



Paxon School for Advanced Studies

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2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

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WHO WE ARE

Paxon is driven to provide an exemplary education to the most versatile student. Here, students must feel they belong, all while being held to the highest standards in order to acquire the greatest possible future success in life.

To do this, we offer the most expansive educational program in Duval County. From academics, arts like film and music, to sports and information technology—we create the pathways for students to experience achievement, competition and a global perspective.

An elite institution and noted IB World School, Paxon is recognized in the top 1% of high schools nationwide. Our JROTC is in the top 1% in the world, and our students are consistently among the highest scholarship money recipients in the entire district.

Combine this with Embry Riddle dual enrollment, and it's easy to see why Paxon students and faculty have higher expectations and can define their own terms of success.

VISION

To be recognized internationally as the exemplary, comprehensive educational experience for the multifaceted student.

MISSION

At Paxon School for Advanced Studies, we believe passionately that every student must feel he or she belongs while being held to the highest standards to experience the greatest future success in life.

HIGHEST EXPECTATIONS

School Counseling Department

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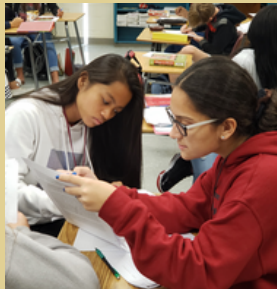
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ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

All core curriculum classes are taken at the honors or AP level. Students are required to complete a minimum of seven AP courses before graduation. Students must also complete seventy-five hours of community service.



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

Paxon has been an IB World School since 1997. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a comprehensive, rigorous two-year international curriculum completed in the 11th and 12th grade (students prepare in 9th and 10th grades by taking Honors and AP courses). The IB Diploma requires successful completion of six college level subject areas and exams. Students must also complete three additional requirements:

- Extended Essay of 4000 words.
- Theory of Knowledge: a course which ensures that students engage in critical analysis and discussion.
- Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS): Personal growth and development by participation in extracurricular activities for a minimum of 18 months.

Curriculum Requirements

Twenty-four (24) credits are required with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Additionally, all students must complete a minimum of 75 hours of community service.

<u>AP Program of Study</u>		<u>IB Program</u>	
English	4 credits	English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits	Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits	Science	4 credits
Soc. Studies	4 credits	Soc. Studies	4 credits
HOPE	1 credit	World Lang.	4 credits
Perf. Arts	1 credit	TOK	2 credits
World Lang.	2 credits	IB 6th Sub.	1 credit
Electives	4 credits	Elective	1 credit
		Complete Extended Essay & CAS	

Our marking system is as follows:
A = Outstanding Progress (90—100)
B = Above Average Progress (80—89)
C = Average Progress (70—79)
D = Lowest Acceptable Progress (60—69)
F = Failure (59—0)

All students complete eight credits each year. Students attend four classes on a block schedule. Full year courses meet on alternating days for ninety minutes each period. Classes meet five days per week, nine weeks per quarter, two quarters per semester, and four quarters per full school year. Cumulative Grade Point Averages are based on semester grades. The semester grade is computed by combining two quarter grades with a semester final exam. All students are given a percentile rank at the end of the eleventh grade and three times senior year (late-Sep., mid-Feb., and the end of the fourth quarter). Percentile rank is determined by GPA using marks earned in all subjects taken in high school. Honors, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses are weighted with an additional 0.50 per semester.

HONORS, AP, IB COURSES AND DEMOGRAPHICS



English

- English Hon I
- FL Pre-IB English I
- FL Pre-IB Inquiry Skills
- English Hon II
- FL Pre-IB English II
- AP English Language & Composition*
- AP English Literature & Composition*
- IB English IV (Eng. A: Literature HL)

Mathematics

- Geometry Hon
- Algebra II Hon
- Pre-Calculus Hon
- Probability & Stat Hon
- Math Data & Fin Lit Hon
- AP Statistics
- IB Math: Applications & Interpretations (SL or HL)
- IB Math: Analysis & Approaches (SL or HL)
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC

Dual Enrollment/

AP/IB Electives

- AP Psychology
- AP Music Theory
- AP Art Drawing
- AP Art History
- AP Studio Art 2-D
- AP Studio Art 3-D
- Portfolio Dev: Draw Hon
- Portfolio Dev: 2-D Hon
- Portfolio Dev: 3-D Hon
- US Military History (DE)
- World History (DE)
- Prin. of Aero. Science (DE)
- Intro to Engineering (DE)
- Unmanned Vehicles & Systems (DE)
- Strategies for Success (DE)
- IB Digital Societies II (SL)
- IB Film I, II (SL), III (HL)
- IB Theatre I, II (SL) & III (HL)
- IB Psychology I, II (SL) & III (HL)
- IB Music I, II (SL) & III (HL)
- IB Theory of Knowledge I & II

Science

- Biology I Hon
- FL Pre-IB Biology I
- Chemistry I Hon
- FL Pre-IB Chemistry I
- Physics I Hon
- Anatomy & Physiology Hon
- Marine Science Hon
- AP Env. Science
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- IB Biology I, II (SL) & III (HL)
- IB Chemistry I, II (SL) & III (HL)
- IB Physics I, II (SL) & III (HL)
- IB Env. Sys & Soc. II (SL)

World Language

- AP French Lang & Cult
- AP Spanish Lang & Cult
- AP Spanish Literature
- FL Pre-IB French I
- FL Pre-IB French II
- IB French III, IV
- IB French V (SL) & VI (HL)
- FL Pre-IB Latin I^
- FL Pre-IB Latin II^
- IB Latin III^, IV^
- IB Latin V (SL)^ & VI (HL)^
- FL Pre-IB Mandarin I
- FL Pre-IB Mandarin 2
- IB Mandarin IV (SL)
- FL Pre-IB Spanish I
- FL Pre-IB Spanish II
- IB Spanish III, IV
- IB Spanish V (SL) & VI (HL)

^Not offered starting 2023-24



Class of 2024 Demographics

American Indian/Alaska Native: 2%

Asian: 12%

Black/African-American: 54%

Hispanic/Latino: 9%

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 1%

White: 36%

F/R Lunch: 36%

AP Program = 62%
IB Program (full diploma) = 38%

*=All Paxon students take these courses

AP Program students must take a minimum of 7 AP courses (AP Human Geography, AP World History, AP U. S. History, AP English Lang. Comp, AP English Lit., AP U. S. Gov & Politics, and AP Macro. are automatically embedded into their curriculum)

IB Program students study the full diploma curriculum and complete all requirements to qualify for an IB diploma.

Some Dual Enrollment courses are taught on Paxon's campus through a partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

For more information, visit: <https://paxonsas3075.wixsite.com/psasschoolcounselors>

PAXON BY THE NUMBERS

Approximately 95% of our graduates plan to continue their education at post-secondary institutions. 85% of these students attend four year colleges and universities while 10% attend two year colleges.

New SAT Mean Scores

Years	Total	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	Mathematics
2019-2020	1149	579	562
2020-2021	1127	574	553
2021-2022	1117	574	543
2022-2023	1114	577	537

ACT Mean Composite Scores

YRS	ENG	MAT H	RDG	SCI	COMP
2019-2020	20.1	19.8	21.7	20.2	20.6
2020-2021	19.9	19.6	21.4	20.1	20.4
2021-2022	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
2022-2023	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

IB Diploma Data

Year (May)	# DP Diploma Candidates	# DP Diplomas Earned
2019	62	47
2020	93	66
2021	99	71
2022	89	67
2023	99	67

For more information about Paxon's IB Diploma Programme and IB student course progression, please visit: <https://paxonsas3075.wixsite.com/ibatpaxon>

SAT, ACT, AND IB DIPLOMA DATA

Below are some of the postsecondary institutes to which Paxon students have been admitted.

