

PHS COURSES

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Alaska Contemporary Lit
 AP Seminar
 Cinema Art
 Contemporary Literature
 English 1, 2 & 3
 Frontier Literature
 IB Language & Literature
 IB Literature 1 & 2
 Poetry

MATHEMATICS:

Intermediate Algebra
 Intro to Algebra
 Algebra I & 2
 Informal Geometry
 Geometry
 Geometry Co-Lab
 AP Pre-Calculus
 IB Math 1 & 2

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Alaska History
 Civics
 IB History of America 1 & 2
 IB Philosophy
 IB TOK
 Psychology
 Sociology
 U.S. Government
 U.S. History
 AP World History
 World History

SCIENCE:

Biology
 Honors Biology
 IB Biology 1
 Chemistry
 Forensics 1 & 2
 IB Physics
 Oceanography
 Physical Science

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Swimming
 Weight Training
 Sports Activities
 Fitness Activities

WORLD LANGUAGE:

French 1 & 2,
 IB French 1 & 2
 Japanese 1 & 2
 IB Japanese 1 & 2

TRADES AND INDUSTRIES:

Intro to Plant Science
 Greenhouse Production
 Landscape Design
 Intro to Vet Science
 Intro to Animal Science
 Forestry
 Intro to Agriculture
 Intro to Natural Resource
 Food & Nutrition
 Lodging Mgt. (Coffee Shop)
 Culinary 1, 2, 3 & 4
 Intro to Education
 Education Psychology
 Small Engine
 Welding
 Woodshop/Construction
 Trades
 Introduction to Auto
 Auto Tech 2, 3, 4

FINE ARTS:

2-D & 3-D Art Survey 1 & 2
 2-D & 3-D Art Studio 1 & 2
 (ceramics)
 Painting
 Drama
 IB Visual Arts 1 & 2
 Adaptive Art Mentor
 Concert Choir
 Vocal Jazz Ensemble
 Symphonic Choir
 Symphonic Band
 Adv Perf Ensemble
 Percussion

BUSINESS:

Tech Apps 1 & 2
 Accounting
 Entrepreneurship
 Personal Finance
 Coding
 Create
 Internet of Everything
 AP Computer Science
 Customer Service
 Yearbook

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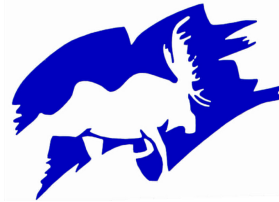
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Palmer High School

Mission


To prepare...

~ Life-long Learners ~ Community Assets ~
 ~Citizens of Integrity~


Vision

To focus on quality education and a high level of student achievement. It is our role to work in partnership with the community to develop contributing, self-directed, responsible citizens for a changing world. Multiple opportunities are provided through a rigorous and diversified curriculum in a safe and supportive environment.



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PHS PROFILE

COMMUNITY:

Palmer High School (PHS) is located within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District which serves suburban and rural communities with a combined population of 113,000. The City of Palmer is a historically agricultural community that embraces responsible growth while keeping the small-town quality. With a population of 6,000, Palmer is located 42 miles north of Anchorage, the largest city in Alaska.

EMPLOYMENT:

Transportation, construction, agriculture, petroleum production, tourism, and government services.

SCHOOL:

Palmer High School is one of eight four-year high schools in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District and is accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission. PHS's average enrollment is 800 students.

CURRICULUM:

A comprehensive curriculum including college preparatory, business, trade/technical, fine arts, and enrichment programs. There are multiple pathways to graduation with 25.5 credits required to graduate for the class of 2025+. Instruction is based on a 6-period day plus 4Cs and a modified rotating block schedule.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE:

PHS is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. In addition to IB courses, Advanced Placement (AP) courses are also offered at Palmer High. Students can earn an IB Diploma or AP Capstone Emphasis.

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

A continuum of services is available from fully inclusive to self-contained. Self-contained classrooms focus on daily living and life skills. Work study is an additional option. These courses are limited to students with an Individualized Educational Plan.

SPECIAL COURSES:

District-wide "Career Pathway" courses, Technical Prep courses, APEX online courses, World Languages, and IB/AP courses.

SCHOOL YEAR:

The school year is 180 days divided into two semesters. One-half credit per course is granted each semester.

GRADING SYSTEM:

Four point system with the following range: A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, and F=0. Additional weight is given for AP and IB courses. Students' class rank and cumulative GPA are based on courses attempted.

FACULTY:

Faculty comes from colleges and universities throughout the United States. Over 50% of the faculty holds Masters degrees.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED COURSES

Language Arts

Two semesters of English 1
Two semesters of English 2
Four semesters of English Electives

Mathematics

Two semesters of Algebra 1
Two semesters of Geometry
Two or Four semesters of Math Electives

Science

Two semesters of Physical Science
Two semesters of Biology
Two Semesters of Science Elective

Social Studies

One semester of Civics
Two semesters of World History
Two semesters of US History
One semester of Alaska History
One semester of US Government

Health

One semester of Health

Physical Education

Two semesters of Physical Education electives

4Cs

AP Seminar/IB Lang & Lit

Adt'l AP/IB/Dual College/CTE Connector

General Electives

Electives are additional courses in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, Career and Technical Education, Fine Arts, World Languages, and/or Physical Education.

See pathway guidelines for specific course and elective requirements.

Total Credits

Class of 2024

Class of 2025+

CREDIT

4 credits

3 credits (2024)

4 credits (2025+)

3 credits

3.5 credits

.5 credits

1 credit

1 credit (2025+)

1 credit (2025+)

1 credit (2026+)

9.5 credits (2024)

7.5 credits (2025)

6.5 credits (2026+)

24.5 credits

25.5 credits

A student may graduate with a diploma when they have earned a minimum of 24.5 (class of 2024) or 25.5 (class of 2025+) credits in required and elective subjects.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

ELIGIBILITY

In order to compete in any extra-curricular activity, a student must be a full-time student (at least five classes [four for Seniors]), have passed five subjects the previous semester, and have earned a 2.0 GPA. GPA requirements will be determined at the end of each quarter. Incoming Freshmen will be determined at the end of Quarter 1.

SPORTS

Baseball/Softball	Soccer
Basketball	Swim & Dive
Basketball cheer	Track & Field
E-Sports	Tennis
Flag Football	Wrestling
Football	Volleyball
Football Cheer	X-Country Running
Hockey	X-Country Ski
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ACTIVITIES

Anime Club	Marching Band
Band/Choir	Mat-Su Shooters
(jazz, symphonic, percussion)	National Honor Society
Battle of the Books	Partners Club
Blue Moose Gardens	Peer Mentors
Bowling	Pep Band
Business Professionals of America	Powderpuff Football
Chess Club	Recycling
Drama	Sandwich Club
Dungeons & Dragons	Saroma Exchange
Educators Rising	Science/Ocean Bowl
FCCLA/Pro Start (culinary)	Skills USA (auto)
Foreign Exchange	Speech & Debate
Future Farmers of America	Student Government
International Club	World Language Declamation
Japanese Honor Society	Yearbook
Key Club	Youth Court