



Palo Verde High School

An International Baccalaureate World School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited for the new school year and hope that the year is full of excitement and success for all of our students. We truly believe that Palo Verde High School is the best high school in town.

As we started last year, we will continue to provide you with the informational packet electronically. Nothing within this electronic document requires your signature. Anything that does require your signature will be sent home with your child. Many teachers will require a signature on their course expectations. The health office will need a signature on the blue health information form that will be coming home shortly. In addition you will receive a yellow form to sign indicating your familiarity with the newly adopted student Code of Conduct. Please return these two forms with your signatures to your child's English teacher.

Furthermore, this is an extremely busy time of year in the counseling office. If you or your child needs to speak to his/her counselor, please fill out the electronic request form found on paloverde.org to expedite the process.

We really appreciate your patience and cooperation with this process. Go Panthers!

Sincerely,

Darren Sweikert
Principal

--- made bold by knowledge of the past and present, we conquer the twenty-first century ---

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Counselor Responsibility List

2019-2020

Todd Steffenhagen	A-CI	X4308
Kathleen Dambro	CJ - HAN	X4303
Kara Wintermute	HAO - KE & SPED	X4307
Michele Brown (D.C.)	KF - NG & IB	X4305
Betsy Brown	NH - SMA	X4301
Brent Florence	SMB - Z	X4306
Koni Whitaker	Secretary	X4300

Palo Verde High School Bell Schedule 2019-2020

REGULAR SCHEDULE

<u>First Lunch</u>			
	A Day	B Day	
Period	1	2	8:00 - 9:21
Period	3	4	9:26 - 10:54
Lunch			10:54 - 11:24
Period	5	6	11:29 - 12:50
Period	7	8	12:55 - 2:16

<u>Second Lunch</u>			
	A Day	B Day	
Period	1	2	8:00 - 9:21
Period	3	4	9:26 - 10:54
Period	5	6	10:59 - 12:20
Lunch			12:20 - 12:50
Period	7	8	12:55 - 2:16

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

<u>First Lunch</u>			
	A Day	B Day	
Period	1	2	8:00 - 9:11
Period	3	4	9:16 - 10:27
Lunch			10:27 - 10:57
Period	5	6	11:02 - 12:13
Period	7	8	12:18 - 1:29
ASSEMBLY			1:29 - 2:16

<u>Second Lunch</u>			
	A Day	B Day	
Period	1	2	8:00 - 9:11
Period	3	4	9:16 - 10:27
Period	5	6	10:32 - 11:43
Lunch			11:43 - 12:13
Period	7	8	12:18 - 1:29
ASSEMBLY			1:29 - 2:16

LUNCHES ARE DETERMINED BY YOUR FIFTH AND SIXTH PERIOD CLASSES

FIRST LUNCH: BUSINESS, ENGLISH, FOREIGN LANGUAGE, SOCIAL STUDIES, PRACTICAL ARTS, CTE

SECOND LUNCH: FINE ARTS, HEALTH, MATH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ROTC, SCIENCE, SPECIAL EDUCATION

Graduation Requirements

Cohorts of 2020-2023



Alternative Diploma

Students with significant cognitive disabilities are eligible to earn an Alternative Diploma through their participation in the NAA and their completion of the course credits required for their graduating cohort. Students earning an Alternative Diploma are included in a school's graduation rate. Students earning an Alternative Diploma are eligible for IDEA services until their 22nd birthday.

Core Enrollment Expectations

The Clark County School District (CCSD) 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 Statute (NRS) 389.018 and aligned with the Governor Guinn 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 as outlined below:

Core Enrollment Areas of Study	Units
English	4
Mathematics (including Algebra II or higher)	4
Natural Science	3
Social Studies and History	3
Total	14

Students who successfully complete the 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 Millennium Scholarship.

Pathway to Graduation

- Participate in Academic Planning meeting with your school counselor
- Enroll in course work that will help you achieve your educational goals
- Make sure parents and/or guardians review and approve your academic plan
- Take the ACT with Writing, in your junior year, at no cost
- Take the NAA in lieu of the ACT with Writing, in your junior year to earn an Alternative Diploma
- Earn a diploma

Standard Diploma & Alternative Diploma (Cohorts of 2020-2021)

Each student must complete twenty-two and one-half (22½) units (credits) of approved course work, including:

- 1) Fifteen (15) units in the required areas of study, and
- 2) Seven and one-half (7½) units of elective credit in approved course work.

