

PAL Info Night

- PAL is one of the new charter schools in the state, district
 - Freshman –Senior
 - Max # of students
 - Smaller # of students in class, typically capped at 12 students depending on subject
 - Title One programming and supports for all students at PAL
 - More hands-on activities
 - Creative Courses – but same credit requirements as Capital High and Helena High
 - Busses in morning and afternoon from Capital High and Helena High
 - Limited on space and facilities
 - No gym, or shop – limited electives
 - Creative on classes
 - Upon entering may attend electives at home school but issues arise on scheduling and availability (must be in good credit standing)
 - Must drive or walk no bussing
- Reason for coming to PAL
 - Want to earn diploma
 - Teachers will learn and know everything about you- are not able to slip through the cracks
- TARPIT – Philosophy of PAL
 - T – Tolerance
 - A – Acceptance
 - R – Respect
 - P – Pride
 - I – Individuality
 - T – Trust
- Daily schedule - 6 periods per week, 3 classes a day + daily advisor (same schedule as HHS/CHS)
 - Advisor/registration for courses
- 3-week blocks
 - .1 credit – 10 blocks = 1 credit
 - 12 Blocks at PAL = 1.2 credits in a year
- Orientation 9 weeks- 3 Blocks
 - Work out to academy
 - 1st Block – Getting to know you
 - Focus on get acquainted and familiar with school, systems
 - 2nd Block – Academic
 - Will have all subjects, focus back on academic rigor
 - 3rd Block – Trust Block
 - Open campus lunch, more choices with course offerings
 - Presentation to committee to stay at PAL
 - Committee is comprised of advisor, new advisor, guardians and whoever student wishes to invite staff or family

- Academy
 - Regular school between orientation and senior status
- Senior status
 - Less than 7 credits
 - Special classes (Dual enrollment, FAFSA, careers, college visits)
 - Senior project/paper – presentation, internship, speech
- Graduation – students may be done as soon as they earn the needed credits
 - PAL's typically at HMS auditorium
 - Transcripts/diplomas
- Attendance **NO homework must be in class to earn credit**
 - 15 days in a typical block
 - 2nd absence lose credit for the class *exception is medical or extenuating
- Application Process
 - Complete/return application from your counselor at your homeschool
 - Counselors will meet with PAL each quarter to discuss applicants
 - Review of applicants and set up appointments with students
 - Similar to a job interview – Why do you want to be at PAL?
 - PAL Staff will review applicants and make decisions
 - Students notified
 - Students who are not selected do not need to fill out another application for the current year, just need to inform counselor's that they are still interested in attending PAL
 - Successful students will receive a home visit upon selection before their orientation class begins

Information Night 4pm (For Upcoming Quarter) / Application Deadline Schedule

Quarter 1, Begin Quarter 2

- Thursday, September 10
- Monday, September 14

App Deadline for Qtr. 2 Consideration:

September 22, 2026
Counselors meet at PAL: September 25, 2026

Quarter 2, Begin Quarter 3

- Tuesday, November 17
- Thursday, December 3

App Deadline for Qtr. 3 Consideration:

December 4, 2026
Counselors meet at PAL: December 10, 2026

Quarter 3, Begin Quarter 4

- Thursday, February 11
- Monday, February 8

App Deadline for Qtr. 4 Consideration:

February 12, 2027
Counselors meet at PAL: February 19, 2027

Quarter 4, Begin Fall 2027

- Thursday, April 8
- Tuesday, April 13

App Deadline for Qtr. 1 Consideration:

April 16, 2027
Counselors meet at PAL: April 22, 2027