

COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

Krystal Culpepper apolonk@duvalschools.org
(All IB Prep 9 & 10)



To meet with Mrs. Culpepper:

- <u>Students</u>: Students should email, call, or message Mrs. Culpepper through Teams (IB or Paxon School Counseling Team)
- Parents: Call or email Mrs. Culpepper and allow at least 5 days to respond.

COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES

PAXON SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

Support Staff

Mrs. Bouie

bouies@duvalschools.org Ext. 1075999930

Mrs. Belk

belka@duvalschools.org Ext. 1075999925

- Scheduling parent/teacher conferences
- OneView portal information
- Transcript Requests (hard copy)
- Attendance
- Student records
- •Enrollment
- Transcript Requests (electronic)

Upcoming absences should be reported to classroom teachers <u>and</u> the Attendance Clerk (Mrs. Bouie @ 693-7583, ext. 1075999930).

- You may Cc Mrs. Culpepper on emails sent as a courtesy.
- Students are responsible for work missed during absences; one day is allowed for each day missed to make up work per District Policy.

DOWNLOAD THE DCPS APP



MAKE SURE YOU VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- Counselor emails listed
- How to schedule appointments
 - With Teachers: ext. 1075999930=Mrs. Bouie
 - With Mrs. Culpepper: Email is preferred
- Calendar of events
- College/Career planning
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PLEASE EMAIL YOUR COMPLETED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WORK HOURS FORMS TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

What classes will my child take as an IB student?





The IB Diploma Programme at Paxon School for Advanced Studies

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Grade 9

IB Prep English I

AP World History/DE World History

Geometry Hon or Algebra II Hon

IB Prep Biology I

IB Prep World Language I (Chinese, French, or Spanish)

<u>Grade 10</u>

IB Prep English II

AP European History

Algebra II Hon or *Pre-Calculus

IB Prep Chemistry I or Physics Hon or AP Physics 1

IB Prep World Language II (Chinese, French, or

Grade 11

IB English III (AP Lang)

AP U.S. History

IB Math (pt. 1-students choose STEM track or non-STEM track)

IB Science (Biology pt. 1, Chemistry pt. 1 or Physicstake SL exam)

IB World Language

Grade 12

IB English IV (AP Lit)

IB Contemporary History

IB Math (pt. 2)

IB Science (Biology pt. 2, Chemistry pt. 2 or Physics-option to test HL)

IB World Language

How do students register for the SAT/ACT/CLT?

Can my child get an SAT/ACT waiver?

inseling IB at Paxon School Profile Document Community Service More... Graduation Requirements Letters of Recommendation PSAT / SAT / ACT / CLT Inform Transcript Requests Learning Lab (Tutoring) College & Career Planning The PSAT is administered to all students at Paxon in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Course Catalog & Registration are able to qualify for National Merit scholarships when taking the PSAT in Scholarships & Financial Aid (taking the PSAT in 9th and 10th grades serve as practice) PSAT/SAT/ACT/CLT NCAA Initial Eligibility The SAT and ACT are tests for college admissions/scholarship purposes. Stud Mental Health Awareness

Learn more about each test below

counselor to see if they qualify for a fee waiver.

registering to take the SAT and/or ACT in 11th grade. Students may contact the

PSAT

The PSAT will be administered to grades 9-11 on October 9, 2024.

PSAT/NMSQT results will be released in December 2024.

PSAT/NMSQT Student
Guide

SAT

Click here to <u>register for the</u> SAT

Maximize for SAT score with Official SAT practice through the Khan Academy

Click Here

Think you qualify for an

ACT

Click here to <u>register for the</u> ACT

Prepare for the ACT with The Official ACT Live Online Class, Powered by Kaplan

Click Here

Think you qualify for an

CLT

Current & Rising Seniors

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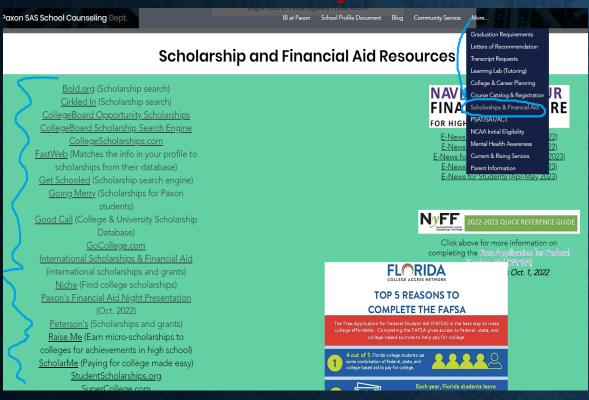
Click here to <u>register for the</u> CLT

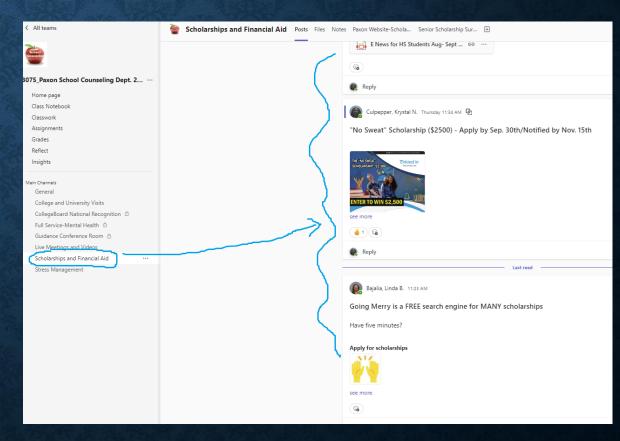
Prepare for the CLT by taking a practice exam.

Click Here

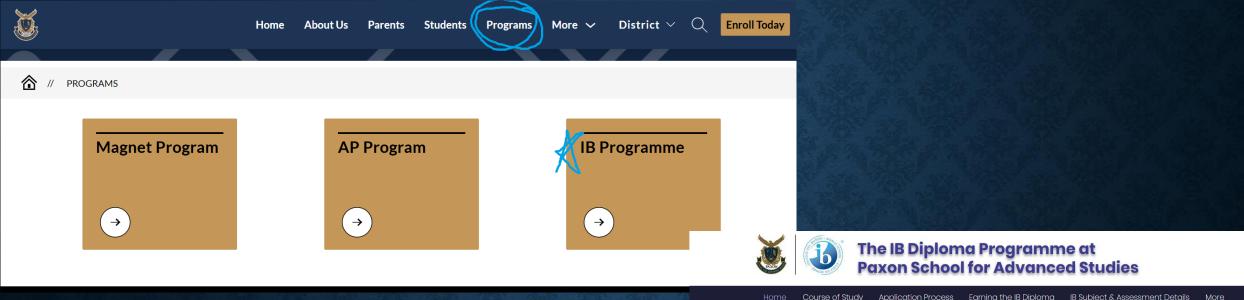
Think you qualify for a CLT waiver?

Where can we find scholarships?





PAXON IB WEBSITE





What are the requirements for each IB subject? How do students earn their IB Diploma?





The IB Diploma Programme at **Paxon School for Advanced Studies**

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The following course descriptions will give you a better understanding of what to expect for the IB Junior and Senior level subjects as well as the IB core requirements. As students enter the IB Junior year, there are also certain IB groups/subjects for which there are options. This gives students the opportunity to select which subject they would like to study.

One of the great things about IB assessments is that the score for each subject is not just determined by one test. IB students have various assessments while studying each IB subject area that contribute a percentage to the overall IB subject score. The links below will provide you with more information on IB subject descriptions and the assessments associated with each subject. This will give you a better understanding about what to expect junior and senior year.

You will notice an 'HL' or 'SL' next to most subjects. Higher level (HL) subjects are taught over 2 years, while standard level (SL) subjects may be taught in 1 or 2 years. At Paxon, we teach all subjects over 2 years with the exception of Chinese B. Business Management, Environmental Systems and Societies and Information Technology in a Global Society which are taught in one year.

