



REPUBLIC OF PALAU  
**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

Palau High School

**INTRODUCTION: SCHOOL PROFILE**

***Alii!*** Welcome to Palau High School, the *Home of the Spiders!* Located in the bustling city-state of Koror and across from the Palau Ministry of Education, Palau High School is the largest and the only public high school serving the entire Republic of Palau since 1962. Palau High School is also the only school in Palau accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

***Student Body:*** Palau High School's average student enrollment over the last 5 years is 650. Student population comprises of different ethnic backgrounds reflecting the current diversity of groups of people living in Palau. While there are Filipinos, Marshallese, Yapese, Taiwanese, and other Pacific islanders, still, more than 90% of the student population is Palauans.

***Faculty and Staff:*** The total faculty and staff is 78. Of that number, 62 are teachers and 16 are support staff. There are 19 teachers from the Philippines and one from Japan. The rest of the teachers and support staff are Palauans, which account for 75% of the faculty and staff population.

***Curriculum and Instruction:*** PHS offers both Academic and Career Academy programs. Academic courses include Science, Math, English, Palauan Studies, Social Studies, Health, and Physical Education. The Career Academy programs, known as Career and Technical Education (CTE), provide practical knowledge, skills, and experiences that students need toward achieving graduation requirements as well as gaining industry-recognized credentials on any particular career of their choice. These include the following: Natural Resources (Agriculture), Business Information, Health & Human Services (Tourism & Hospitality and Health Career Pathway), Industrial Engineering (Construction Technology & Automotive Technology), and Liberal Arts.

Palau High School runs its programs on a block scheduling system on a semester basis. Each course-work is taught daily for one and half hour block. A student is required a one-day Career Job Shadowing during the 2nd year, 5 days Career Mentoring during his/her 3<sup>rd</sup> year, and a one semester Career Practicum during his/her fourth year. A total of 27 credits are required for students to graduate from Palau High School.

***Support Services:*** PHS offers services to students with learning disabilities (special students) through Special Education. Partner Agencies and Grant Offices such College Access Challenge Grant (CACG), Upward Bound Classic, Upward Bound Math and Science, and Talent Search provide support services such as after-school tutoring services, college preparation, and college scholarships. These support services are funded through U.S. federal grants. Other programs that support student success include Counseling, PRIDE Club, Junior Statesman, and Close-UP. Lunch program is provided through the Food Service Program free of charge. Students are provided busing services through the Palau Ministry of Education. The school also provides health care services in campus through School Health program run by the Palau Ministry of Health.