



# Pine View Diploma

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** How does creating a vision for Pine View School help our students and the school?

**Answer:** Pine View has had a mission statement for many years, which guides our day-to-day operations and decision-making as it pertains to policy and instruction. A vision statement, which Pine View has never had, is an aspirational statement of where we want to be and what we want to become as a school community.

**Question:** Do the vision statement and the graduation requirements impact the fine and performing arts?

**Answer:** Yes- in fact, by including the words, “arts” in the vision statement, and including the expectation that all world languages be taken at Pine View, we are explicitly affirming our commitment to all the arts at Pine View. In fact, for the 2019-2020 year, for the first time, we added 6<sup>th</sup> grade band as an option for our students.

**Question:** How many rigorous courses will my child need to take over their high school career?

**Answer:** 8, starting with the Class of 2025.

Rigorous courses include: Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Statistics II, Organic Chemistry and Biotechnology.

Rigorous courses also include: Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Design and Development and TV Production/Digital Media (years 3 & 4).

**Question:** Who is impacted by the requirement of 8 rigorous courses?

**Answer:** The requirement of 8 rigorous courses will begin with the class of 2025.

**Question:** Does my child have to earn a specific grade in this class or on an associated external exam?

**Answer:** Students must earn a grade of A, B or C in these courses. Students enrolled in AP courses must sit for the exam but are **not** required to earn a specific score on external exams to meet the rigorous course requirement.

**Question:** If my student transfers in after freshman year, will he or she be required to earn 8 rigorous course credits?

**Answer:** Yes. However, rigorous courses taken from previous schools (or virtual schools) will be accepted.

**Question:** What if my child took online credits before they came to Pine View?

**Answer:** Credits earned prior to enrolling at Pine View may be accepted *upon transcript review*; however, students enrolling as a:

10<sup>th</sup> grader must earn 17 credits on the PV campus by gifted endorsed faculty to earn a PV Diploma.

11<sup>th</sup> grader must earn 11 credits on the PV campus by gifted endorsed faculty to earn a PV Diploma.

12<sup>th</sup> grader must earn 5 credits on the PV campus by gifted endorsed faculty to earn a PV Diploma.

**Question:** What if my student does not meet the graduation requirements for a Pine View Diploma?

**Answer:** The student will be eligible for a Sarasota County Schools diploma, which has happened at Pine View School for many years.

**Question:** Does College Board have guidelines for enrollment that would preclude students from taking specific AP courses?

**Answer:** Some courses have *guidelines* which encourage students to meet the prerequisites before enrolling in the course. For example, AP Chemistry students must have successfully mastered the concepts in Algebra II to be successful in AP Chemistry, due to the nature of the course demands. However, due to the diverse nature of Pine View's course offerings, *rigorous course options are available for all students.*

**Question:** Does my student have to take AP courses in order to graduate from Pine View?

**Answer:** It is quite possible to graduate from Pine View having taken **NO** Advanced Placement courses. We encourage students to challenge themselves, take courses appropriate to their needs, and all students have access to Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, Career and Technical, and Honors courses.

**Question:** Does Pine View offer an adequate number of AP courses?

**Answer:** Pine View offers **all available** AP courses, except Japanese, German, Italian, and Latin.