Click the 'HL' or 'SL' in order to find out more about what the expectations are for each subject at each level (HL=higher

Studies in Language & Literature (Group 1)

English A: Literature (HL)

Enalish A: Language & Literature (SL)



Language Acquisition (Group 2)

Mandarin Chinese I

French B (HL or SL)







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Earning the IB Diploma

Each IB subject is assessed on a scale of 1 - 7 with a score of 4 considered a "passing grade". This 11th and 12th grade years. A total of six subjects must be studied, with a combination of standard and higher levels (SL and HL). Students must also complete the "core", which is made up of creativity, activity, service (CAS), theory of knowledge (TOK) and extended essay (EE). TOK and the EE are graded on a scale of A-E.

To earn the IB diploma, students must score a minimum 24 out of a possible 45 points and earn at least a 'D' for both TOK and the EE.



IB Grade Scale

Subject Scores

7 - Excellent

6 - Very Good

EE and TOK grading scale



THINGS TO UNDERSTAND...

- We are Paxon School for ADVANCED Studies.
 - <u>All</u> curriculum is taught at the honors, AP or IB level for all core classes and some electives.
- IB is not harder than AP...it's just a different curriculum.
 - Ex. Different way of assessing, different scales of scoring, etc.
- The IB curriculum does not start until 11th grade.
- There is nothing wrong with something being challenging ('easy' does not equal 'better')

PAXON EXPECTATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

- Taken and passed Algebra I course and Algebra I EOC (pre-requisites)
- Maintain a 2.0 Unweighted GPA
- Pass **ALL** Courses
- Complete the IB curriculum (built into schedule on Paxon's IB website)
- If an "F" is earned in a course at the end of a semester, communicate with your counselor **IMMEDIATELY** to prevent losing magnet status as an "F" is failing.
- Retake courses failed on Duval Flex or FLVS (with approval) no later than the start of the next school year.

IB PROGRAM OF STUDY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 24 Credits IB Curriculum
- Complete All IB assessments (internal & external)
- Complete CAS
- Complete the Extended Essay
- Complete TOK course and assessments
- Pass Alg. I EOC/FST ELA (Grade 10)
- Highly Recommended: 100 hours (service/work combo min. 40 hours must be service)





IB STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO...

- Take the following courses:
 - Amer. Government
 - Economics
 - HOPE
 - Performing Fine Art/CTE

If at any point a student exits from the IB Program of Study, all of this will need to be competed.

IB ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students in the IB Program of study shall be placed on probation if one or more of the following should occur:

- Receiving a quarter or semester grade of "F" for a core subject (English, math, science, history), IB
 TOK, an IB second language (including all Pre-IB language courses), or the IB 6th subject
- The <u>unweighted</u> (state) GPA falls below a 2.5
- The student receives disciplinary action for cheating/plagiarism

Probationary term = one semester (two quarters). Student progress reviewed at the end of each quarter.

No progress or continuing signs of academic decline = remain on probation for the next semester or be removed from the IB program of Study.*

*The school administration reserve the right to remove a student at any time if in danger of not promoting/graduating.





PSAT

- PSAT: (9th 11th grades)
 - October 8, 2025 during the school day at Paxon.
 - 9th grade PSAT 8/9
 - 10th grade PSAT NMSQT
 - Practice for National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic
 Scholarship qualifications which are based on 11th grade PSAT scores
 - Practice: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10



BRIGHT FUTURES REQUIREMENTS

Туре	16 High School College- Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	(two must have substantial laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours

Other Ways To Qualify:

- IB Diploma Recipient (with 100 hours)
- National Merit® Finalists and Scholars

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ❖ Paxon SAS expectation = a minimum of 40 hours of community service.
 - ❖ Bright Futures accepts a combination of community service and work hours.
 - ❖ 75 for FMS for Bright Futures (at least 40 must be community service hours for Paxon students)
 - ❖ 100 for FAS for Bright Futures (at least 40 must be community service hours for Paxon students)
- To eliminate headaches later, students <u>must</u> complete the pre-approval form <u>BEFORE</u> starting the service hours, even during the summer!!

