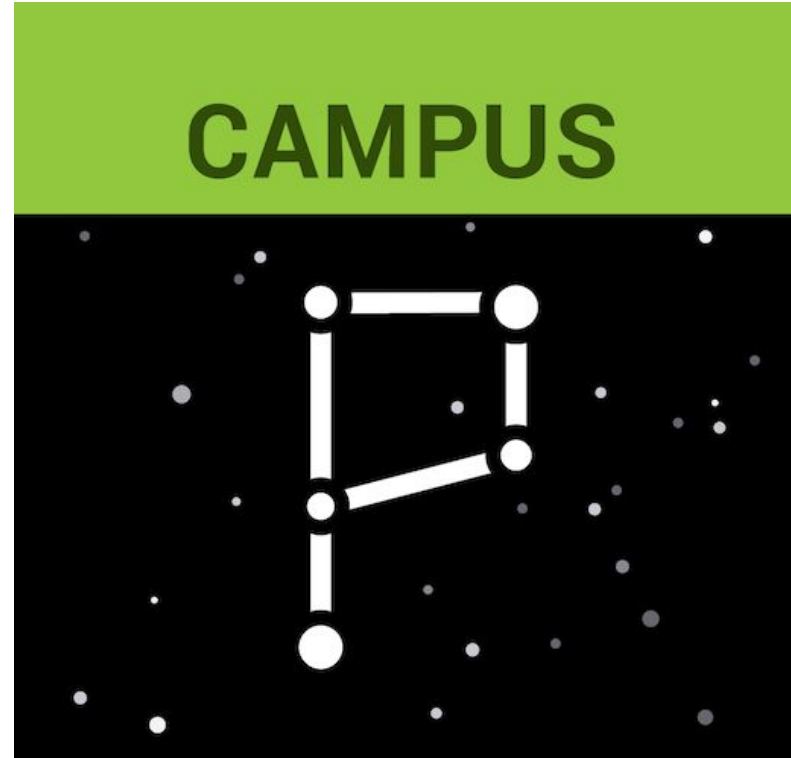
- Access reports, forms, and Unofficial Transcripts.



Infinite Campus - Forgot User ID



Forgot your user ID or password, want to create a new account, or need additional features and support? Use this QR code for more information on how to do that.



Attendance Policy



Why Attendance Matters

Every Day Matters!

**Success in learning and life starts
by attending school each day.**

Importance of Attendance

- **Success Indicator:** Attendance in 9th grade is the #1 predictor of graduation.
- **Earning Potential:** Graduates earn ~\$8,000 more annually than non-graduates.
- **The "September Slide":** Missing 2–4 days in September increases the risk of missing a month of school later.
- **Stay Above 90%:** Students are considered "Chronically Absent" if they miss more than 10% of school days.

Unexcused Absence School Procedures



3 Unexcused Absences

- Attendance Clerk generates a CCSD letter on IC and mails it home.

5 Unexcused Absences

- The Student Success Office calls and notifies parents.

6 Unexcused Absences

- Another CCSD letter is sent home.
- The counselor calls in the student and notifies the parent.

7 Unexcused Absences

- A Truancy Prevention Outreach Program (TPOP) referral is initiated.

Denial of Credit



9 Unexcused Absences (in a single period)

- **Consequence:** Student receives a Denial of Credit for that course.
- **Result:** The student may fail the class regardless of their academic grade.
- **Appeal Meeting:** Parents may request one appeal meeting to discuss the absences with an administrator.

How to excuse an absence

Submit Online

- Use the PVHS Absence Note Form to excuse absences.

3-Day Window

- Submit absence notes within three school days of the return.

Unexcused if Late

- Late submissions will result in unexcused absences.

The screenshot shows the Palo Verde High School website. The top navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT US, IB, PROGRAMS, COUNSELING, ATHLETICS, STUDENTS, FAMILIES, and CONTACT US. The STUDENTS menu is open, displaying a list of links: PVHS Bell Schedule, Absence Notes / Attendance Info, Tutoring Opportunities, STUDENT SUCCESS OFFICE (SSO), PVHS CLUBS, PVHS TESTING INFO, PVHS Student Info, PVHS Seniors, CCSD Food Services, Hope Squad, and Library. Below the navigation bar, the text "PALO VERDE" and "An International Baccalaureate World School" are visible. A banner for "VHS Attendance Information" features the text "SUBMIT ABSE" in large red letters. At the bottom, a blue banner reads "Every Day Matters!" and "Success in learning and life starts by attending school each day."

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Thank you!

CTE College Credit Opportunities

Students can earn articulated credit through CSN in these programs

- **Programs Offering Credit**
 - Teaching & Training (UNLV)
 - Culinary Arts
 - Forensic Science
 - Marketing
 - Theatre Technology
 - Video Production
 - Web Design

Dual Enrollment Courses

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UNLV

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses



What are the benefits of completing an AP Course

- Advanced Placement (AP) courses offer high school students college-level curriculum and exams. They span 7 subject areas and provide numerous benefits for college-bound students.

College Credit

- Earn credits and skip introductory courses in college.

Stand Out

- Make college applications more competitive.
- AP courses earn .05 toward the weighted GPA.

Academic Success

- AP students develop skills to perform well in college courses.

AP Course Offerings

Mathematics

- AP Calculus AB & BC
- AP Precalculus
- AP Statistics

Science

- AP Biology
- AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
- AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based

Language Arts

- AP Language and Composition
- AP Literature and Composition

Social Sciences

- AP Government and Economics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Psychology
- AP U.S. History
- AP World History

Technology

- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles

Visual & Performing Arts

- AP 2-D & 3-D Art and Design
- AP Drawing
- AP Music Theory

World Languages

- AP French
- AP Japanese
- AP Spanish

AP Biology College Credit Example at UNLV

Score 3

- 3 Gen Ed credits (Science without Lab)

Score 4

- 3 credits BIOL 189A

Score 5

- 6 credits: BIOL 189A and either 190A or 191A

Reminder: College credits obtained based on AP scores may vary by post-secondary institution

AP French College Credit Example at UNLV

Score 3

- 3 credits (equivalent to 113)
- Placement into 114

Score 4-5

- 6 credits (equivalent to 113 & 114)
- Placement into 213

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