



9th & 10th Grade Parent Night Presentation Sept. 11, 2025



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Paxon School For Advanced Studies

COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS



Mrs. Hodges
Students: A-K

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Ms. Mullen
Students L-Z

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To meet with a counselor:

- Students: Students must email, call, or message their counselor through Teams (Paxon School Counseling Team)
- Parents: Call or email the assigned counselor and **allow at least 48 hours to respond.**

COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Academic Advising

Parent/Student Conferences

504 Plan Conferences/Updates

Classroom Visits

Letters of Recommendation

College Application Submissions

School-wide PSAT, EOC, AP, IB, and Extended Time Testing

Professional Development

Mental Health/Crisis Prevention Referrals and Resources

Program Planning

PAXON SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

Support Staff

Ms. Bouie

bouies@duvalschools.org

Ext. 1075999930

- Scheduling parent/teacher conferences
- OneView portal information
- Transcript Requests (hard copy)
- Attendance

Ms. Belk

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Ext. 1075999925

- Student records
- Enrollment
- Transcript Requests (electronic)

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

- You may Cc your counselor 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

New Duval Schools App!
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Rooms



Parent Portal



Notifications



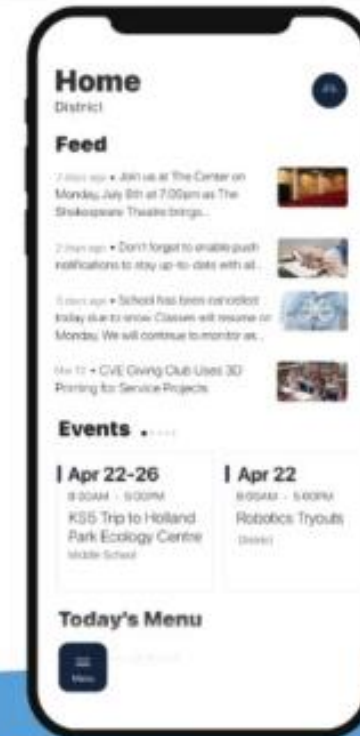
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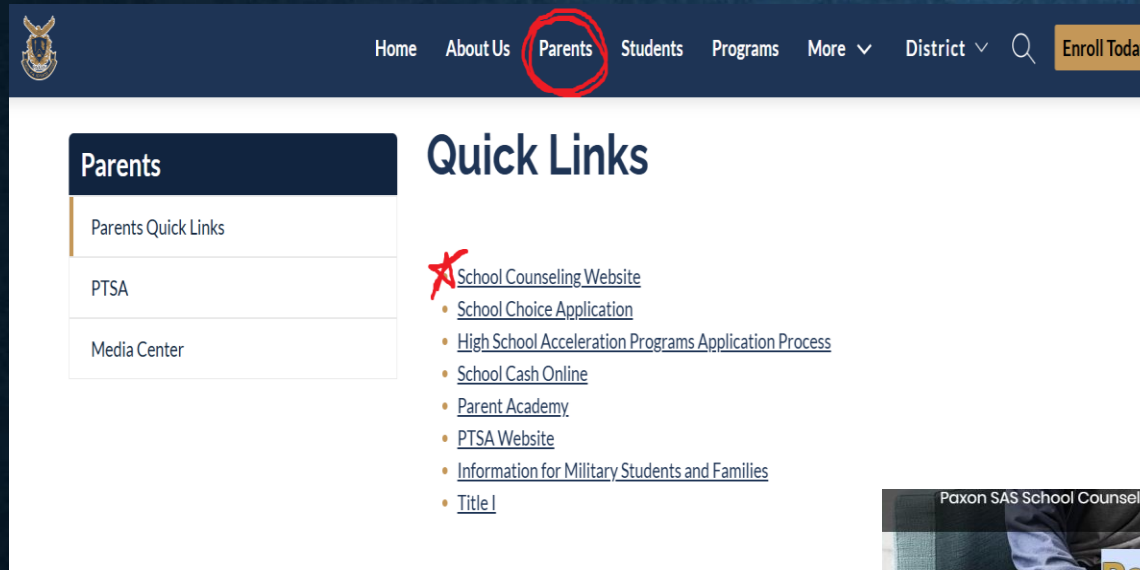


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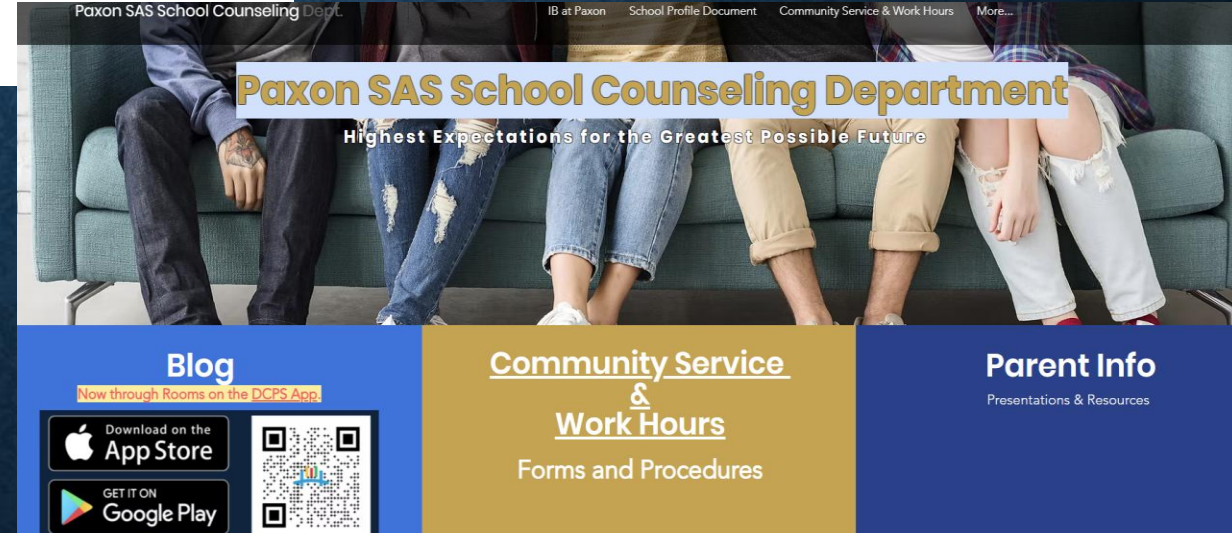
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MAKE SURE YOU VISIT OUR WEBSITE



- Counselor emails listed
- Calendar of events
- College/Career planning
- Scholarships/Financial aid

Many questions may be answered by visiting our website or in Rooms (the DCPS App).



<https://paxonsas3075.wixsite.com/psasschoolcounselors>

Many questions may be answered on our website...

How do students submit community service and/or work hours?



The screenshot shows a website navigation bar with the following links: "Counseling |", "IB at Paxton", "School Profile Document", "Community Service & Work Hours" (highlighted with a green hand-drawn oval), and "More...". Below the navigation bar, the main content area features the title "Paxon Community Service & Work Hours Requirements" in a large, bold, blue font. To the left of this title is a green hand-drawn asterisk. Below the title, a yellow banner contains the text "PLEASE EMAIL YOUR COMPLETED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WORK HOURS FORMS TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR." in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

Counseling | IB at Paxton School Profile Document **Community Service & Work Hours** More...

Paxon Community Service & Work Hours Requirements

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR COMPLETED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WORK HOURS FORMS TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

Many questions may be answered on our website...

- How do students register for the SAT/ACT/CLT?
- Can my child get an SAT/ACT waiver?