(This is not an exhaustive list. Information reflects postsecondary data from 2014 to the present)



COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

Alma College	Jefferson University	University of Denver
Antioch College	Johns Hopkins University	University of East London
Auburn University	Johnson and Wales University	University of Florida
Baylor University	Keiser University	University of Georgia
Berry College	Kettering University	University of Illinois (Urbana Champaign)
Boston University	Lander University	University of Kentucky
Clemson University	Louisiana State University	University of Miami
Colorado School of Mines	Miami University (Ohio)	University of Michigan
Columbia University	Morehouse College	University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
Drexel University	New College of Florida	University of North Carolina (Asheville, Chapel Hill)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Nova Southeastern University	University of North Florida
Emory University	Oglethorpe University	University of Notre Dame
Fisk University	Ohio State University	University of Oklahoma
Flagler College	Ringling College of Art & Design	University of Pennsylvania
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Pittsburgh
Florida Atlantic University	Rollins College	University of South Carolina
Florida Gulf Coast University	SCAD	University of South Florida
Florida Institute of Technology	Seton Hall University	University of Tampa
Florida Polytechnic University	Southern Illinois University (Carbondale)	University of Texas (Austin)
Florida Southern College	Spelman College	University of West Florida
Florida State University	St. John's University	Ursinus College
Fordham University	Stetson University	Valdosta State University
Georgetown University	St. Leo University	Vanderbilt University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Stony Brook University	Virginia Tech
Georgia Southern University	Temple University	Warren Wilson College
Hampden-Sydney College	Tennessee State University	Washington University - St. Louis
Hampton University	Tufts University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Hofstra University	Tulane University	Winthrop University
Howard University	University of Central Florida	Xavier University
Jacksonville University	University of Delaware	Yale University



A PLACE TO EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS

Paxon students are encouraged to explore their interests in order to be active and compassionate life-long learners. All Paxon students are welcome to start a new club that suits their interests and the interests of the student body as long as a faculty member agrees to be the sponsor.



FHSAA Sanctioned Athletics

Baseball, Varsity
Baseball, Junior Varsity
Basketball, Boys Varsity
Basketball, Boys Junior Varsity
Basketball, Girls Varsity
Basketball, Girls Junior Varsity
Bowling
Cheerleading, Varsity
Cheerleading, Junior Varsity
Cross Country, Boys
Cross Country, Girls
Flag Football, Varsity
Flag Football, Junior Varsity
Football, Varsity
Football, Junior Varsity
Golf, Boys
Golf, Girls
Lacrosse, Boys Varsity
Lacrosse, Girls
Soccer, Boys Varsity
Soccer, Boys Junior Varsity
Soccer, Girls Varsity
Soccer, Girls Junior Varsity
Softball, Slow/Fast Pitch Varsity
Softball, Slow/Fast Pitch Junior Varsity
Swimming and Diving
Track and Field, Boys
Track and Field, Girls
Tennis, Boys Varsity
Tennis, Girls Varsity
Volleyball, Varsity
Volleyball, Junior Varsity
Weightlifting, Girls
Wrestling

Academic/Competition

Teams

Brain Brawl, Junior Varsity
Brain Brawl, Varsity
LifeSmarts

Publications

The Aerie (Yearbook)
The Eagle (Newspaper)

Music

Band
Chorus
Drumline

Honor Societies

International Thespian Society (Drama)
Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)
National Art Honor Society
National Chinese Honor Society
National Honor Society
Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society
Science National Honor Society
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (National Hispanic Honor Society)
Société Honoraire de Français (National French Honor Society)
Tri-M Music Honor Society

Foreign Languages

Chinese Club
French Club
Latin Club
Spanish Club

Leadership Training

Golden Eagle Ambassadors
Junior Class Officers
Junior Reserve Officer Training (ROTC)
Paxon PTSA
Paxon SAC
Senior Class Officers
Student Government Association

Tutoring/Homework Assistance

Academic Tutoring
Paxon's Learning Lab
Open Media Center

Special Events

Bloodmobile Drives
College Rep Meetings
Homecoming
Miss PAXON
Mr. Eagle
Prom
Science Fair
Voter Registration

