

OUR PALS PURPOSE

A place where middle schoolers discover their true potential and learn to soar. That's PALS.

Since 1988, the PALS (Phillips Academy and Lawrence Schools) summer preparatory program has helped Lawrence's rising 7th- and 8th-graders become curious and confident high school scholars.

Through generous Academy and donor support, PALS provides five weeks of engaging educational enrichment and high school application guidance on the PA campus, laying vital groundwork for continued academic and social success.



A SHARED IMPACT

4

CORE CLASSES
AND

11

AFTERNOON ACTIVITY
OPTIONS

35+

YEARS
OF PALS
AT PHILLIPS ACADEMY

1:1

HIGH SCHOOL
APPLICATION SUPPORT

5-WEEK
PROGRAM
FOR

40

RISING 7th- AND 8th-
GRADERS

450+

PALS ALUMNI

“The benefits of PALS cannot be overstated. We are building a community of students from across the city of Lawrence—one that challenges, nurtures, and helps youth thrive long after summer is over.”

—**BETH FRIEDMAN**
*Director of Outreach
and Summer Session*



“PALS was amazing! I got to meet new friends, make strong bonds, do my favorite activities, and learn so many things in my STEM and English classes!”

—PALS STUDENT
Summer 2023

MOMENTS THAT MATTER

In an atmosphere of empathy and encouragement, PALS empowers Lawrence adolescents—many from under-resourced schools—to explore the next steps in their academic careers. Here’s how:

■ Educational Enrichment

Lawrence middle schoolers delve into a dynamic curriculum designed to sharpen their scholastic skills.

- Daily classes in reading, writing, and STEM subjects—including *Real World Math* and *Forensic Science*—give students a jump-start on the school year.
- 11 fun athletic electives from basketball to soccer to yoga and more spark teamwork and camaraderie.
- 13 committed, diverse instructors kindle an eagerness to learn by tailoring content to students’ interests and passions.

■ Skill Building

Guidance from faculty and staff strengthens critical interpersonal and social-emotional techniques students need to advance their goals.

- An emphasis on communication with peers and adults encourages healthy risk-taking, trying new things, asking questions, and self-advocacy.
- 8th-graders practice public speaking by writing and presenting speeches to classmates.
- As students navigate educational, community, and global challenges, PALS provides the structure and stability foundational for success.

■ Positive Transitions

At its core, PALS inspires a love of learning and a genuine excitement about life beyond middle school.

- Through panels and field trips, students learn about high schools and colleges across the Greater Merrimack Valley.
- Application advisors shepherd 8th-graders—even after summer ends—through list-building, essay drafting, and the financial aid process.
- Recent acceptances include Abbot Lawrence Academy, Brooks School, Central Catholic High School, Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School, and Phillips Academy.

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A PRIVATE SCHOOL WITH A PUBLIC PURPOSE

Phillips Academy’s four educational outreach programs—Andover Bread Loaf, (MS)², the Institute for Recruitment of Teachers, and PALS—have long served as resources for students and teachers locally, nationally, and worldwide.



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