PALMER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

PERFORMING ARTS
PATHWAY OF DISTINCTION

Find your voice. Build your craft. Take the stage.



YOUR PATH TO DISTINCTION

MUSIC OR THEATRE TRACK + 3.5 PATHWAY GPA + 2 'AND' EXPERIENCES

1 | CHOOSE YOUR TRACK

Complete the Music Track or Theatre Track and maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA in pathway courses—not overall GPA.

- **Music—Band**: Complete 3 yearlong courses in Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, or Jazz Band. One must be taken senior year.
- **Music—Choir**: Complete 3 yearlong courses in Women's Ensemble or Chamber Singers. One must be taken senior year.
- **Theatre**: Complete 5 theatre semesters, including 2 senior-year semesters. Options: Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced Theatre; Senior Practicum; Theatre Production; or Improvisation.
- **Theatre—sixth semester**: Add another theatre course or an approved music, visual arts, dance, or film course.

2 | COMPLETE TWO "AND" ITEMS

Choose at least TWO approved experiences for your selected track:

- **Music options**: Additional Performing Arts course; community/youth ensemble; Educational Field Experience; honor ensemble; or performing in the school musical cast or pit.
- **Theatre options**: State Thespian Officer; mainstage performance or crew; Colorado or International Thespian Conference; approved summer theatre program; or pre-approved service/project.
- **Access**: Some outside programs have costs; students may seek financial assistance through the organization or director.

Confirm eligibility and obtain any required approval with your director before beginning an experience.

COMPLETE THE REFLECTION

1 Describe your four-year Performing Arts journey and academic mastery.

2 Explain which "And" experience felt most authentic and how you navigated barriers.

3 Connect your Performing Arts experience to your future plans.

FINISH & BE RECOGNIZED

Submit the Student Pathway of Distinction Google Form after completing all requirements.

The Performing Arts Department and counselor will verify coursework, pathway GPA, two "And" items, and capstone reflection.

Students who earn the distinction receive a PINK honor cord to wear at graduation.

START PLANNING

Meet with your Band, Choir, or Theatre teacher and counselor to map the correct course sequence.

Remember:

SENIOR-YEAR COURSEWORK IS REQUIRED

Keep evidence of your two experiences and complete the five-part capstone reflection.