

## Summer College Planning 2025-26

### June – August

- Please review the *Summer To Do List* shared in May. Complete assigned tasks by August 1!
- Complete all assigned *SchoolLinks* tasks. Set up your Profile and invite a Parent/Guardian.
- Complete and upload your Resume, Student Questionnaire and Prompts and share with MrB.
- Register for and take a summer administration of the SAT or ACT (if necessary).
- Continue to research all colleges of interest. Gather information about academics, campus life and financial aid opportunities. Use *SchoolLinks* and resources found on [www.pvcollegecounseling.com](http://www.pvcollegecounseling.com).
- Talk about college costs as a family. Visit the Net Price Calculators for your desired schools at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/netpricecalculator/#/> to determine approximate out of pocket costs.
- Narrow your college list to fewer than eight to ten schools (2 selective, 3 target, 3 likely). Only apply to schools you are both willing *and* able to attend. This is a suggested maximum; you needn't apply to this many and most Pine View students do not. Add your colleges to your Favorite List in *SchoolLinks*.
- Create a checklist for test scores, essays, recommendations, financial aid applications, and deadlines for each college to which you are applying (there are templates on the PV counseling website).
- Most applications open in August. You should begin Early Action/Early Decision as well as all Florida public university applications over the summer.
- If you are applying to Florida Public universities (see 2024-25 SUS Matrix):
  - Note the FSU and UCF (mid-October) and UF (November 1<sup>st</sup>) Early Action deadlines. Applications will open by mid-August. Most of you will be using the *Common Application* to apply though you may also use their institutional applications [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org).
  - Other in-state public university campuses use priority rolling admissions plans. Plan to apply early in all cases (for admission and scholarship priority).
- Most private colleges and many out-of-state public universities use the *Common Application*. A few select colleges still use their own application.
- The 2025-26 application cycle for the *CommonApp* opens after August 1<sup>st</sup>. However, you should begin completing the application NOW (entered information will be “rolled over”).
  - Review the *Application instructions for First-Year Students* <https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-year-students>.
- The *Common App* essay prompts can be found at <https://www.commonapp.org/blog/announcing-2025-2026-common-app-essay-prompts>
- Begin developing and writing your essay NOW and have a strong, final draft version by August.
- For colleges that require teacher recommendations, think about the teachers you might ask to write (two are usually required). Make initial requests in person either now or upon return from summer break. You will request electronically through *SchoolLinks* after August 1st (directions to follow).
- Special Circumstances
  - If interested in participating in college athletics you must register with the *NCAA Clearinghouse* to ensure eligibility <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
  - If applying to one of the U.S. Military Academies, the application and congressional nomination process has begun. Contact each service academy directly and begin the application.