Required Areas of Study	Units
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
Arts/Humanities/Career and Technical Education (CTE)	1 ^a
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Use of Computers	½ ^b
Electives	7½
Total	22½

*Students earning an Alternative Diploma will take the NAA exam in lieu of the ACT with Writing.

Standard Diploma & Alternative Diploma (Cohorts of 2022 and beyond)

Each student must complete twenty-three (23) units (credits) of approved course work, including:

- 1) Seventeen (17) units in the required areas of study, and
- 2) Six (6) units of elective credit in approved course work.

Required Areas of Study	Units
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
Arts/Humanities/CTE	1 ^a
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Use of Computers	½ ^b
College and Career Ready Flex	2 ^c
Electives	6
Total	23

Advanced Diploma (Cohorts of 2020-2023)

Each student must complete twenty-four (24) units (credits) of approved course work, including:

- 1) Eighteen (18) units in the required areas of study,
- 2) Six (6) units of elective credit in approved course work, and
- 3) 3.25 GPA or higher (unweighted ^d).

Required Areas of Study	Units
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Studies	1 ^a
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Use of Computers	½ ^b
Arts/Humanities/CTE	1
Electives	6
Total	24

Advanced Honors Diploma (Cohorts of 2020-2023)

Each student must complete the Advanced Diploma requirements, and:

- 1) Twelve (12) units of Honors, International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced Placement (AP) course work in the required areas of study.

Required Areas of Study	Units
English	3
Mathematics	2
Science	2
Social Studies and History	2
Foreign Language (second year or higher)	1
Electives	2
Total	12

^a Clark County School District students are required to take World History or Geography. This will satisfy either the Arts/Humanities/CTE state requirement for the standard diplomas or the additional social studies requirement for the advanced and advanced honors diplomas.

^b Satisfactory completion of ½ credit of a computer literacy course offered in grades 6, 7, or 8 will meet the requirement for Use of Computers.

^c Flex credits can be: a second or third year CTE concentrator course in one program of study, or a fourth year of mathematics (including Algebra II or higher), or a third year of science, or a third year of social studies.

^d The unweighted grade point average (GPA) will be calculated in the traditional manner (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F=0)

^e The weighted GPA is calculated by adding bonus points for successful completion of Honors, AP, or IB course work. The highest possible weighted GPA in the Cohort of 2020 is 4.800. Beginning with the Cohort of 2021, there will be no weighted GPA cap.

College and Career Ready Diploma (Cohorts of 2020-2023)

Each student must complete twenty-four (24) units (credits) of approved course work, including:

- 1) Eighteen (18) units in the required areas of study,
- 2) Six (6) units of elective credit in approved course work,
- 3) 3.25 GPA or higher (unweighted ^d or weighted ^e),
- 4) Proficiency in two languages, or two (2) units in AP courses, IB courses, Dual Credit courses, CTE courses, Work Based Learning courses, or a world language course, and
- 5) One or both of the following endorsements:
College-Ready endorsement for students who successfully complete a college readiness assessment, and receive not less than remedial scores for initial (non-remedial) placement into college-level English and mathematics courses,
Career-Ready endorsement for students who successfully complete the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRRC) – level Silver or above, *or* successfully complete the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) – score 50 or above, *or* obtain a Career and Technical Education Skills Attainment Certificate, *or* obtain a credential on Nevada's Industry-Recognized Credentials List (OWINN).

Required Areas of Study	Units
English	4
Mathematics (including Algebra II or higher)	4
Science	3
Social Studies	1 ^a
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
Physical Education	2
Arts/Humanities/CTE	1
Health	½
Use of Computers	½ ^b
Electives	6
Total	24

How can parents correct records they believe are inaccurate or misleading? (See CCSD Regulation 5125.1)

Parents may by written request, to the principal of the school, challenge any part of their child's record which they believe is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of their child's rights. Within ten (10) school days after receiving a request the principal shall notify the parent in writing of his/her decision regarding the request and the reasons for the decision. The parent has the right to appeal this decision to the Chief Academic Officer of the Academic Unit or designee ("Academic Unit"), within ten (10) school days after receipt of the principal's letter. The Academic Unit, within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of such an appeal will hold a hearing with the parent. The parent is informed in writing of the date and time of the appeal hearing. The Academic Unit will make a decision in writing within five (5) working days after conclusion of the appeal hearing. The parent is notified of the decision by certified mail. If the Academic Unit does not render a decision in favor of the parent's request, the parent has the right to attach a written statement to the contested student's record explaining the reasons for the disagreement with a specific document or documents. If the decision is to amend the record, the Academic Unit will ensure that the record is amended within fifteen (15) working days of the decision.