Community Education

Drivers' Education
Enrichment Program

Service/Special Interest Groups

African Dance & Culture Club
Angels for Allison
B.A.S.I.C
Biomedical Club
Black Student Caucus
Caribbean & African Students Association
Chess Club
Cosplay Club
Creative Writing Club
Culinary Club
Drama Club-Thespian Troupe 6487
Enterprising Young Men
E-Sports Club
Feminist Club
Gender & Sexuality Alliance
Go Green Club
Grow Team
Hope Ambassadors
International Student Association (ISA)
Millionaire Mindset Club
Model United Nations
Music is Magic Club
Natural Hair Club
Newspaper Club
Pax-2 TV/TV Production
Paxon Anime Club
Paxon Cultural Council
Paxon E-Sports
Paxon Film Club
Paxon Jewelry Club
Paxon Surf Club
Paxon UNICEF Club
Poetic Justice
Psych Society
Science Fair Club
Tea and Poetry
The Breakfast Club
The Current
The League of Asian & Pacific Islander Students



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Top of the Class

- Top 1% of high schools in the nation (The Washington Post, US News & World Report)
- Graduation rate of 99% for four consecutive years
- Over \$132 million in scholarships & grants (since 2015)

Academic Honors

- Ninety-Five percent (95%) of graduates attend a college or university
- National Merit Scholars, Finalists, and Semifinalists
- Paxon maintains an IB exam pass rate of 81% or more per school year.
- Thirteen appointments to military academies (2013+)
- One Gates Millennium Scholarship Recipient (2015)
- District Science Fair Winner (2015)
- State and International Science Fair Winner (2021)
- One Dale Carnegie Award Recipient (2015)
- Scholastic Gold & Silver Key Winners

Faculty Scholars

- Seventeen (17) international teachers
- Six (6) Gladys Prior Awards for Career Teaching Excellence recipients, the most of any other DCPS school
- One (1) Lucille Crysell Award for Excellence in School Counseling recipient
- Forty-eight (48) advanced degree holders
- Seven (7) National Board Certified teachers
- Nine (9) AP Exam Readers
- Two (2) IB Exam Readers
- Two (2) IB Consultants/Site Visitors/Workshop Leaders (the only in DCPS)
- One (1) Florida Foreign Language Association Teacher of the Year
- One (1) Yale Educator Award Recipient

Paxon Family

- Thirty-eight (38) native languages spoken
- Alumni include many prominent community members, such as: congressmen, US astronauts, and professional athletes
- Pageant winners skilled in talent and interview, including: Miss Albania Super-National, Miss Florida Teen NAM, Miss Jacksonville, Miss Duval County, Miss St. Augustine, Miss High School Sweetheart, and Mr. High School

Activity Spotlight

- National LifeSmarts Champions for 2013 and 2015 (State Champions for six consecutive years)
- Two (2) Choirs designated as State MPA Choirs of Distinction (2018)
- Army JROTC Battalion of Distinction for 18 years (longest streak in area)
- Selected to compete in the United States Chemistry Olympiad
- All Superior ratings in District and State MPA for Women's Chorus and Concert Choir. Students selected for All-State Chorus (2014+)
- Army JROTC Area One Drill Team Champions (2015, 2016)
- Paxon Marching Eagles chosen to play at TaxSlayer Bowl (2017)
- Over 50 clubs, extracurricular activity, and honor society opportunities available

Athletic Highlights

- Girls Basketball Regional Winner and State Runner-Up (2015)
- Girls Cross-Country District Champions (2019)
- Girls Flag Football District Champions (2016)
- Baseball District Champions and Regional Runners-Up (2019)
- Boys Basketball District & Regional Champions, Stat Final Four (2019)
- Boys Soccer District Champions (2016, 2018)
- Girls Softball District Champions (2016, 2019)
- Boys Swimming Individual State Champion (2011, 2012, 2017, 2018)
- Boys Track Regional Winner and State Runner-Up (2015)
- Girls Track State Winner (2015, 2018)
- Girls Weightlifting District Champions (2016)
- Times-Union Player of the Year (2015)
- All-State Football Player (2016)
- Every district sport offered
- Athletic scholarships received in baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, soccer, swimming, track, and volleyball