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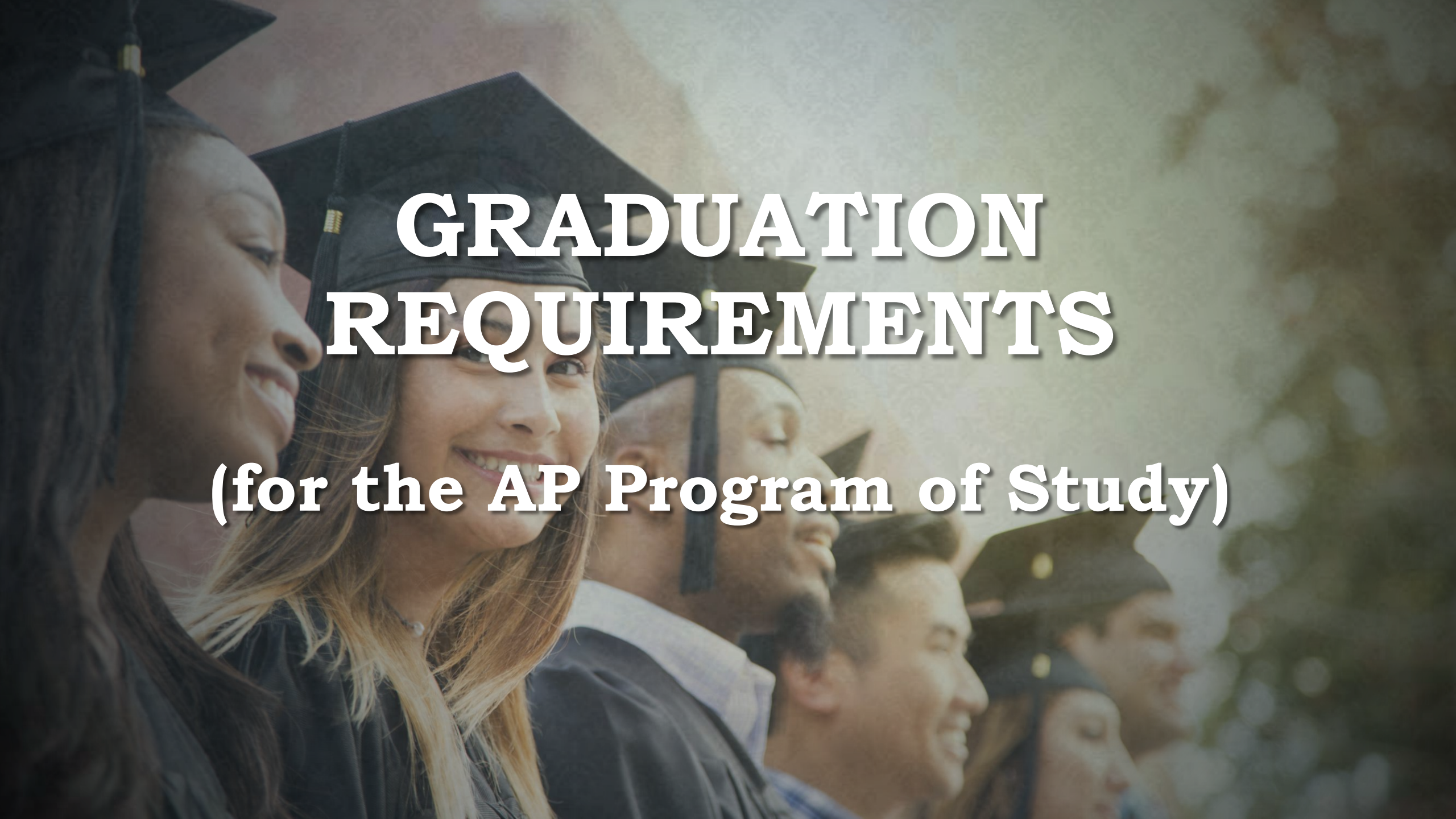
PSAT / SAT / ACT / CLT Information

The PSAT is administered to all students at Paxon in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade. Students in 11th grade are able to qualify for National Merit scholarships when taking the PSAT in 11th grade (taking the PSAT in 9th and 10th grades serve as practice)

The SAT and ACT are tests for college admissions/scholarship purposes. Students registering to take the SAT and/or ACT in 11th grade. Students may contact their counselor to see if they qualify for a fee waiver.

