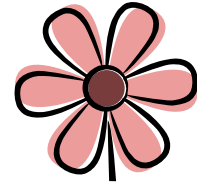




May Newsletter



May 2026

Hello Summer

Planning Ahead: Your Roadmap to College Admissions

Thinking about life after high school?

Whether you're a freshman or a senior, it's never too early (or too late) to start digging into the details. A common mistake students make is assuming that every college has the same entry requirements. In reality, admissions criteria can vary wildly based on the school you choose and even the specific major you're eyeing. Beyond just a GPA and a transcript, many programs have "hidden" prerequisites. **To help you stay ahead of the game, here are three common requirements you might encounter right here in Pennsylvania:**

Some Colleges Require...

Foreign Language Requirements:

Many liberal arts colleges and larger universities want to see that you've challenged yourself with a second language. While some schools suggest it, others require it for admission.

Competitive majors:

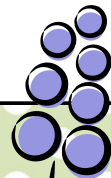
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Counselor's Pro-Tip

Don't guess! Visit the "Admissions" or "Prospective Students" page on a university's website. Look for a section labeled "Freshman Admission Requirements" or "Recommended High School Curriculum."



IMPORTANT INFO!



Summer Schedule Policy & Course Changes

As we head into the summer break, we know many of you are eager to see your final schedules. To ensure a smooth transition into the new academic year, we want to clarify our policy regarding schedule adjustments.

Please note that we do not make schedule changes over the summer months. Our counseling team uses this time to finalize enrollments and ensure every student has a complete roster.

When is a change allowed?

We only process "essential corrections" if there is a logistical error in your schedule. Examples of these errors include:

- Missing Graduation Requirements: You have a required core class that is missing.
- Duplicate Classes: You have been placed in a course you have already successfully completed.
- Blank Periods: You have a "gap" or a missing period in your schedule.

Changing Electives

If you have a change of heart regarding an elective course or were put into an elective course you did not choose, these requests will not be handled during the summer. Instead, please schedule an appointment with your school counselor during the first week of school. We will do our best to accommodate these requests based on class availability and your overall graduation plan.



CLASS OF 2026: REQUESTING YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT

Congratulations, seniors! As you prepare to head off to your chosen college or university, there is one final piece of paperwork to wrap up: your final high school transcript. Most institutions require a final, official transcript showing your graduation date and final senior year grades to finalize your enrollment.

To ensure your transcript is sent to the correct destination, please email our Guidance Secretary (alvarez.natalie@pvbears.org). When sending your request, be sure to include:


- Your full legal name.
- The exact name of the college or university you will be attending.
- The specific admissions email address or mailing address where the transcript should be sent.

Our team will process these requests as final grades are verified and graduation is officially recorded.



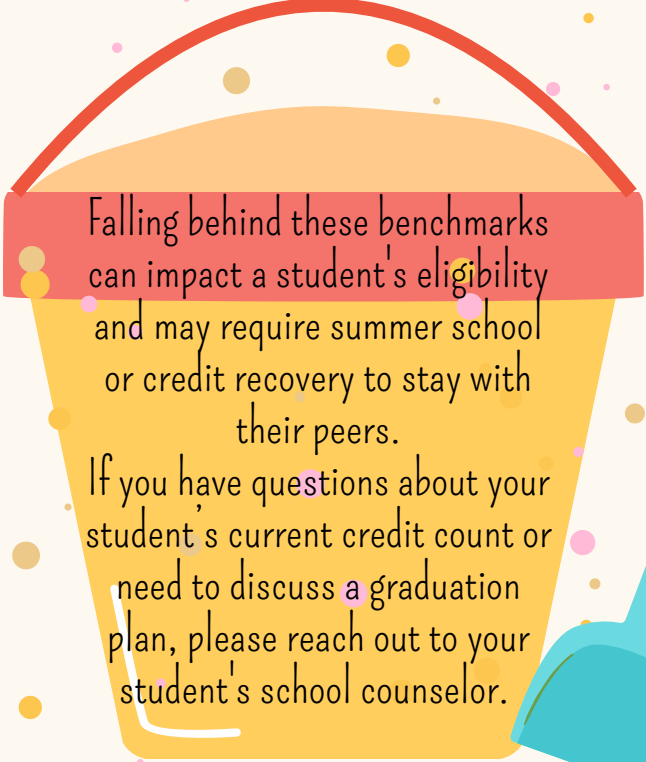


Staying on Track: Credit Requirements for Graduation

- Success in high school is a marathon, not a sprint, and staying "on track" is the best way to ensure your student crosses the finish line with their graduating class. To remain in good academic standing and graduate with their cohort, students must meet specific credit milestones by the end of each school year.
 - Use a graduation plan, please reach out to your student's school counselor.
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Please review the following credit requirements to ensure your student is meeting the necessary benchmarks:

Grade Level	Minimum Credits Earned By the End of the Year
9th Grade	3.0 Credits
10th Grade	10.0 Credits
11th Grade	17.0 Credits



Falling behind these benchmarks can impact a student's eligibility and may require summer school or credit recovery to stay with their peers.

If you have questions about your student's current credit count or need to discuss a graduation plan, please reach out to your student's school counselor.



YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP: NAVIGATING THE GUIDANCE WEBSITE

GUIDANCE WEBSITE

Looking for resources but not sure where to start? We have packed our departmental website with everything you need to prepare for the upcoming year. You can find us at pvbears.org:

1. Select "Our Schools" and click on High School.
 2. Under "Departments," select Guidance.
- Here is a quick guide to what you'll find once you're there:

STAY UPDATED: THE GUIDANCE CALENDAR

Right on the main page, you'll see our Guidance Calendar.

Over the summer, we will begin posting fall events, including college visits, ASVAB dates, and scholarship deadlines. Check back often so you don't miss out!

REMINDERS

Our school counselors are only in the office periodically during the summer months. For the fastest response, please use the email or phone number for the Guidance Secretary found at the bottom of the main page. This is the best way to get a message to a counselor during the break.

Mental Health & Student Support
Your well-being is our priority. Under the "Student Support Resources" tab, families can access mental health hotlines and a variety of online mental health resources available 24/7.

Meet Your Counselor & Schedule Appointments

On the left-hand side under "Information," click the "Meet Your Counselors" tab. Here, you can:

- Identify who your specific counselor is based on your student's last name.
- Find direct contact information for each counselor.
- Schedule an Appointment: Use the "Schedule an Appointment" button on this page to book a time to meet during the first week of school.

Meet The Team

As we wrap up one wonderful year and gear up for another fantastic year, we want to introduce the dedicated professionals here to support your student's academic, social, and emotional growth. Our counselors are your primary point of contact for graduation planning, college applications, and personal support.

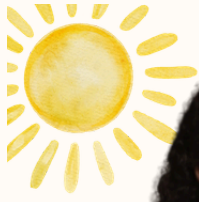
Below you'll find the breakdown of our team and their specific caseloads:

- Mr. Brian Morgan
(morgan.brian@pvbears.org) - All MCTI Students
- Ms. Cevrina Vazquez
(vazquez.cevrina@pvbears.org) - Last Names: A-Dir
- Mrs. Kristen Stachina
(stachina.kristen@pvbears.org) - Last Names: Dis-Kur
- Mrs. Carley Hartzell
(hartzell.carley@pvbears.org) - Last Names: Kus-Rice
- Mrs. Payton (Gregory) Storms
(gregory.payton@pvbears.org) - Last Names: Rich-Z
- Ms. Ariana Leibenguth
(leibenguth.ariana@pvbears.org) - All PVBA (Cyber) Students

Summer Support &

Planning doesn't stop when the final bell rings! Please note that our counselors remain available in the office periodically throughout the summer months to assist you and your student. While we may have limited summer hours, we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition into the fall. If you need assistance, please reach out to your assigned counselor via email or call the Guidance Office at 570-402-1000 ext. 4011.





Mrs. VAZQUEZ - LAST NAMES: A-DIR



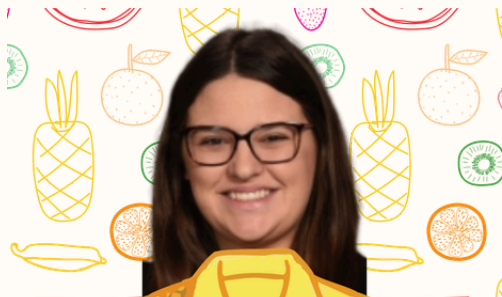
Mrs. STACHINA - LAST NAMES: DIS-KUR

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Mrs. HARTZELL - LAST NAMES: KUS-RICE

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Mrs. STORMS - LAST NAMES: RICH-Z



MR. MORGAN - ALL MCTI STUDENTS



Ms. LEIBENGUTH - ALL PVBA STUDENTS