Students cannot be paid for the service, and it must be performed at a non-profit agency.

(Refer to our Community Service & Work Hours video posted in Teams and Rooms)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

* Community Service should be meaningful.

- * IB students are encouraged to complete and document hours prior to Junior year (don't hold on to the forms...submit once an activity is completed).
 - * Easier for applying to honor societies upon entering 11th grade.



Community Service

&
Work Hours

Forms and Procedures

COMMUNITY SERVICE & WORK HOURS

For each (different) activity completed, forms must be turned into your counselor (via email)

Community Service	Work Hours		
□Community Service Pre-Approval Form	□Work Hours Log Form		
☐Community Service Log Form ☐Student Reflections Form	☐Student Reflections Form ☐Include paystubs to reflect work hours being submitted		
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Forms are available on Paxon's School Counseling website, Team, and Rooms (DCPS app)

Need help finding community service opportunities?

- Visit our Paxon School Counseling website
- Students Teams
- Parents Rooms (DCPS app)

WELL THEN...WHAT IS CAS?

• CAS (creativity, activity, service) is an IB requirement that starts during 11th grade (no hour counting, students reflect on experiences)

- Do not worry about CAS right now.
- (more info to come during spring of 10th grade)



COLLEGE PLANNING - GET INVOLVED NOW!!!

- The Financial Benefits of Taking/Passing AP Exams (and later, IB exams)
- Extracurricular Activities: Clubs, Sports, etc. (both on-campus and off-campus)
- Community Service
- Explore your passions
 - Learn more about likes/dislikes (develop the ability to self-reflect)
 - Colleges are looking for individuals' dedication and leadership
 - More time spent on fewer activities looks better than a few hours scattered across many

COLLEGE PLANNING - COLLEGE VISITS @PAXON

- Student in 9th and 10th grade encouraged to attend.
- Visits are take place during lunch.
- Schedule posted online and in hallway by the school counseling office.

Paxon SAS School Counseling Dept.

IB at Paxon School Profile Document

Community Service

College & Career Planning



Colleges/Universities Visiting Paxon

Visits are scheduled either before school or during lunch in order to ensure that students are not missing class. If a visit is scheduled during lunch, but it is at the time that you are scheduled to be in class, you must obtain teacher permission prior to attending the college/university presentation.

Click here for the college/university visit schedule

Paxon's college visits are Virtual this year. The link to join the visit will be posted in the Paxon's School Counseling TEAM in the 'College and University Visits' Channel. You may also access the visit links by clicking the blue button above. Some schools may require a

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES VISITING PAXON SO FAR...

