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Palmer Ridge High School Profile 2025-2026

COMMUNITY: Palmer Ridge High School is a public and college and career readiness high school which officially opened its doors on August 14, 2008. Our current student enrollment for 2025-2026 is approximately 1100 students in grades 9 through 12. Palmer Ridge utilizes an alternating block schedule with four, 89-minute periods per day.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ignite, Engage, Encourage, and Expect Excellence

IGNITES a passion for learning,
ENGAGES learners with multiple opportunities,
ENCOURAGES each student to be challenged in his/her own unique abilities and interests, and
EXPECTS EXCELLENCE in learning, citizenship, and habits of the mind in a dynamic world.

VISION STATEMENT

The Staff of the school is passionate about learning, dedicated lifelong learners; collaborative with each other, focused on improved student achievement; and firmly committed to a Professional Learning Community that is focused on using student data to improve individual student achievement.

The Curriculum and Instruction prepares students for their futures in a dynamic world; is balanced and meaningful; is active and purposeful, utilizing innovative programs that focus on high levels of student achievement and growth; addresses multiple learning

FACULTY

The Palmer Ridge staff is well educated and qualified. There are approximately 100 total staff members who work with Palmer Ridge students. All teachers and administrators have Colorado certification, and many hold a master's degree. One principal, four assistant principals, five counselors, and one social worker provide students with support services.

DISTRICT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must have 25 credits to graduate.

English	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	2 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Health	.5 credit
Personal Finance Lit.	Competency based
Electives	12 credits

The following minimum course requirements are recommended for students planning on attending a college or university: 4 English credits, 4 math credits, 3 social studies credits, and 3 science credits. Included in the above areas are English I, II, III, Algebra, Geometry, Earth Science, Biology, Civics, and American History. PRHS highly recommends that prospective college or university students take additional credits in English IV, Algebra II, Chemistry, and 1-3 years in world language.

GPA AND CLASS RANKING

Grade Point Averages and Class Rank are based on grades 9-12 and calculated using a 4.0 scale. All Advanced Placement courses are weighted on a 5.0 scale. Students must take both semesters of an AP class. Semester grades are used. Please note honors courses are not weighted.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade point averages are often used to determine eligibility for college or university entrance, for standing on the honor roll, and for minimum graduation standards. The grading system is as follows:

Grading Scale All Classes except AP:	A = 4 points	B = 3 points	C = 2 points	D = 1 point	F = 0 points
AP Grading Scale (if AP exam was taken):	A = 5 points	B = 4 points	C = 3 points	D = 1 point	F = 0 points

POST GRADUATE PLACEMENT

In a class of 287 students, 66% of the graduates are attending a 4-year college and 10% are attending a 2-year college.

Of the college bound students, 53% are attending in-state colleges and 47% are attending out-of-state colleges 4% entered the military services.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

Palmer Ridge High School participates in the College Board’s National Advanced Placement program. PRHS currently offers classes in AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics C, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, AP English Language & Composition, AP Literature & Composition, AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government & Politics, AP Human Geography, AP Modern World History, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Spanish Language and Culture, AP Psychology, AP Drawing, AP 2D Art & Design, AP 3D Art & Design, AP Research, and AP Seminar.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

Eligible students may enroll in college courses through Pikes Peak State College and/or UCCS with counselor approval. Both high school and college credit is earned through this concurrent enrollment option.

Additionally, certain academic high school courses offered at PRHS are eligible for college credit through the CU-Succeed Program, CCU and PPSC.

CAREER START PROGRAM

The Career Start Program is offered through Pikes Peak State College and the International Salon and Spa Academy. It provides occupational skill development and training for junior and senior high school students.

HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

The following honors courses prepare students for the AP exam or are taught at the college level: Civics and Economics, English 1, English 2, Chemistry, Biology, Algebra 2, and Geometry. Honors classes are not weighted.

OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED

LPSSD offers an Online High School at Palmer Ridge. Students are required to meet with their counselor and complete an application. Once completed, the application will be reviewed and processed.

CAREER AND INNOVATION CENTER

The D38 Career and Innovation Center prepares students for college and career success through hands-on experience in high-demand fields like skilled trades, engineering, healthcare, and computer science. Students can earn college credit, industry certifications, and gain real-world experience through partnerships with local and national employers. Phase one opening fall of 2025.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Students participate in the following standardized tests: ASVAB, CMAS, PSAT, SAT and Advanced Placement exams. AP and ASVAB are voluntary.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Palmer Ridge provides a full complement of both boys’ and girls’ interscholastic sports, performing arts, and special interest clubs and organizations. Many of our band and choir students have been selected as all state musicians, and our performing ensembles have consistent superior ratings. The “Bear Necessity Theatre Company” has several productions annually and has developed an outstanding reputation for its artistry.

UNIQUE FACTS

The graduation rate for the Class of 2025 was 98%. PRHS has had three Boettcher scholars; one in 2011, 2016 and in 2021. Three students have earned a Perfect Score on either the SAT or ACT. PRHS had 1 National Merit Scholarship commended students in 2025. The Class of 2025 had 1 military academy appointments. PRHS had over \$4 million in scholarship offerings.

PROGRAM AND TEST RESULTS

PSAT 8/9 TEST SCORES*				
Year	# of Test Takers	Evidence Reading & Writing (ERW)	Math	Total
2025	224	479	458	936
PSAT 10 TEST SCORES*				
Year	# of Test Takers	Evidence Reading & Writing (ERW)	Math	Total
2025	243	522	501	1023
SAT SCORES (State Mandated) *				
Year	# of Test Takers	Evidence Reading & Writing (ERW)	Math	Total
2025	204	552	530	1081
ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS				
Year				
2025	370 students took 766 AP exams with 87.57% scoring 3 or above.			

*All SAT Suite scores are means.