PALMER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

VISUAL ARTS

PATHWAY OF DISTINCTION

Create with purpose. Develop your voice. Share your vision.



YOUR PATH TO DISTINCTION

6 SEMESTERS + 2 ART TRACKS + 3.5 PATHWAY GPA + THE AND

1 COMPLETE THE COURSEWORK

Complete at least 6 semester courses during high school, with coursework in at least two Visual Arts tracks.

- **Plan across two tracks:** Select courses from the current school course guide.
- **Adobe Photoshop:** May count as one Visual Arts pathway course.
- **Academic standard:** Maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA in pathway courses — not overall GPA.

Meet with an art teacher or counselor early to build a four-year course sequence.

2 COMPLETE "THE AND"

Complete an approved experience that extends visual arts learning beyond regular coursework.

- **Advanced academics:** Complete AP Art, AP 2-D Art and Design/Photography, or AP 3-D Art and Design.
- **Student portfolio:** Submit an approved portfolio for evaluation; the PLAG Scholarship portfolio may be reviewed.
- **Work-based learning:** Complete an art-related internship or work study with verified hours.
- **Independent art show:** Plan a no-cost show at an approved facility and document opening, exhibition, and take-down.

DOCUMENT & REFLECT

1. Save evidence from your portfolio, AP work, internship, or exhibition.
2. Explain your process, skills, challenges, growth, and real-world connection.
3. Complete a final reflection on your four-year Visual Arts journey.

FINISH & BE RECOGNIZED

- ☑ Submit the Student Pathway of Distinction Google Form after completing all requirements.
- ☑ The Visual Arts Department and counselor will verify coursework, pathway GPA, and "The And."
- ☑ Students who earn the distinction receive a WHITE honor cord to wear at graduation.

BUILD YOUR PORTFOLIO

Include strong work that demonstrates mastery, reflection and growth, rtofessionalism, and a real-world connection.

Explore industry challenges:

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Ask Amy Sienkowski about using KnoPro as a work-based learning option.