

OUR VISION & MISSION

Pine View is the premier school for arts and sciences dedicated to providing excellence in research-based teaching practices that foster intellectual, social, and emotional growth in gifted students.

The mission of Pine View School is to provide a qualitatively different learning environment that nurtures a passion for intellectual curiosity, that encourages risk-taking, independence and innovation, and that is committed to a tradition of academic excellence and social responsibility.

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EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY!

PINE VIEW SCHOOL

Pine View School for the Gifted was established by the Sarasota County School District in 1969 to meet the needs of intellectually gifted students (Grades 2-12). It is the only school of its kind in the state of Florida, and one of the few stand-alone gifted programs in the nation. Pine View has a rich tradition of providing students with an enriched, challenging academic program in which excellence is fostered, attained and celebrated. Pine View has been consistently recognized at both the state and national levels as one of the country's top public high schools. In 2023, the U.S. Department of Education recognized Pine View as a National Blue Ribbon School. The student experience at Pine View is unique. In a community of over 1,700 gifted students a culture that prizes intellectual and academic inquiry and accomplishment is nurtured. Extensive opportunities are provided for students to explore their creative and leadership potential. Character education activities and service learning projects are a prominent part of the Pine View experience and are designed to expand social awareness and to stress social responsibility. Empowering students to make a difference in the lives of others is a tradition of which Pine View is exceptionally proud.

- Pine View School offers a total of 101 weighted courses, of which 35 are Advancement Placement (AP) courses, 62 are Honors courses, and 8 are Dual Enrollment courses. The academic experience is accelerated, highly-rigorous, enriched, and differentiated to meet the needs of gifted students.
- Students participate, at the high school level, in junior varsity and varsity sports at districted high schools, as well as visual and performing arts experiences on our campus, such as Drama, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Sculpture and 3D Art, 2D Art, and Vocal Ensemble.
- Students are eligible to attend on the basis of full scale intellectual assessments, performance scales, academic performance and recommendations. Pine View School serves students in grades 2-12 with a total school enrollment of 1700. High School enrollment is 705 (Grades 9-12) for the 2024-2025 school year. There are 159 students in the Class of 2025.
- Seventy-three percent of the Pine View Faculty have earned a masters or doctoral degree, and may have taught or teach at the collegiate level.

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SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Pine View School is a full-time magnet school serving students in grades 2-12 who have been identified as gifted. Pine View is consistently rated as the top-performing high school in the State of Florida and is ranked among the top public schools in the nation.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

- 35 of 40 Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered by College Board are taught at Pine View.
- AP courses provide students with opportunities to engage in college-level academics, and to potentially earn college credit by demonstrating deep understanding and mastery of content.
- The AP Capstone Diploma Program engages students in cross-curricular conversations asking them to analyze divergent perspectives and explore the complexities of academic and real-world topics. Comprised of two courses, AP Seminar and AP Research, students are immersed in research methodologies, learning ethical research practices, while shaping their argumentation, analysis, synthesis, and presentation skills. The AP Capstone Diploma is earned upon successful completion of both AP Seminar and AP Research, and 4 additional AP Courses. AP Research culminates in a year-long, research-based investigation on a topic of individual interest which they must present and defend.

GIFTED AND ACCELERATED PROGRAMMING

- A total of 101 weighted courses including 35 Advanced Placement Advanced Placement, 62 Honors, and 8 on-campus Dual Enrollment courses.
- All coursework is accelerated and enriched with an emphasis on intellectual and academic inquiry and with all courses taught by certified gifted instructors.
- College-level, post-AP courses in Biotechnology, Organic Chemistry, and Statistics.
- Externship for Gifted Students provides gifted students the opportunity to engage in self-directed career exploration combined with classroom experience focused on developing workplace skills and attitudes.
- Project Lead the Way, a four-year Engineering Capstone Program, prepares students for post-secondary engineering programs and awards industry certification in RECF Pre-Engineering, Autodesk CAD, Fusion 360, and OSHA.
- CTE Industry certifications are offered through the four-year Digital Design and Media sequence including Adobe Premier Pro; Photoshop, After Effects, and Illustrator.

CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Pine View High School students may try-out for sports at any district school.
- Over one hundred student-led clubs and organizations, many of which are founded by students based on their interests.
- Regionally and nationally accomplished competitive clubs including BMES, HOSA, Academic Olympics, Technology Student Association, and M3 Math Challenge.
- Nationally recognized Model UN and Speech & Debate Team provide students with invaluable competitive engagement opportunities.
- An award-winning Journalism program comprised of four student-run print publications: The Torch, The Match, Spark, and The Luminary as well companion websites for each. These publications provide topical and relevant content to their readers while the program itself teaches the principles of sound journalism.
- The FIRST Robotics Competition combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. A team of students and mentors work throughout the year, culminating in a 6-week "build" period where robots are assembled for competition at the national and international levels.
- VEX Robotics Club teaches students about the basics of robotics with VEX hardware and software. VEX competitions foster these skills and capitalize on the motivational effects of competitions and STEM learning.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SERVICE LEADERSHIP

- On and off-campus community service activities and volunteer projects are prominent features of student life with Pine View students contributing thousands of hours each year to improving our community and the world. The organizations in which they volunteer in our community occur in all areas of need.
- Active Pine View chapters of national organizations including BuildOn, PeaceJam, Habitat for Humanity, and UNICEF.

COLLEGE AND CAREER PATHWAYS

- College and Career Education Program that utilizes rich resources available through Pine View S chool (SchooLinks), the SCS District (SchooLinks 6-8), the State of Florida (Xello 6-12) and The College Board (6-12).
- Career Advising scope and sequence curriculum, serving grades 6-12 and leveraging resources offered through career and college platforms, SchooLinks (6-12th).
- Highly personalized, multi-faceted college admissions support the goal of which is to find the college that best matches each student's individual needs, personal disposition, academic profile, talents, interests, and ambitions. Pine View College Counseling offers a variety of resources and opportunities for learning about college admissions including web tools such as SchooLinks, group meetings, individual conferences, informational evenings, and workshops (Grades 11-12).

AN A-RATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS IN FEBRUARY FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEAR.