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**PINES COLLEGIATE ACADEMY 6-12**

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Ms. Shawn Aycock, Principal

August 2025

## Principal's Welcome Message

Dear Pines Collegiate Academy Families and Community Members,  
Greetings! I'm Shawn Aycock, your proud principal, and I'm thrilled to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year at **Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12!** This year marks a significant and exciting new chapter as we expand our academy to proudly welcome our inaugural ninth grade class. We are deeply committed to empowering every student to reach their full potential within our expanded scope.

### Celebrating Our School Grade!

We have wonderful news to share with the Pines Collegiate Academy family! Through the hard work and dedication of our entire school community, **we have once again maintained our "B" school grade!** This achievement is a testament to the continued progress of our students and staff. We are especially excited to share that we were just **one percentage point shy of earning an "A"**, showing how close we are to reaching the very top tier! We are committed to building on this momentum and continuing to strive for excellence in every area.



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### **Back-to-School Forms**

An important packet is going home with your child on the first day of school. Be sure to read, sign, and return all paperwork during the first week of school to ensure your child's success. For more information: <https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool>.

### **Code of Student Conduct**

Parents are responsible for the actions of their children. It is imperative that parents/guardians review information about rights and expectations with their children in the Code of Student Conduct.

<https://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct>

### **Immunizations**

Florida Statute 1003.22 states that before entering or attending a Broward County Public School, students must provide a Florida Certificate of Immunizations (DH 680 form) documenting that all immunizations are current and up to date or exemption requirements are met. Contact the front office for location information on free immunizations.

### **Attendance**

**Parent Responsibility: Excusing an Absence** - It is the parent's responsibility to communicate a reason for absence by phone or through the online form available on the school's website (Contact > Report an Absence) or in the BCPS Mobile App (Directory icon).

### **Transportation: Register2Ride**

Visit <https://www.browardschools.com/ride> to register for transportation, check route status, and print bus passes. Questions? [register2ride@browardschools.com](mailto:register2ride@browardschools.com) or call 754-321-4499.

### **School Clinic Consent**

Per HB 1557, students cannot be seen in the clinic without parental consent on file unless in the case of a medical emergency. To ensure your child can be seen in the clinic, be sure to give consent on the Emergency Card in your first week packet.

### **Morning Procedures & Supervision**

All students will enter through the bus loop entrance double doors starting at 8:30 a.m. An adult will scan student IDs as they enter. All 6<sup>th</sup> graders will report to gymnasium, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will report to the cafeteria, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will report to the Media Center. All students are encouraged to have breakfast upon arrival.

### **Student ID & Unified Dress Code**

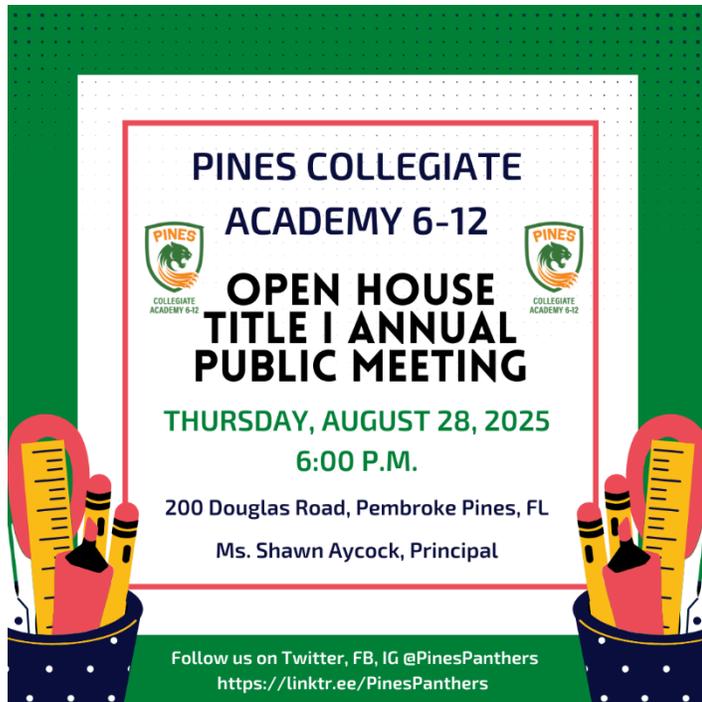
Pines is a unified dress code school for grades 6-8. All students must wear IDs at all times. See additional information on pages 3 and 4. **Crocs are not allowed!**

### **Bell Schedule and Calendars**

Schedules, Calendars, and more are posted and updated on the Student Canvas course and our website - [www.browardschools.com/pines](https://www.browardschools.com/pines).

### Open House / Title I Annual Public Meeting

We look forward to welcoming families to our Open House on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.



### Clubs & Athletics

Calling all students! Look out for announcements from Club Advisors and Athletic Coaches for exciting opportunities to get involved!

### Before & After Care

Pines offers two options for Before & After Care:

- **Hispanic Unity - Unity 4 Teens** – Before & After Care spots are limited and filling quickly. Register: <https://bit.ly/unityforteens>. Info: Mrs. Bajwa at [shazia.bajwa@browardschools.com](mailto:shazia.bajwa@browardschools.com).
- **Be Strong** – After Care Only. Please see our front office for more information.

### Yearbooks Memories

Visit our online store soon to purchase a 2025-2026 Yearbook at early bird pricing. Prices will increase in January. Please contact the front office for more information. Visit our [Online Store](#).



### School Advisory Committee & School Advisory Forum

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) & School Advisory Forum (SAF) meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M. All community members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The first meeting is on September 4, 2025.

### South Region Advisory Meetings

We look forward to welcoming our stakeholders to all South Region Advisory Meetings and Title I events. The first meeting is on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. in our Media Center.



All stakeholders are encouraged to attend and join PTSA! For more information, [PinesMiddlePTSA@gmail.com](mailto:PinesMiddlePTSA@gmail.com).

### Lines of Communication

We endeavor to keep our stakeholders informed. In addition to morning and afternoon announcements, students have access to Canvas for Global and Student Course Announcements as well as Inbox messages. Parents and guardians receive ParentLinks for phone, email, and text messages. *If you are not receiving our messages, please contact the front office to update your phone and email addresses.* The community has access to our website [www.browardschools.com/pines](http://www.browardschools.com/pines) as well as our social media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter) @PinesPanthers to stay aware and involved with all things Pines.



## Principal's Welcome

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### IMPORTANT UPDATES AND DATES FOR 2025-2026

We have some important changes and key dates to share as we prepare for the new academic year:

- **Updated Website:** We are excited to announce our new, updated website is now live. Please visit <https://pines.browardschools.com/> for the latest information and resources.
- **School Hours:** Our instructional hours for students are now **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**.

### NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation for our new students will take place on **Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**.

- **Middle School New Student Orientation:** Schedule pick-up will occur in the cafeteria at **9:30 AM**, with orientation will start at **10:00 AM** and tours will immediately follow.
- **Ninth Grade Orientation:** Our special orientation for the incoming class will begin at **1:00 PM** in the media center.
- **First Day of School:** We officially kick off the new academic year for all students on **Monday, August 11, 2025**.

**SAFETY & SUPERVISION** - Student safety remains our top priority.

- **Supervision** - Available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; *students should not arrive on campus before 8:30 a.m.* Please utilize the car loop for drop-offs and pick-ups.
- **Before/After Care** - Families who need to drop their children off to school earlier than 8:30 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m. should consider our Before/After Care Programs.
- **Walgreens is not a designated pick up or drop off site.** In addition to there being no school supervision, Walgreens management has asked us to advise families that students and adults are being issued trespass warnings by Pembroke Pines Police for unsafe and/or inappropriate behavior on their premises. To ensure your child's safety, please plan to pick up/drop off through our car loop, secure bus transportation for your child, or direct your child who walks/rides bike to go directly home after school.
- **If You See Something, Say Something** - Safety remains our #1 priority. For ways to report, visit <https://www.browardschools.com/securitytips>.

**UNIFIED DRESS CODE / ID CARDS** - Students are required to ID cards at all times.

- Pines is a unified dress code school for grades 6-8. Copies of the unified dress code are included in this newsletter. Unified dress code items can be purchased at any store.
- Temporary IDs will be distributed during the first week of school. After Picture Day on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, students will obtain their permanent ID cards.
- Students incur a \$5 fee/obligation when issued their 5th ID replacement and beyond. Those who do not wear their ID will receive consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and the Discipline Matrix.

**BREAKFAST/LUNCH:** Children need to eat healthy meals to learn. **Universal free breakfast and lunch has been discontinued.** The online application is an easy and convenient way for parents and guardians to complete the multi-child meal benefit application to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch. Contact the meal benefits office at 754-321-0250.

**FIRST DAY PACKETS/CODE OF CONDUCT:** First Day Packets and Code of Conduct: Important documents will be distributed to students on the first day. Please review these materials and return completed forms by Friday, August 22, 2025. The Student Code of Conduct is available online at <https://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct>.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at Pines Collegiate Academy, we express our excitement to serve you and your children and foster an environment of growth, mastery, and unmistakable Collegiate Pride!

Sincerely,

Ms. Shawn Aycok  
Principal





## PINES COLLEGIATE ACADEMY 6-12

Unified Dress Code  
Shawn Aycock, Principal



Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12 is committed to establishing a safe environment where the focus is on academics. It is the intent of the school program that students be dressed and groomed in an appropriate manner that will not interfere with or detract from the educational process. Research has shown that a unified dress code policy will promote safety, improve discipline and enhance the learning environment. Visitors on campus will be evident to security, students won't compete with designer clothes, and the focus will be on academic achievement.

For students in Grades 6-8, Pines Collegiate Academy implements a unified dress code. Adherence to these guidelines is mandatory every school day.

While students in Grades 9-12 are not required to follow the unified dress code, they must still adhere to all aspects of the Broward County Public Schools Dress Code Policy. This includes guidelines regarding appropriate attire, prohibited items, and general appearance expectations for a conducive learning environment.

**ID Badges are mandatory for ALL students in Grades 6-12 and must be worn and visible EVERYDAY while on campus.** This is a critical component of our school's safety and security protocols.

### UNIFIED DRESS CODE (GRADES 6-8)

Tops	Collar (No logo) "polo" style SOLID color short or long-sleeved shirts. <b>Approved colors: Navy Blue, Black Forest Green, Grey, and White.</b>
Bottoms:	"Dockers" style long, straight-legged pants, knee-length shorts, or skirts or appropriate joggers. <b>Approved colors: Navy Blue, Black, or Khaki</b>
Jeans:	Appropriate Jeans are permitted on <b>FRIDAYS</b> only with a school <i>spirit shirt</i> (not a polo shirt)
Dresses:	"Polo" style or plain jumper with approved color shirt underneath (Knee-length or longer) <b>NO DENIM</b>
Shoes:	Closed toe and back— <b>NO OPENED TOE OR BACKLESS SHOES</b> <b>CROCS are NOT PERMITTED</b>

### COOL WEATHER WEAR (GRADES 6-8)

- Jackets, coats in any color will be permitted on extremely cold days. For daily classroom use, preferably plain jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts may be worn.
- **HOODIES** are not permitted to be worn on the head while on campus.

### INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS AND CLOTHING (ALL GRADES 6-12)

The following items and clothing are considered inappropriate for all students and are not permitted:

- Revealing clothing or clothing that exposes the torso.
- Clothing that is not worn appropriately, oversized, or low-hanging trousers.
- Clothing that exposes the upper thigh.
- Sweatpants, jogging attire (unless part of an approved athletic class or event), leggings, or athletic shorts.
- Chains, spikes, bandanas, long dangling belts, or gang paraphernalia.
- Tattered clothes, clothing with holes, or frayed pants or shorts.
- Exaggerated or distracting hairstyles and hair colors.

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## PINES COLLEGIATE ACADEMY 6-12 Student Success Guide



### School Hours

- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Block Schedule

- Students have a total of 8 classes; 4 periods per day.
  - A Days (Orange) = Periods 1-4
  - B Days (Green) = Periods 5-8

### Bell Schedule & Odd/Even Calendar

- Visit [browardschools.com/pines](http://browardschools.com/pines)

### Uniform Information

- LinkTree - [linktr.ee/pinespanthers](http://linktr.ee/pinespanthers)

### To Access Focus:

- Log in to Clever/SSO and click FOCUS or direct link: [browardschools.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/](http://browardschools.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/)
- Create a Parent Account!
- More: <https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/information-technology/focus-student-information-system/focus-help-for-parents-and-families>

### Information Available in Focus:

FOCUS > Select the following under the student's name panel

- Class Schedule
- Grades
- Test History / Florida Assessments
- Attendance
- Student Services (ESE/IEP, Gifted/EP)
- Child Info > Transportation (Bus Route)
  - To Register for a Bus:  
*Register2Ride* - [browardschools.com/register2ride](http://browardschools.com/register2ride)

To Set Preferred Language: Preferences > Language > Save

To Set Up Notifications: FOCUS > Click Preferences > Select Child Info > Click Notifications

### To Access Clever:

- Log in to Clever/SSO ([sso.browardschools.com](http://sso.browardschools.com))
  - Username: 06#####@my.browardschools.com
  - Password: Student created - teachers can reset the password, if needed
- More: <https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/information-technology/single-sign-on>

### To Email Teachers and Staff:

- Visit [browardschools.com/pines](http://browardschools.com/pines)
- At the top left of the screen > Click CONTACT > Select SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY
- Select all individuals to email and scroll to the bottom to click SEND EMAIL to write your message.

### To Report an Absence:

- Visit [browardschools.com/pines](http://browardschools.com/pines)
- At the top left of the screen > Click CONTACT > Select REPORT AN ABSENCE

### Counseling Services

- Grade level guidance counselors:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Amy Carrabba
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Maria Desmond
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Lydia Delbrune
- School Social Worker: [Melanie.Birken@browardschools.com](mailto:Melanie.Birken@browardschools.com)
- Community Family Counseling Services at Flanagan HS – 754-323-0722 (12 free counseling sessions)

### Lines of Communication:

- ParentLink Messages (phone, email, text) Not getting messages? Call the office to update your contact info.
- AM/PM In-School announcements
- Canvas (Global Announcements, Student Canvas Course Announcements, Inbox Messages)
- School Website - [browardschools.com/pines](http://browardschools.com/pines)
- Social Media – Instagram, Facebook, Twitter - @PinesPanthers & LinkTree - [linktr.ee/pinespanthers](http://linktr.ee/pinespanthers)





# See Something, Say Something

## Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.



### Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.



[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](https://www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips)



### Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

**754-321-3500**



### Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

[SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com)

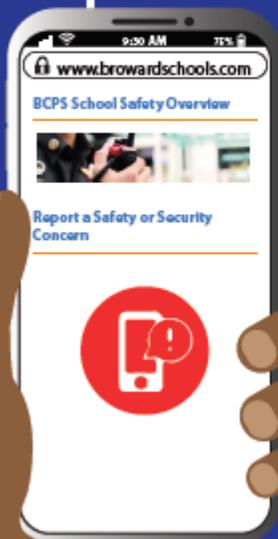


### FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (**no download required**) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.



[GetFortifyFL.com](https://www.getfortifyfl.com)



**BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS & PINES COLLEGIATE ACADEMY 6-12  
PARENT TRAINING INFORMATION – 2025-2026**

Parents and Guardians are an integral part of a school’s environment and their child’s success. Families are encouraged to participate in the following to training designed to educate parents on district policies and school procedures:

**1. Policy 5.9: Anti-Bullying (Grades K-12)**

[Eduvision link](https://bit.ly/parentantibully) - (Direct Link: <https://bit.ly/parentantibully>)  
18-minute video Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9 Training for Parents

**2. Policy 5010: Policy Against Student Dating Violence or Abuse (Grades 6-12)**

[Dating Matters Understanding Teen Dating Violence Prevention](https://vetoviolenecdc.gov/apps/datingmatters/)  
(Direct Link: <https://vetoviolenecdc.gov/apps/datingmatters/>)  
60-minute, interactive online training designed to help educators, youth-serving organizations, and parents understand the risk factors and warning signs associated with teen dating violence.

**3. Threat Assessment Parent Training - [See Something, Say Something Parent Presentation](#)**

**4. Schoolwide Positive Behavior Plan (SPBP)**

**PINES COLLEGIATE ACADEMY 6-12  
SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN**

2025-2026  
RULES & EXPECTATIONS

School-wide Expectations and Location Rules			
School-wide EXPECTATIONS	Hallway Rules	Cafeteria Rules	Schoolwide Rules
Respect Yourself and Others	Keep your Hands, Body, and Objects to yourself. (HBO)	Follow all directions given by the cafe monitors/adults	Maintain appropriate behavior
Be Safe	Walk safely to your destination	Remain seated	Report suspicious or dangerous behavior and threats
Be Responsible	Arrive to class on time and prepared to learn	Leave your area clean	IDs and dress code must be worn at all times

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Expectation Lessons Taught during the week of:  
8/11/25  
1/6/26  
3/23/26

Lessons:  
Rules  
Respect  
Being on Time



**REWARD SYSTEM:**

Each month 10+ students in each grade level with perfect attendance and no referrals for the prior month will be entered into a raffle for an award.

