



PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Empowering Educational Excellence.

Executive Director/Principal Report Board of Trustees Meeting December 12, 2023

Our mission: PCHS will empower our diverse student population to make positive contributions to the global community by dedicating our resources to ensure educational excellence, civic responsibility, and personal growth.

LAUSD Charter School Division Charter School Compliance Monitoring 2023-2024 (See document in meeting materials)

An important component of the annual charter authorization review is the Certification of Board Compliance Review. The purpose of the Certification of Board Compliance Review is to ensure the Board is aware of and ensures the organization's compliance with all applicable laws and other requirements.

Key policies:

- Education for Homeless Policy (New proposed policy included in meeting materials)
- [Sexual Harassment Policy](#) (Current policy under revision to fully align with the LAUSD policy)
- Suicide Prevention Policy (Policy included in the School Emergency Operations Plan is under review by Mental Health Team)
- [Title IX Policy](#)
- [Uniform Complaint Procedures](#)
- [Wellness Policy](#) (Reviewed; Annual Progress Report to be presented at a future Board of Trustees meeting; Addition of CA Healthy Kids Survey for students, staff, and parents)

PCHS website will be updated with date of policy review and revision.

Other school policies – The review of PCHS policies and procedures is ongoing. PCHS is currently reviewing, updating and developing policies for Attendance, Online Learning Options, Virtual Academy, and Board Committees. Policies will be presented to the Board of Trustees in future meetings.

2024-2025 Lottery Update

The 2024-25 lottery applications have closed. Below are the final numbers for each grade level. The waitlist via Google Forms is now open.

Grade	Applications
9 th	1,017
10 th	67
11 th	64
12 th	23
Total	1,171

Special Education Updates

The department is reviewing and updating 504 plans and IEPs in Infinite Campus. The process is the same as in previous years. Clerical and special education coordinators and assistants support the input in Infinite Campus. Steps followed:

1. Staff uploads the 504 and flag in Infinite Campus.
2. Staff uploads IEPs, flags in Infinite Campus, and adds accommodations.
3. Case Managers send 'IEPs at a glance', to include accommodations and supports.

Director of Student Support Services Tammie Wilson is also working with faculty to refine testing procedures for students whose approved support services include testing in an alternative environment outside of the general education classroom.

The Special Education Department also participated in a day of professional development on Thursday, December 7, 2023, focused on alternative dispute resolutions and compliance procedures with mediator/trainer Mark Purchin.

2023-2024 Course Catalog

The 2024-2025 PCHS Course Catalog is under review by Department Chairs. The following new courses were approved by Curriculum Council in the December 7, 2023, meeting:

English

Honors English 12 with an emphasis on creative writing and film and literature

Math (pending department survey)

AP Pre-Calculus

Course name change from Math Analysis to Precalculus

Business Calculus

Probability and Statistics

Science

Elimination of Global Science with Chemistry Integration

5 credit G elective: Genetics class

Social Science

AP African American History

5 credit Ethnic Studies

Independent Studies Comparative Religions

5 credit Sociology

5 credit CP Psychology

World Language

Honors Spanish 3 (AP Prep)

CTE

Medical Science/Sports Medicine Pod and Pathway
Stage Technology/Performance Production (TBD)

Ethnic Studies Implementation Plan

At PCHS, Ethnic Studies will consist of 9th-grade introductory units in the fall and spring. The pod teachers will teach the following units:

1. Identity
2. The identity of PCHS students
3. PCHS Equity Policies (3 C's, Hate Speech, Gender)
4. The Definition of Equity and Ethnic Studies
5. Course information about Ethnic Studies
6. Information about the PCHS Ethnic Studies High School Requirement
7. Encourage pathway completion.

Students in grades 10-12 have the option of taking one of the following courses to fulfill a middle course of a three-course path: Still need to explore World Language integration.

1. African American US History
2. African American Literature
3. Chicano Literature
4. Latino Literature

Students in grades 11-12 will take a 5-credit Ethnic Studies course with a capstone project.

If a PCHS student completes the Ethnic Studies pathway (15 units), then the school will award a special designation.

Online Curriculum Platform Review presented to Curriculum Council December 7, 2023

Components	Acellus	Accelerate	Apex***
Written Work	Special Lessons are difficult to access. Not linked automatically to the lessons	Written work required for each unit and easily accessed	Written work required for each unit and easily accessed
A-G	Yes	Yes	Yes
Platform Accessibility	Easy to access	Easy to access	Easy to Access
Audio/Learning Mode	Video/audio. The teacher reads to the student. No reading. No highlighting and annotating	Variation between audio and individual reading. Access to highlighting and annotating	Variation between audio and individual reading. Access to highlighting and annotating

Electives	Tech/VAPA/Strong list of G	CTE/VAPA/Tech limited list of G	CTE/VAPA/TECH limited list of G
Courses	Comprehensive list	A Comprehensive List with Ethnic Studies	Includes Statistics, More Science includes Ethnic Studies
Equity Culturally Responsive Curriculum	Several mistruths in history. Lack of diverse literature	Attention to cultural assumptions and biases. Lack diverse literature	Attention to cultural assumptions and biases. Some diverse literature
Supports	Strong immediate customer service	Online Support	Local Representative-will meet in person
Assessments	The majority are multiple choice (4 questions per video) and a unit exam (20 questions). Comprehension level	Majority MCQ, Uses project-based assessments as well. Prescriptive through Rigorous Levels	Writing, minimal MCQ, uses project-based assessments as well. Prescriptive through Rigorous Levels
Credit Recovery/Summer School/Pali Academy	Yes, but potentially phasing out to a different adjustable mode	Has “adaptive” test in for placement and full credit recovery	Has “adaptive” test for placement and full credit recovery
Virtual Academy	Electives/Chem	Use for electives	Use for electives
Cost for Schoolwide Site License	\$77,000	\$72,000	\$62,500 + \$4,000 for Use in Spring 2024

Recommendation: APEX. Curriculum Council December 7, 2023

Next steps: January 16, 2024, Board Budget Committee will review and vote. January 23, 2024, Board of Trustees will vote.

Second Semester Professional Development – Monday, January 8, 2024

The focus of the day will be

- 1) Finalizing the WASC Self-Study Report for submission
- 2) Assessments (NWEA, CAASP, Classrooms)
- 3) PLC/Department Planning