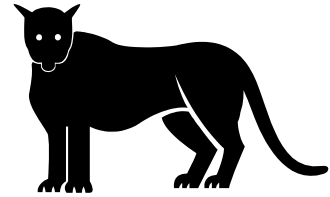


# Palo Verde High School

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## **Our Community**

Spanning over 7,910 square miles, the Clark County School District serves the educational needs of one of the most rapidly changing areas in the nation. The district is currently the 5<sup>th</sup> largest in the United States.

Palo Verde High School is located in the award-winning planned community of Summerlin in the far west area of Las Vegas.

## **Our Mission**

The mission of Palo Verde High School is to prepare students to realize their academic, creative, emotional, physical, social, and career potentials as contributing members of society in a community of mutual respect.

## **Our School**

Palo Verde High School is a comprehensive four-year high school enrolling over 3,100 students in grades nine through twelve. The school opened in the fall of 1996 and graduated its first senior class in June of 2000.

Palo Verde is accredited by The Northwest Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is a member of The College Board. 52% of Palo Verde's 3100 students are White; 21% are Hispanic; 10% are Black; 9% are Asian; 6% are Multi-Ethnic; 1% are Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; and less than 1% are Native American.

## **2014 - 2015 Highlights**

- Palo Verde High School has been named an International Baccalaureate school.
- The Class of 2015 earned over 12 million dollars' worth of scholarships.
- Student-athletes signed 14 Athletic Letters of Intent to play sports at the collegiate level. Palo Verde sports teams won 7 regional championships and 2 state championships.
- Student Council was awarded the Silver Star Award, the Southern Star Award, and the National Gold Council of Excellence Award.
- The National Speech and Debate Association ranks Palo Verde's team as #1 in the state and among the top 50 in the nation. Over 50 Palo Verde debaters have qualified for Nationals in the last decade.
- Following their performance at the National Concert Band Festival, the Palo Verde Concert Band was invited to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. and Carnegie Hall in New York City. The marching, concert, and jazz bands received superior ratings in every CCSD rated Performance they participated in last year.
- Our AF JROTC Squadron was named a "Distinguished Unit", representing their place in the top 10% of all units nationally. Palo Verde Cadets remain committed to community service, volunteering hundreds of hours to food banks, elementary schools, scout groups, and fundraisers.

## Curriculum

All seniors must pass the Nevada Proficiency Exam in reading, writing, science, and math, as well as earn 22.5 credits to receive a **standard diploma**. Fifteen of these credits are required in the following courses of study:

English (4)	Physical Education (2)	US Government (1)
Math (Algebra or above) (3)	World History (1)	Computers (.5)
Science (2)	US History (1)	Health (.5)

An **advanced diploma** is awarded to those students who meet the above requirements, complete an additional credit of science, maintain a 3.25 unweighted GPA, and earn a total of 24 credits. 66 Advanced diplomas were awarded in 2015, representing 12% of the graduating class.

An **advanced honors diploma** is awarded to those students who maintain a 3.25 unweighted GPA and a 3.85 weighted GPA and earn credit in at least 12 honors and/or AP level classes. 101 honors diplomas were awarded in 2015, representing 18% of the graduating class.

Honors level classes are available in the English, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign language, and ROTC departments.

The following Advanced Placement courses are offered at Palo Verde:

Biology	English Language & Composition	Microeconomics	US Government
Calculus AB	English Literature & Composition	Physics	US History
Calculus BC	Human Geography	Psychology	World History
Chemistry	Macroeconomics	Spanish	

In the 2014 - 15 school year, AP enrollment in 14 classes totaled 443 students. 281 students took 444 tests in 14 subjects. Enrollment in AP classes is open to all interested students.

## Grading and Ranking

Palo Verde High School assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system. Letter grades are assigned as follows:

A = 90 – 100 %; B = 80 – 89%; C = 70 – 79%, D = 60 – 69%; F = 59% and below.

All courses are used in computing GPA and all students are included in class rank. Honors courses are weighted with .025 additional points (to a maximum of .6) and AP courses are weighted with an additional .050 points (to a maximum of .2). No more than 28 classes (14 credits) will count for additional weight.

## Test Scores

The average SAT score for Palo Verde students is 510 Critical Reading and 510 Math. The average ACT composite score is 22.

The Class of 2016 has 3 National Merit Semi-Finalists, 1 Commended student, and 1 National Hispanic Recognition Program recipient. The Class of 2015 had 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist, 2 Commended students, 2 National Hispanic Recognition Program recipients, and 1 National Achievement Program recipient.

## College Attendance History

569 students graduated in the Class of 2015. Students self-report that 43% will continue their education at a 4-year institution and 33% of students report they will continue at a 2-year institution.

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