

## PLSD Academy Night 2012 Dates and Application Information

| Date    | Event  | Location                | Time                     |
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| 11/1    | College and Career Fair  | PL South                | 9:00-11:30               |
| 11/9    | Lunch Time Recruitment   | PL High                 | 12:00-1:30               |
| 11/14   | Academy Brochures sent to all 10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> grade homes | *****                   | *****                    |
| 11/14   | Academy Night <i>(All 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> grade students)</i>   | PL High                 | 6:00-8:00 pm             |
| 11/30   | Zoo Academy Tour   | PL High/PL South        | TBA                      |
| 11/30   | Online Applications window opens   | District Website        | *****                    |
| 12/9    | Online Applications window closes  | District Website        | *****                    |
| 12/5    | Health Systems Academy Tour  | PL High/PL South        | High: 8:30 - South: 1:00 |
| 1/11/13 | Acceptance Letters sent out  | Sent home via U.S. Mail | *****                    |
| 1/18/13 | Students acceptance deadline   | Email / phone call      | *****                    |

### HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ACADEMY

1. APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT [WWW.PAPLV.ORG](http://WWW.PAPLV.ORG)

- **NOTE:** Applications will not get to the online database without properly logging in.
- In the upper right hand corner of the website click on "Sign In". Enter the same Username/Password that you use to login to the school computers.
  - You need to put "plv\" at the beginning of your Username
- After signing in, on the left side of the webpage click on the "Academy Programs" tab, then click on "Academy Application".

2. READ THROUGH THE APPLICATION BEFORE BEGINNING

- It's a good idea to read through the application so that you can see what information is required of you and obtain it before you begin. Once you begin the application, you will not be able to save it and go back in.
- To avoid your online application from "timing out" (the application will time out after 30 minutes), it may be helpful to first compose your answers using a word processor, and then copy/paste your responses to the online application.

3. PART I – BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- There is a box to the left of "Student Lookup". Type your Student ID # in this box, then click on "Student Lookup". This will automatically fill in your personal information.
  - Your ID # is like an electronic signature and will verify who you are.
- You are asked to list school and community activities, along with training and experience.

4. PART II – STUDENT APPLICATION ESSAY

- It's best to write your essays in a Word Document and then cut and paste into the application. Again, you will not be able to 'save' your application and go back in once you begin.
- You are asked why you are interested in the academy, how it will help your future, and why you should be selected to participate.

5. PART III – CERTIFICATION

- Read the certification and check that you agree.
- You will be asked to provide 3 references.
  - Two will be CURRENT teachers
  - One other reference other than an immediate family member. An example would be an employer, coach, church affiliate, neighbor, etc.
  - Use a correct email address for your references and let them know you are doing so.
  - You must know the initial of your teacher's first name – the emails are in alphabetical order using the teacher's first initial and their last name.

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### 6. FILL OUT THE APPLICATION COMPLETELY

#### ○ INITIAL AND CLICK "SUBMIT"

- When your application has been successfully submitted, you will receive an email confirmation in your student account (ex. [plsd.student@paplv.org](mailto:plsd.student@paplv.org) ).
- **NOTE:** The system will NOT reply to personal accounts (i.e. Yahoo, Hotmail, etc.)

### ACADEMY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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| Q Who can apply?  | A Students can apply to most academies in their 11 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> grade year. 9 <sup>th</sup> grade can apply to the STEM Academy.  |
| Q Where will my classes be located?   | A Depends on the academy. Some programs are located at the high schools; others are in area businesses or college campuses.  |
| Q Can I apply for more than one academy?  | A Yes, but you must submit an online application for EACH academy for which you are applying. If you are accepted into more than one academy, you may have to decide on one, depending on travel and scheduling.   |
| Q What is the time commitment?  | A It depends on the academy. Some programs are all day, others are before school, after school or during the school day.   |
| Q Do students provide their own transportation?   | A Transportation is available to some academy programs.  |
| Q What type of credit do I earn?  | A All academy students can earn high school credit. College credit and specialized certifications for particular career areas are also available.  |
| Q Where is college credit from? Is it transferable?   | A Most college credits are through Metropolitan Community College (MCC). However, UNO and UNMC also provide credit for some academies. In most cases these credits will transfer to another 2-year college or 4-year university. Check with a school guidance counselor for specifics. |
| Q What is the cost?   | A There is no cost to earn PLSD high school credit. Students who elect to earn post-secondary credit may have a cost. However, college credit will be offered at a reduced rate. Scholarship money is also available. Additional fees may be associated with particular academies.     |
| Q Are there scholarships available?   | A Absolutely! Ask your building counselor for a scholarship application.   |
| Q If I participate in an academy, can I also participate in extracurricular activities at my high school? | A Yes. Students that participate in academies remain connected to their high school and can participate in extracurricular activities. The academy is meant to be an extension of the classroom, not a replacement.  |
| Q Who are the academy teachers?   | A PLSD certified teachers teach the academies. In many of the academy programs, the PLSD is partnered with a professional from the career area who will assist with the instruction.   |
| Q How do I apply?   | A To apply for a PLSD Academy program, students must complete an online application which can be found at <a href="http://www.paplv.org">www.paplv.org</a> under academy programs. The window to apply opens for 2 weeks at the end of the semester.                                   |
| Q How can I learn more about the academies PLSD offers?   | A For more information, check out the District website at <a href="http://www.paplv.org">www.paplv.org</a> or contact your school guidance counselor or call 402-537-6217.   |
| Q Can I tour the facility?  | A Yes. Tours are given for certain academies at the beginning of the application period. For more information, contact your building guidance counselor.   |