Learn more about each test below

PSAT	SAT	ACT	CLT
The PSAT will be administered to grades 9-11 on October 9, 2024.	Click here to <u>register for the SAT</u>	Click here to <u>register for the ACT</u>	Click here to <u>register for the CLT</u>
PSAT/NMSQT results will be released in December 2024.	Maximize for SAT score with Official SAT practice through the Khan Academy	Prepare for the ACT with The Official ACT Live Online Class, Powered by Kaplan	Prepare for the CLT by taking a practice exam.
PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide	Click Here	Click Here	Click Here
	Think you qualify for an	Think you qualify for an	Think you qualify for a CLT waiver?

A group of diverse graduates in black caps and gowns, smiling and looking to the side. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with trees.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(for the AP Program of Study)

PAXON

EXPECTATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

- Take and passed Algebra I course and Algebra I EOC (pre-requisites)
- Maintain a 2.0 Unweighted GPA
- Pass **ALL** Courses
- 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.

THINGS TO UNDERSTAND...


- We are Paxon School for **ADVANCED** Studies.
 - All curriculum is taught at the honors, AP or IB level for all core classes and some electives.
- There is nothing wrong with something being challenging
(*'easy' does not equal 'better'*)

A high-angle, top-down photograph of a diverse group of people's arms and hands reaching towards the center, where they are stacked on top of each other. The individuals are wearing various casual clothing items like denim shirts, patterned shirts, and solid-colored blouses. The background is a light-colored wooden floor. The overall tone is warm and collaborative.

TESTING, SCHOLARSHIPS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

The PSAT

- **October 8, 2025** during the school day at Paxon. Make sure that your laptop is fully charged!
 - 9th grade – PSAT 8/9
 - 10th grade – PSAT NMSQT
- Practice: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>



Practice for an Upcoming
PSAT/NMSQT

Get free practice to help you get ready for test day.

Start Practicing

BRIGHT FUTURES REQUIREMENTS

Type	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 (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	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

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 must complete the pre-approval form BEFORE starting the service hours, even during the summer!!
- ❖ Community Service should be meaningful.
- ❖ 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 & WORK HOURS

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

Community Service	Work Hours
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Pre-Approval Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Hours Log Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Log Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Reflections Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Reflections Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Include paystubs to reflect work hours being submitted

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)

Paxon SAS School Counseling Department

Highest Expectations for the Greatest Possible Future

Community Service & Work Hours

Forms and Procedures

A graduate in a blue cap and gown is seated in a white folding chair, viewed from behind. They are facing a large, multi-story brick building with many windows and a central arched entrance. The foreground is filled with rows of empty white folding chairs on a green lawn.

COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING RESOURCES

COLLEGE PLANNING – GET INVOLVED NOW!!!

- ❖ The **Financial** Benefits of Taking/Passing AP 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 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 Blog Community Service More...

College & Career Planning

College admissions representatives click here to schedule a visit at Paxon



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 registration prior to the scheduled date and time of visit, so please


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	1 st Lunch (B-day)	Guidance
	University at Albany (SUNY)	Albany	NY	2 nd Lunch (B-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 (B-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	1 st Lunch (B-day)	Guidance
	Yale University	New Haven	CT	1 st Lunch (B-day)	Media Center (by invitation only)
	Hofstra University	Hempstead	NY	2 nd Lunch (B-day)	Guidance
	Rice University	Houston	TX	2 nd Lunch (B-day)	Guidance
09/09/2025	Tulane University	New Orleans	LA	1 st 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 (B-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-day)	Guidance
09/15/2025	Boston University	Boston	MA	1 st 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-day)	Guidance
	Smith College	Northampton	MA	2 nd Lunch (B-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 (B-day)	Guidance
09/26/2025	Villanova University	Villanova	PA	1 st Lunch (B-day)	Guidance


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LEARNING IN ONEVIEW)

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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



GREAT MENTAL HEALTH EQUALS GREATER ACADEMIC SUCCESS

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

*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

VARSITY TUTORS

(STUDENTS ACCESS THROUGH
BLENDED LEARNING)

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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