

What is the **PAL Program** at **Las Vegas High School?**



Founded in 1996, the PAL (Partnership at Las Vegas) Program is designed to bridge the gap between school and work. This unique school-to-career program is the only one of its kind in Southern Nevada. PAL provides juniors and seniors with a full class schedule along with weekly, unpaid internship experiences at various organizations throughout the Las Vegas Valley.

PAL functions as a "school within a school" and is made up of a team of five teachers and up to 180 students. Academic courses stress the connection between school and work and include: language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, computer applications, and other business related elective courses. Essential program aspects include business etiquette lessons, group and team identification, field trips, guest speakers, and constant monitoring of student progress by PAL teachers and internship supervisors.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE PAL PROGRAM:

- ⇒ 11th and 12th grade students with **POSITIVE ATTITUDES**
- ⇒ Trustworthy
- ⇒ Willing to maintain high expectations of attendance and punctuality
- ⇒ Willing to work hard and play hard
- ⇒ Not seriously credit deficient
- ⇒ Have available transportation to weekly internship site

ADVANTAGES OF BECOMING A PAL PROGRAM INTERNSHIP SPONSOR

- ⇒ Provide community support with no liability or money involved
- ⇒ Pass on professional knowledge to students who are eager to learn
- ⇒ Possibility of finding qualified future employees

The bottom line..

If you agree to be a PAL internship supervisor, you may interview prospective students or allow us to send a student who has shown interest in your organization. The student intern will report to work each Wednesday for at least the equivalent of a school day - six and a half hours. PAL students provide their own transportation, are not paid, and follow the policies and procedures of the work location.

The internships generally last one semester (approximately 18 weeks) and the Clark County School District assumes all liability for the students while they are at the internship site.* We have designed our program to be "supervisor friendly." There are no long-term commitments, no reports to write, and no one will ever be asked for money. If an internship is not working for both student and supervisor, it can be terminated at any time. We do ask for supervisors to initial a weekly time card and complete an intern evaluation at the end of the semester to identify areas for improvement.

*A copy of a Liability Release form and the PAL Internship form are available upon request.

How do I sign up?

Contact Lisa Peltz, PAL Director by phone, fax or email.

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