

# Middle School Magnet Academies

## Lottery & Enrollment: SY 2024-25



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# Palmdale School District

*Launching a lifetime of learning*

**Magnet Academies Informational Video** - watch video at  
[www.palmdalesd.org/magnets](http://www.palmdalesd.org/magnets) (English & Spanish versions available)

# Certifications: Regional & National

Palmdale SD is the only district in the Antelope Valley where ALL FIVE (5) of its magnet academies have both **National Certification** and are **accredited by WASC** (the Western Association of Schools and Colleges).

All five of our magnet schools were granted National Certification by the **Magnet Schools of America (MSA)** in **2023!**

Just over 100 middle schools in the state have WASC Accreditation. PSD has 8 total (5 magnets, 3 K-8s)





## Pathways & Electives

Each of the five magnet academies have a unique career “**pathway**” or “**theme**.”

## What do all magnet academies have?

Academic Core Classes	Art & Music	Leadership (ASB, WEB)	After School Sports (5)
Electives	AVID	Student Clubs	7 Period Class Schedule
Support Classes	Project Lead the Way (PLTW)	P.E.	Honors / GATE Classes



# Seven Classes: Core, Electives & Support

5

## Core Classes

English Language Arts  
Math  
P.E.  
Science  
Social Studies

+

2

Elective Classes

or

1 Elective Class

+

1 Support Class\*

\* Class for students who need **extra support** in **Reading, Math, or English Language Development (ELD)**.

Students with **Disabilities (who have IEPs)** may also have a specialized support class.



**Home of Scholars & Champions**

**We are F.I.E.R.C.E.**

**F**riendly

**I**nclusive

**E**ngaged

**R**esponsible/**R**espectful

**C**reative

**E**ducated/**E**xcel

**Cactus Medical Health & Technology Magnet Academy**

# *Cactus Medical, Health & Technology Magnet Academy*



PLTW Medical Detectives  
Medical Journalism  
Anatomy, Physiology, and  
Sports Medicine



CERT (Com. Emergency Response Team)  
JUMP (Jr. Upcoming Medical Prof.)



CA Cadet Corps



Science in the Communication World



Home  
Economics





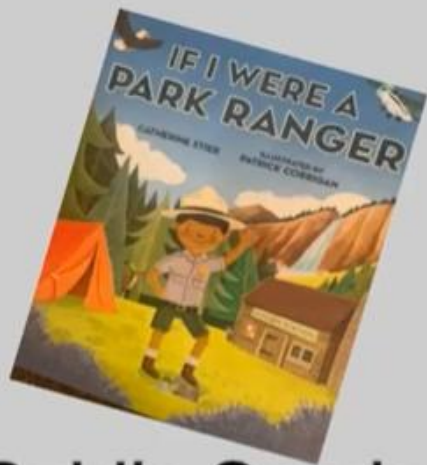
Home of the Trailblazers

**Trailblazers LEAD!**

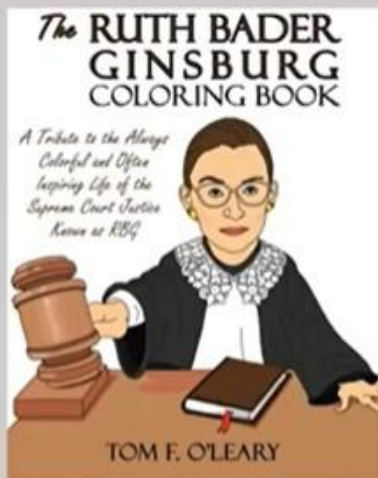
Leaders

Excel through  
Accountability &  
Determination

**David G. Millen Law & Government Magnet Academy**



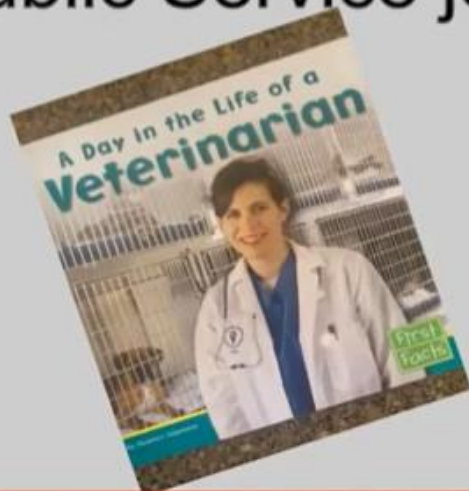
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Public Service jobs help people and the community!





Home of the Diamondbacks

We have P.R.I.D.E.

Prepared

Respectful

Independent Thinkers

Determined Scholars

Effective Communicators

**Desert Willow Fine Arts, Science & Technology Magnet Academy**

# Desert Willow

## Fine Arts, Science and Technology Magnet Academy



Art



Multimedia/Animation



YCP Film Project



Choir

Dance



Music





## Eagles SOAR at SAGE

**S**afe Choices

**O**wnership

**A**ct Responsibly

**R**espect

# SPACE and AERONAUTICS GATEWAY to EXPLORATION



# Space & Aeronautics Pathway



William J. "Pete Knight" Christmas Parade-December 14, 2019

## Civil Air Patrol



## PLTW: Flight & Space



## Box Kite Design



## Airplanes & Drones II



Marissa J. Engineer in a Jetliner Planes & Drones I-Period 7

In this little project I learned in order to pass you need a solid engine and wings in order for your plane to fly properly because the small engines and wings are for like planes people buy for themselves because for a big plane you need a good fuel burn to keep the plane up in the air so it doesn't fall out of the sky.



