

College Night, April 15, 2025

What is common data set website address?

<https://commondataset.org/>

Does a Financial Aid package come before student is accepted off waitlist?

Students admitted from a waitlist will typically receive a financial aid award letter along with their offer. Colleges that meet 100% of demonstrated financial need will treat waitlisted students the same as those admitted through regular admissions. However, the availability of certain types of aid (like merit-based scholarships) are usually unavailable or very limited, as these funds have already been awarded to students admitted earlier.

If a student is denied admission, how does the appeal process work?

Not all colleges offer a formal appeals process. However, both Florida State University (FSU) and the University of Florida (UF) currently do. If a college has an appeals process, it typically includes a specific deadline and detailed requirements—these can be found on the admissions section of the university's website.

In most cases, an appeal must present *new and compelling* information that was not included in the original application. It's important to note that the likelihood of a denial being overturned through an appeal is generally low.

Can we please get information about getting the process started? This is virtually the same presentation we attended in Fall. These kids have not yet been taught how to create accounts on Common App, learned what School Links is, been guided on essays which are due in August. We feel as if we are way behind the game from when my daughter went through this 2 years ago.

We understand your concern and want to reassure you that our students are on track. While the Fall presentation focused on the college search process and tools for identifying best-fit schools, the February classroom sessions—and last week's presentation, which included a review of recent outcomes and recommended strategies—focused on preparing students to begin the application process. All presentation slides are available on the PVS College Counseling website under the "Presentations" tab for your reference.

Students were introduced to *SchoolLinks* in September and have been using it during their advisory periods throughout the year. Regarding the *Common Application* we have encouraged rising Seniors to create an account for review but have cautioned them against filling it out until the 2025–26 cycle opens in early August. Information entered before then will not carry over.

Between now and August students have been advised to:

- Review the Common App sections and begin drafting responses offline
- Look at the 2025–26 main essay prompts (released Feb 27) and start brainstorming and pre-writing
- Preview last year's school-specific essays as examples, though final prompts will come out in the fall

We recognize that this process can feel time-sensitive, but the current timeline is intentional and based on when reliable, actionable information becomes available. We'll continue providing timely guidance and resources through the remainder of the school year and summer, and are always available to answer any questions or meet to provide further support.

We could have all reviewed the slides with statistics. I think the session could have been better used to address the steps moving forward. Why haven't these kids had counseling sessions yet. Venice High students have an entire Rotary Futures team on campus that sends out frequent to do lists, upcoming dates etc. We have heard very little at this point.

Thank you so much for sharing your thoughts. We understand your concern and want to clarify a few important points.

Counseling meetings with Mr. Bergman for rising Seniors have been ongoing since mid-March. Details on how to schedule these meetings were shared during the February class meetings, have been posted on the PVS College website, and included in PowerPoint presentations shared with students and families.

These one-on-one meetings are designed to support students in planning for life after high school. They include discussions about college goals, resume reviews, and personalized guidance on the application process. Because every student's path is different, appointments are set up by students or parents at a time that works best for them.

For a full overview of the timeline and next steps, we encourage you to take a look at the presentation and website, where key dates, timelines and information are listed.

What was the median sat score not the mean for UF for the Pine View Class of 2025?

The median SAT score was 1510.

Will ELA teachers be assisting students with college essay writing?

Yes. College Essay support is provided initially at the end of 11th grade, in preparation for summer essay writing. Senior English teachers build College Essay support into their Fall curriculum.

Can the school please provide both a printed document and an email with the deadlines for applications to all Florida Public Universities? This would be very helpful.

Appearing on the pvscollegecounseling website, and shared with students and families during our meetings is what is known as the State University Matrix. This document is shared with counselors and the general public each year in early September. Among the information included is application deadline information for the upcoming application cycle. These dates can change each year, as they did last cycle (UF went to an Early Action model with changed application and release dates, as did UCF).

Last year's document can be found on the pvscollegecounseling website under [APPLY → Applying to Florida Public Universities](#) but should only be used as a general guide as **information and dates may change!**

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