August/September

Paxon SAS College Visits 2025-2026										
Date	College	College Location		Time*	Meeting Location					
08/19/2025	Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)	Savannah	GA	1 st Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
08/27/2025	Bryant University	Smithfield	RI	1 st Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
08/29/2025	Florida State University	Tallahassee	FL	2 nd Lunch (A-day)	Media Center					
09/02/2025	United States Naval Academy	Naval Academy	MD	1st Lunch (B-day)	Guidance					
	University at Albany (SUNY)	Albany	NY	2 nd Lunch (8-day)	Guidance					
09/03/2025	Hampden-Sydney College	Hampden Sydney	VA	1 st Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
	Binghamton University	Binghamton	NY	2 nd Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
	University of Glasgow	Glasgow, Scotland		2 nd Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
09/04/2025	Eckerd College	St. Petersburg	FL	1 st Lunch (B-day)	Guidance					
	Long Island University	Brooklyn	NY	2 nd Lunch (8-day)	Guidance					
09/05/2025	Amherst College	Amherst	MA	1 st Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
	Rutgers University	New Brunswick	NJ	1 st Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
	New College of Florida	Sarasota	FL	2 nd Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
	University of Notre Dame	Notre Dame	IN	2 nd Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
	University of Alabama	Huntsville	AL	2 nd Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
09/08/2025	Syracuse University	Syracuse	NY	1st Lunch (B-day)	Guidance					
	Yale University	New Haven	ст	1st Lunch (B-day)	Media Center (by Invitation only)					
	Hofstra University	Hempstead	NY	2 nd Lunch (8-day)	Guidance					
	Rice University	Houston	TX	2 nd Lunch (8-day)	Guidance					
09/09/2025	Tulane University	New Orleans	LA	1st Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
	Washington University in St. Louis	St. Louis	WA	2 nd Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
09/10/2025	Purdue University	West Lafayette	IN	1 st Lunch (B-day)	Guidance					
	University of South Carolina	Columbia	SC	2 nd Lunch (8-day)	Guidance					
09/11/2025	University of Florida	Gainesville	FL	2 nd Lunch (A-day)	Media Center					
09/12/2025	Jacksonville University	Jacksonville	FL	1 st Lunch (B-dw)	Guidance					
09/15/2025	Boston University	Baston	MA	1st Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Hickory	NC	2 nd Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
09/16/2025	Howard University	Washington	DC	1 st Lunch (B-dw)	Guidance					
	Smith College	Northhampton	MA	2 nd Lunch (8-day)	Guidance					
09/19/2025	Florida Southern College	Lakeland	FL	1 st Lunch (A-day)	Guidance					
	University of Central Florida	Orlando	FL	2 nd Lunch (A-day)	Media Center					
09/24/2025	FAMU (Health Professions)	Tallahassee	FL	1 st Lunch (B-day)	Media Center					
	Wofford College	Spartanburg	SC	2 nd Lunch (8-day)	Guidance					
09/26/2025	Villanova University	Villanova	PA	1 st Lunch (B-day)	Guidance					

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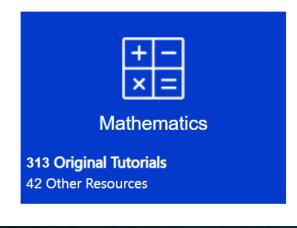
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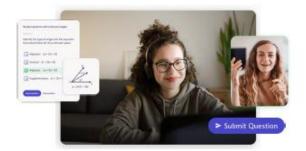




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The **Live Learning** Platform

The Varsity Tutors Platform is built for today's students and enhanced with AI to make learning more effective. It gives your child an interactive space with live video, subject-specific tools, easy file sharing, and more. Everything is designed to help them stay engaged and succeed.



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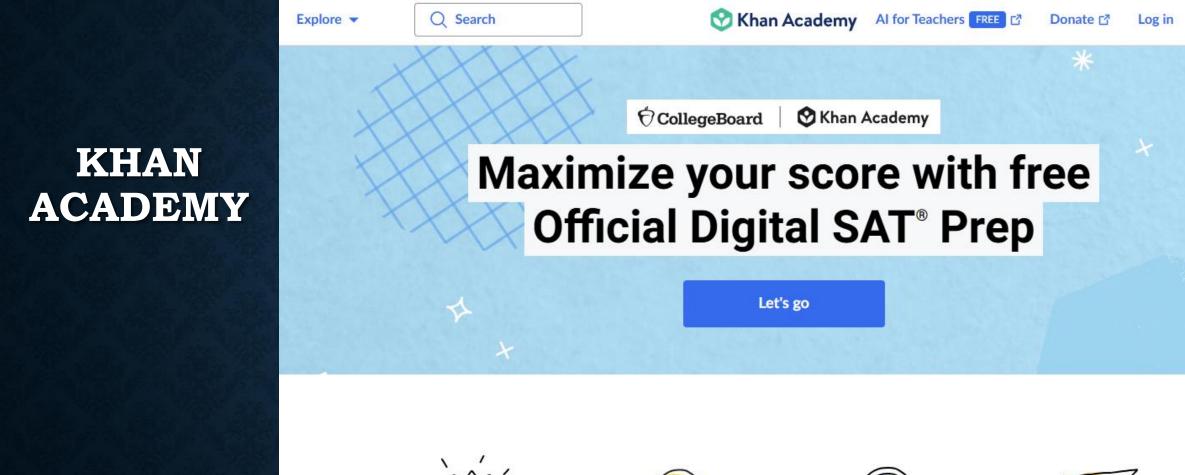
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On-Demand Essay Review