### STEM-AVSED Airport Design Challenge





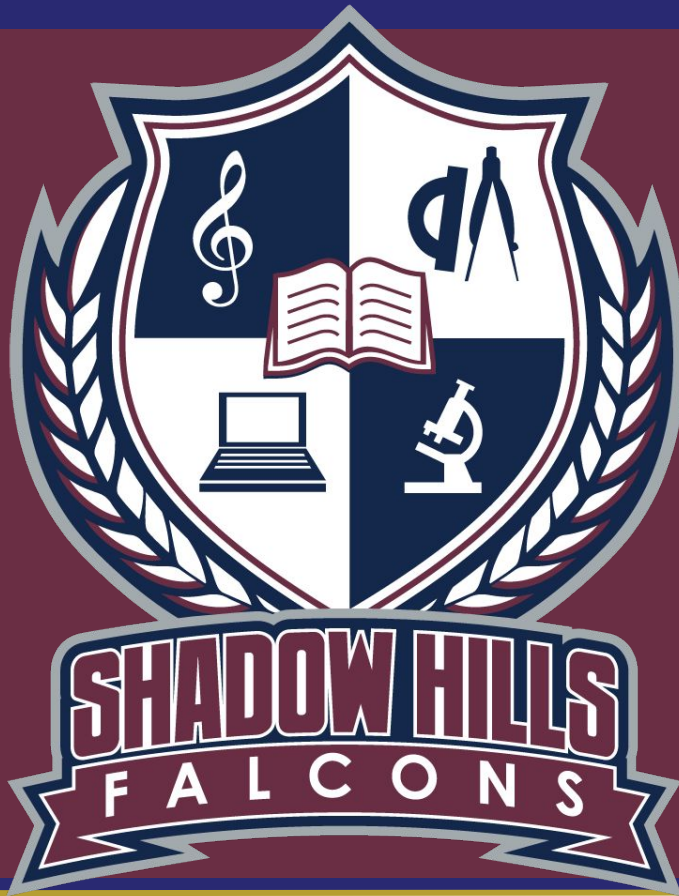





**Student enrollment opens October 11, 2020!**

In order to educate and inspire students in STEM to enter aviation careers and their leadership in the National Airports System, the FAA is holding another run of the acclaimed Airport Design Challenge competition which utilizes Microsoft's Minecraft to assist in developing a master airport with all of the required enable elements. Individually or in small teams, participants receive instruction from FAA staff who specialize in specific areas of the airport each week. With their education, students will research a local airport of their choosing and then recreate that airport in the virtual world of Minecraft!

For more information or to enroll, please visit  
[https://www.faa.gov/education/visual\\_learning/airport\\_design/](https://www.faa.gov/education/visual_learning/airport_design/)  
 To be notified of this and additional programs, click "Join Our Mailing List!"



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**Falcons RISE!**

**Responsible**

**Independent**

**Self-Directed**

**Eager to Grow and Learn**

**Shadow Hills Engineering & Design Magnet Academy**

# Shadow Hills School of Engineering and Design

Design & Modeling



Paxton Patterson



Computer Program &  
Design



Vex Robotics



Geometric Design



Graphic  
Design



# LOTTERY WINDOW

**START: FRI, 12/01/2023 @ 8:00 am**

**END: WED, 01/31/2024 @ 5:00 pm**

Lottery Portal - ONLINE



Only apply if your student wants to go to **a different magnet academy** from their **home school**.

Where can I get information about my home school, SchoolMint, and the Magnet Academies?

[www.palmdalesd.org/  
magnets](http://www.palmdalesd.org/magnets)

\* Placement is **not guaranteed** \*

# Some Frequently Asked Questions

View our [FAQs Page](#)

*Is Bus Transportation Available?*

**Yes,** to and from the **home school** to the **new school** only

*Is this school my new Home School?*

**No.**

This is an **Intradistrict transfer**. Can be revoked for poor attendance, behavior and/or grades

*I don't like it. Can I go to my Home School?*

**Yes.**

You must wait until the end of the semester to change.

*Are seven (7) classes required?*

**Yes.**

Every student has the opportunity to select at least ONE (1) elective

*Am I guaranteed to receive a spot?*

**No.**

The lottery process will select students at random to offer new school placement.

*When should I expect a decision?*

**Late February 2024**

Notifications will be sent via email by Dr. Zurbano's office

*How many times may I submit my student's name for the lottery?*

**Once.** If you submit multiple times, only the last submission will be kept in the system.

*I want to attend PLP, a Dual Immersion Plaza, or PACS.*

*Is this the same lottery?*

**No.**

Visit [PSD Website](#)

# Contact Information: Middle Schools Support

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