

# Dripping Springs High School PALS Information and Application 2023-2024

**\*\*Please read the entire application before submitting it. \*\***

Dear Applicant,

PALs (Peer Assistance and Leadership) is looking for students of **high personal integrity** who are also **committed to service and leadership**. Please read the information and fill out the online application by FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd, which will be sent to Mrs.McCarthy. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL **NOT** BE ACCEPTED.

***\*\*Students selected to be a PAL are asked to agree with and sign a **Code of Ethics** form, which is explained in the packet. Please read the next page before you commit to applying. \*\****

## ***What do the PALS do throughout the year?***

- Visit and mentor elementary and middle school students (twice a week October – May) •
- Help teachers in their classrooms before school starts in August
- Organize various service projects throughout the year
- Volunteer in the community for a **minimum of 25 hours** each semester
- Help our school district and community when they need volunteers

## ***The Application Process***

1. Download an information packet ASAP.
2. Applications are due on Friday, March 3rd, at 4:15 PM (late applications will **not** be accepted). *Be sure to ask three teachers/staff members to fill out the reference form sent to all staff members via email.*
3. The PALs committee, which consists of 4 teachers, will review the applications and points will be tallied.
4. Applicants with the highest number of points will be invited for an interview on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. You will be notified by March 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am via school email whether or not you received an interview.
5. Interviews are conducted, and points are tallied.
6. Results will be sent out on *Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>* by 4:15pm via school email.

Thank you for your interest,  
The PALs Committee

## PALS CODE OF ETHICS 2023-2024

### PALs will:

1. Embrace the philosophy that peer help is an effective way to address the needs and conditions of people.
2. Respect the individual's right to dignity, self-development, and self-direction.
3. Model positive behaviors and life choices (i.e., no substance abuse/use).
4. Embrace the concept of service to others for the good of the community.
5. Maintain confidentiality of information imparted during the course of program-related activities with the exceptions of child abuse, sexual abuse, family dysfunction, psychotic behavior, harm to self and others, and drug and alcohol abuse.
6. Refrain from tackling situations for which they have no training and preparation.
7. Recognize, report, and know techniques to deal with stated or implied threats to their emotional or physical well-being.
8. Participate in PALs activities in and out of the classroom with a positive perspective.
9. Follow all school rules, policies, and procedures.

**Be mindful that they represent Dripping Springs High School at all times, including online.**

Submit your completed application,  
DUE Friday, MARCH 3rd, 2022 at 4:15 PM  
**No late applications will be considered**

This application will help determine whether the Peer Assistance and Leadership Program at Dripping Springs High School is the right fit for you. PALS are expected to be positive role models for the Dripping Springs Community, the elementary schools, and DSHS. Confidentiality is extremely important, as you will be subjected to private information. Gossip is never tolerated in PALs.

Please remember that you will apply against 100+ students who are also very qualified. After receiving and reviewing applications and teacher evaluations, selections will be made, and about 25 interviews will be granted. **You must write legibly (or type) your application.**

*By signing below, you agree to acknowledge and accept the decision made by the PALS committee concerning acceptance into the program. **This page must be signed by you and your guardian to ensure your application is taken into consideration.***

\*This document must be signed and uploaded on the google form application.\*

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Student

Date

Guardian

Date

**Keep your answers to the questions succinct and to the point - be mindful of the length of your answers. PALS APPLICATION LINK ->**

**[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Q7GVNG78vD5CsBIldlpJIOlu5T\\_3Q-bPuLPjByEXhOo/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Q7GVNG78vD5CsBIldlpJIOlu5T_3Q-bPuLPjByEXhOo/edit)**