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Sharpen your skills with our library of thousands of practice questions, videos, lessons, and hints plus test-taking tips and strategies.



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Prep for every section of the digital SAT with guidance from Khan Academy's team of math, reading, and writing experts.



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WHAT IS FLORIDASHINES?

FloridaShines is Florida's Student Hub of Innovative Educational Services, an information-rich website of free online tools and resources to help students and adult learners succeed in school, earn a college degree, and embark on a rewarding career. Among the many features available on FloridaShines is the ability to easily research and compare all public colleges and universities in Florida, search for courses, check your progress to graduation, and so much more.

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TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP

- Two years of FREE tuition through Florida Pre-Paid
- Applicants Must:
 - Be a 9th 11th Grade Student
 - Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch
 - Have a 2.0 GPA (unweighted)
 - Have No Conduct Offences or Attendance Issues
- Participants Will be Exposed to:
 - A Mentor Throughout High School
 - College/Financial Aid Workshops
 - National College Fair
 - College Tours
- Mentors and Mentees are NEEDED!!!
- Contact Mrs. Monika Stebel at (904) 717-0509 or mstebel@goodwillnorthfl.org





DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE GRIT?

Grit Definition: courage and resolve; strength of character.



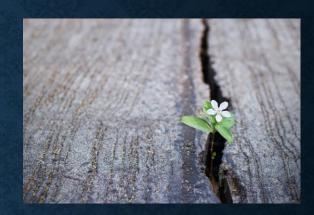
https://youtu.be/di7u-4gTUxY?si=L4thLndN4SkGDfVR

WAYS TO HELP DEVELOP A GROWTH MINDSET

- Let Your Kid Find a Passion
- Place Kids in Activities Out of Their Comfort Zone
- Let Your Kid Get Frustrated ("It's too hard"...that's okay)
- Model a Grit and a Growth Mindset
- Brainstorm Together (self-advocate, accepting responsibility for own actions)
- Teach That Failing is Okay (absolute success is not always good)
- Discuss Effort and Not Accomplishments

Resource: "How To Foster a Growth Mindset in Children"

https://www.parents.com/fostering-a-growth-mindset-in-children-7484876



GREAT MENTAL HEALTH EQUALS GREATER ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- PSAS is a Full-Service School
- Referrals: Self (student), parent, counselor
- FREE Services Provided at Paxon or Virtually (Private/Confidential)
 - Full-time mental health therapist on campus daily



Additional mental health
resources are in the 'Mental
Health & Stress Relief' section of
Paxon's School Counseling
website.

GREAT MENTAL HEALTH EQUALS GREATER ACADEMIC SUCCESS Hazel Health (https://my.hazel.co/duvalschools/info)

- - A school health representative can initiate a video visit with a Hazel health care provider while your child is at-school to provide either physical or mental health services.

What is Hazel?



Scheduled therapy visits

Confidential virtual visits

Hazel's expert therapists can help with stress, bullying, relationship issues, anxiety, depression, grief, trauma, and more

Care management to local resources

Hazel offers referrals to mental health services in your community to ensure your child receives the long-term support they need



 Contact Mrs. Culpepper if you have questions/concerns (email is best)

- Your patience is Appreciated
 - College application season (Aug-Nov)
 - IB Exam Season (Apr-May)

 This presentation will be posted on Paxon's School counseling website ('Parent Information' section)



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PARENT MEETING SIGN-IN



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