



R.C. Palmer Secondary School

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Palmer PLT = Palmer Personal Learning Time

Please note that Palmer PLT starts on Wednesday Sept 14 and Thursday Sept 15

Rationale for Personalized Learning Time (PLT)

The BC Education Plan is focused on personalized learning and the development of students' core competencies, specifically Communication, Creative and Critical Thinking, Positive Personal & Cultural Identity, Personal Awareness & Responsibility and Social Responsibility). Personalized learning encourages students to explore their passions and pathways, participate in shared learning experiences, and demonstrate achievement connected to learning standards. Effectively, PLT supports students' abilities to develop as independent learners.

Framework for Personalized Learning Time

Schools provide structured choice and opportunities for all students during PLT:

- Palmer has designed a PLT schedule consisting of two 60-minute sessions per week that supports students' ability to choose how to engage and go deeper with their learning.
- Personal learning time at Palmer will be on every Wednesday and Thursday morning
- Students have access to teachers, departments, and learning spaces to engage in their learning individually or collaboratively.
- Students have access to learning supports such as ELL, resource, tutorials, counsellors and/or advisors.

Palmer PLT- Our Journey Together

Palmer PLT is relatively new to the Palmer school community. Last year, it was our first year of incorporating Palmer PLT into our school schedule. After receiving some feedback from our students and other stakeholder groups, we have made some revisions. As a reminder, PLT is a period of instructional time each week set aside as "self-directed" time for students to learn with teacher support.

Students are strongly encouraged to book times to connect with their semester 1 teachers from 8:30am to 9:25am on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students will be able to pre-book appointments with their semester one teachers. This information will be shared after the first week of PLT. Students and parents can expect additional PLT and booking appts online later this week.

Students are given choice and ownership over their learning. There will be an ON-LINE system for students to sign up for the teacher(s) they wish to work with. This is a student-only system – we encourage parents to have conversations with their student(s) about how they are using their Personal Learning Time. **Students are strongly recommended to book appointments with their teachers on a weekly basis. The online booking system will start for PLT sessions scheduled for Wednesday Sept 21 and Thursday Sept 22. Communication will be shared with students and families later this week.**

Please note for our first PLT sessions– Wednesday Sept 14 and Thursday Sept 15 – students will be asked to sign up with their semester 1 teachers on a signup sheet located outside of the classroom

As a community, we are encouraging parents to have their children sign up to see their semester one teachers for additional help and support.

Questions to guide students during PLT:

- ✓ What do I need to be successful in my classes? ✓ How is my mental health or personal wellness? ✓ Who can I see out for guidance or help?
- ✓ What do I not understand?
- ✓ What do I need help with?
- ✓ What do I wonder?
- ✓ How do I deepen my understanding?
- ✓ How can I help someone else?

What can students do during PLT?

- ✓ Get help from teachers or peers
- ✓ Homework / assignments / projects / studying
- ✓ Manage personal wellness
- ✓ Prepare for upcoming tests / quizzes
- ✓ Request to catch up on missed tests / quizzes / assignments ✓ Engaged reading / journaling / reflecting
- ✓ Organize notes / binder
- ✓ Self-directed learning at school or at home

Palmer PLT Bell Schedules – Every Wednesday and Thursday

8:30-9:25 PLT

9:30-10:35 Block A

10:40-11:45 Block B

11:45-12:00 Nutrition Break

12:00-1:05 Block C

1:05-1:50 Lunch

1:55-3:00 Block D

Thank you in advance for your support and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Herj Ghaug
Principal, RC Palmer Secondary