How does a parent access additional information regarding FERPA?

Clark County School District Regulation 5125.1, Release of Information, has additional information related to student records. In addition, the Clark County School District has identified FERPA liaisons to answer questions. Listed below are the phone numbers of these individuals:

Education Services Division	(702) 855-9775
Student Services Division	(702) 799-1020

In addition, questions can be directed to the Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-5920.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)



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PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE

Academic Unit

What is The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)?

FERPA sets out requirements designed to protect the privacy of parents and students. In brief, the law requires a school district to: (1) provide parents access to their children's educational records; (2) provide parents an opportunity to seek correction of records believed to be inaccurate or misleading; and (3) with some exceptions, obtain the written permission of a parent before disclosing information contained in the student's educational record. When a student turns 18 years old, or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, the rights under FERPA transfer from the parent to the student.

How am I informed about my rights under FERPA?

Educational agencies and institutions are required to notify parents and eligible students about their rights under FERPA. The Clark County School District provides notification annually in the Back To School Reporter. In addition, schools provide information in their back-to-school materials. Students who enroll from out-of-district after the school year begins will be provided this information during the registration process.

What student information can be released by the Clark County School District?

Most information about students cannot be made public without parental consent. However, FERPA does allow for the release of information termed "directory information." Directory information is not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. This includes student's name, address, grade level, date and place of birth, photographs, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, dates and schools of attendance, and degrees and awards received. Photographs will only be considered directory information when used in printed school publications including the annual yearbook, playbills, honor roll or other recognition lists, graduation programs, newsletters, and sports activity programs/sheets. Directory information, including a student's name, address, and telephone number is made available upon request to post-secondary institutions and military recruiters, unless parents advise in writing that they do not want their student's information disclosed.

What notification must be made to parents before the release of "directory information"?

Annual public notice must be made before directory information may be made available without a parent's prior written consent. This notification is included in the CCSD Back To School Reporter and registration materials and informs parents of the right to restrict the distribution of directory information. A reasonable period of time is given between the issuance of public notice and the release of information to allow parents to request that this information not be released. A parent may rescind this request in writing at any time.

How is a "parent" defined under FERPA?

"Parent" means a parent of a student and includes a natural parent, a guardian, or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or guardian. The parent has the authority to exercise the rights inherent in FERPA, unless the agency or institution has been provided with evidence that there is a state law or court order governing such matters as divorce, separation or custody, or a legally binding instrument declares differently.

What are educational records under FERPA?

Generally, educational records include the student's permanent academic record, achievement and scholastic aptitude test results, attendance and discipline file, health inventory cards and student support services folders (if appropriate).

How can parents access their child's educational records?

Parents have the right, upon written request, to inspect and review any and all educational records relating directly to their student. School personnel are to respond to all requests within a reasonable length of time not to exceed ten (10) school days from the date of receipt of the request. School personnel will be available to interpret records being reviewed, if necessary.

The rights accorded to parents transfers to the student upon attainment of the student's eighteenth birthday. However, if the student is still a dependent of his or her parents after the age of eighteen, the parents have a right to information contained in the student's records without the student's consent.

What information is not an educational record for which parent access can be refused?

Personal notes kept by a teacher, principal, counselor, or other school employee for the sole use of that person and which are not revealed to any other person are not considered part of the child's record.

How are records obtained for students no longer enrolled in Clark County School District?

The parent must submit written authorization to release student records if the student is under eighteen years of age. After a former student is eighteen years of age or older, records can be released only with the student's written consent unless the student is still a dependent. In addition, upon request the district discloses education records without consent to officials of other schools in which the student seeks or intends to enroll, or has already enrolled or transferred, if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer. Procedures for record release can be obtained from Student Record Services at 799-2487.