



“TEAM is a community of people who you get to know really well. TEAM is working together and making friends in the process. - Jessica J. 2012-13 TEAM Student



#### WHAT IS TEAM?

TEAM classes comprise the core academic subjects of English, World History, and Biology. Students in the program take these classes with a mix of all TEAM students, sharing the same teachers.

In TEAM classes, students learn the same curriculum and are held to the same standards as all Paly freshmen. TEAM classes are held in normal subject-area classrooms. TEAM students take math, world language, physical education, and electives with the rest of the Paly freshman class outside of TEAM.

TEAM teachers have an aligned prep period when they meet weekly to discuss the progress of students and collaborate on the organization of various off-campus interdisciplinary activities and student social events.

TEAM's focus on building connections between students, teachers, upperclassmen, and parents increases Developmental Assets while providing a top-notch Palo Alto High School education.

TEAM students go on to fulfill leadership positions at Paly and in their communities, such as those within student government, journalism, Link Crew, and more.

Parents can be involved in their student's freshman year at any level - chaperone, board member, or supportive parent.

“In TEAM our children have learned to take risks, developed great friendships, and learned to be successful Paly students.” Linda v.G., TEAM Parent 2012 & 2013



#### PALY TEAM

Dedicated Teachers:  
Liz Brimhall, Biology  
Karen Kolb, English  
Steve Sabbag, History  
90-115 Students

In this program, Together Everybody Achieves More really does hold true.

To enroll, choose TEAM during online registration.

**For More Information on TEAM**  
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# PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL TEAM



Since 1993

**Together  
Everybody  
Achieves  
More**



An Innovative  
9th Grade  
Core Subject Program

# Field Trips & Special Events

TEAM offers a number of field trips during the year for hands-on learning and community-building...



The TEAM Program strives to create a caring community with the larger school where ninth graders can thrive academically and socially.



“Teaching in TEAM has allowed me to form closer connections with other teachers, students, parents, and families!”  
- Liz Brimhall, TEAM Teacher

**TEAM-building Camp:** This dynamic leadership/team-building event combines camping overnight with team challenges, including ropes course activities at Foothills Park Nature Preserve. TEAM alumni from the junior and senior classes lead groups through activities that help the students form the academic and personal goals they wish to achieve during the year, getting them ready to conquer the obstacles of high school.

**Yosemite Nature Bridge Field Trip:** Students spend an inspirational fall week at the stunning Yosemite National Park. TEAM teachers and instructors from Nature Bridge take exploring to new heights.

“Yosemite is an amazing experience to help understand our environment, our peers and ourselves.” Ken Kenrick, TEAM Parent

**Cannery Row & Monterey Bay Aquarium:** Students combine History, English, and Science in this memorable spring trip to Monterey. Highlights include a behind-the-scenes class in the aquarium and a scavenger hunt through Steinbeck’s Cannery Row.



**Welcome Picnic:** In addition to the freshman orientation, TEAM students and their families have a chance to get to know each other at this potluck picnic in the Paly quad.

**Poetry Coffeehouse:** The English classroom is transformed into a coffeehouse for a day to give students a chance to perform their poetry in a relaxed, jazzy setting.

**End of Year Celebration:** Students join together for a party to celebrate the year with a slide show and awards. On another night, TEAM students get together to celebrate the bonds they have formed during the year. They will also get memory books to remember everything from their first year of high school.

**Community Service:** Six hours of community service give students a chance to give back to the community and environment through Acterra projects and Paly Service Day.

“In TEAM, you make valuable new friends and go on rewarding field trips that won't occur anywhere else at Paly.”  
Olivia Koyama, TEAM Student Leader

