

Payette Lakes Middle School

Athletics Summary Report — 2025–2026 School Year

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The 2025–2026 school year has been a strong one for **Payette Lakes Middle School** athletics, with high participation across seasons and several standout team performances. Athletics continues to be a core part of the PLMS student experience, promoting teamwork, academic responsibility, and personal growth.

Participation Summary

- **Total Enrollment: 351 students**
- **Estimated Total Student-Athletes (including homeschool): 228**
- **Athletic Participation Rate: 65%**
(Total includes multi-sport athletes and homeschool participants.)

Fall Sports (2025)

- **Volleyball — 39 athletes**
 - *Grade 7:* Finished **2nd in the SRV**
 - *Grade 8:* Finished **3rd in the SRV**
- **Football — 40 athletes**
 - *Grades 7 & 8:* Both teams finished **4th in the SRV**
- **Cross Country — 41 athletes**
 - *Girls team:* **Dominated the SRV**, winning every meet
- **Cheer — 15 athletes**
 - Supported school spirit and home athletic events throughout the fall.

Winter Sports (2025–2026)

- **Girls Basketball — 27 athletes**
 - *Grade 7:* Entering SRV tournament **undefeated**
 - *Grade 8:* Entering tournament **seeded 3rd**
 - *Tournament results to be* **updated next week**
- **Wrestling — 39 athletes**
- **Winter Cheer — 14 athletes**
- **Boys Basketball — 37 students signed up** for January season

Spring Sports (2026)

- **Track & Field — [Average participants each year 100+]**
Expected to remain one of the largest and most active programs at PLMS.

Changes (2026-27)

- Payette and Parma leaving SRV
- Cole Valley Christian and Emmett joining the SRV

Additional Academic & Enrichment Programs

- **Academic Bowl — 15 participants**
- **Hope Squad — 63 participants**
- **Art Club — 20 each session**
- **Viking Way Club — 10-15 participants**
- **School of Spin – 30 each session**
- **Yearbook – 20 participants**

Program Strengths

- High engagement throughout all seasons
- Outstanding competitive results in volleyball, cross country, and girls basketball
- Strong participation from both PLMS students and local homeschool athletes
- Dedicated coaching staff and community support

Challenges & Needs

- Overlapping sports seasons plus high external demand create facility and scheduling strain
- Equipment and uniform updates needed in several programs
- Continued funding needed to support safety equipment and travel needs

Conclusion

The 2025–2026 year has showcased exceptional effort, growth, and success across PLMS athletics. With more than two-thirds of students participating in sports or academic clubs, Payette Lakes Middle School continues to provide meaningful opportunities that support the whole student. Continued support from the school board will help ensure safe, competitive, and enriching experiences for all student-athletes.