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### COMMUNITY

Mesa County has a growing population of approximately 120,000 residents and includes the incorporated cities of Grand Junction, Palisade, Clifton, and Fruita. Interstate 70 transects the county from east to west with the region being equidistant between Salt Lake City and Denver. Grand Junction is a regional medical and commerce center for Western Colorado and Eastern Utah. Colorado Mesa University provides numerous educational advantages to the region with career preparatory courses at Western Colorado Community College (WCCC), satellite courses, and degree programs provided by institutions such as the University of Colorado, Colorado State University, the University of Northern Colorado, and Adams State College.

Mesa County Valley School District #51 consists of 21,225 students in 27 elementary schools, 11 middle schools, four comprehensive high schools, and one alternative high school.

**SCHOOL**

Palisade High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school with an enrollment of 1025 students. The original school was built in 1902, with a new facility being completed in 1992. 43% of the students are on free/reduced lunch, 20% minority, and a 37% mobility rate. PHS is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education. The mission of Palisade High School is to inspire, empower, challenge, and educate for a global community.

**STANDARD GRADE SCALE**

A: 100 to 90% = 4.0

B: 89 to 80% = 3.0

C: 79 to 70% = 2.0

D: 69 to 60% = 1.0

F: 59% & LESS= 0

**AP/IB GRADE SCALE**

A = 5.0

B = 4.0

C = 3.0

D = 1.0 (not weighted)

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Graduation from Palisade High School requires the completion of 25 credits. These credits must be earned in grades 9 through 12.

*Required subjects for the class of 2012*:

Language Arts 4 Credits

Social Studies 3 Credits

Mathematics 3 Credits

Science 3 Credits

Physical Education .5 Credit

Pers. Fitness/Wellness .5 Credit

Computers .5 Credit

Fine Arts .5 Credit

General Electives 10 Credits

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM DETAIL

* Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in English Literature, English Language, U.S. History, American Government, Biology, Statistics, Calculus, Human Geography, Environmental Science, Economics, and Spanish Language. These courses are not offered every year, however. In May 2012, 302 AP tests were administered.
* Palisade High School is the only high school in Mesa County District 51 authorized for the IB Diploma Programme. PHS accepts 65 students per year into this program. In May 2012, PHS had 35 IB graduates,

27 of whom earned the IB diploma.

* Technical education is available through the Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) campus of Colorado Mesa University. Articulated college credits are available through WCCC and the PHS Pro-Start Program (hospitality/restaurant arts).
* PHS students may also access college-level coursework through Colorado Mesa University’s Early Scholars (on campus) or High School Scholars (at PHS) during their junior or senior year. We also offer a 5th year ASCENT program where talented students can delay high school graduation and attend CMU for one year on a tuition-waiver.
* The needs of exceptional students are supported through Special Education, 504 plans, and the comprehensive Student Learning Center Program.

### CLASS OF 2013 PROFILE

The Palisade High School senior class consists of 239 students. As juniors, they took the state mandated ACT exam in April of 2012 and earned a class average composite score of 20.4.

**COLLEGE ATTENDANCE HISTORY**

**Graduating Class of 2012**

* 60% indicated they planned to attend a 4-year college/university.
* 8% indicated they planned to attend a 2-year community college/junior college.
* 2% indicated they planned to attend a technical school.
* 3% joined the military.

**The following list indicates a number of institutions accepting Palisade High School Graduates:**

Abilene Christian University

Adams State College

Amhurst College

Arizona State University

Art Institute of Colorado

Baylor University

Biola University

Boise Bible College

Boston University

Colorado Mesa University

Colorado Northwestern Community College

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University

Drake University

Duke University

Fordham University

Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering

Fort Lewis College

George Mason University

George Washington University

Harvard University

Hastings College

Kansas State University

Metropolitan State College of Denver

Montana State University

New York Film Academy

Oklahoma Christian University

Pacific University

Portland State University

Regis University

Rose-Hulman Institute

Santa Clara University

The College of Idaho

United States Air Force Academy

University of Aberdeen, Scotland

University of Alabama

University of Arizona

University of Colorado – Boulder

University of Denver

University of Northern Colorado

University of Puget Sound

University of St. Mary

University of Utah

University of Wyoming

University of Washington

Western State College

Western Texas College

Whittier College

Whitworth University

Willamette University

Worcester Polytechnic Institute