



About Our College Planning Model:

Our comprehensive approach to college planning at Pine Lake is uniquely designed to best fit the needs of Pine Lake students:

- Splitting the college planning responsibilities among four AP's by grade level creates smaller student caseloads, allowing for closer relationships, better communication, and more personalized services. This ultimately means that PLP students will likely end up with a better college match and fit.
- Dividing the caseload by grade level allows for greater availability of each college planner. When students and parents have questions or concerns, the college planners can respond quickly and efficiently.
- Senior College Planning - Mr. Rhodes - English Academic Partner / Ethics of Technology (PLP graduation requirement). All seniors take the Ethics of Technology class with Mr. Rhodes. This allows him to get to know all seniors on a personal level and students can connect on a daily basis. His expertise in English allows for highly developed collaboration on college essays and applications.
- Junior College Planning - Mr. Walker, the junior college planner, teaches all students taking chemistry, usually during their sophomore or junior year. This provides a unique opportunity for personalized counseling on academic success and realistic college and career goals during the junior year.
- Sophomore College Planning - Mrs. Reuter - Sophomore year is a big testing year - all Pine Lake sophomores take the PLAN and PSAT in preparation for college entrance exams. Ms. Reuter, Dean of Students and the school testing coordinator, is the ideal person to help students navigate through these exams and understand their importance in college planning.
- Freshman College Planning - Mrs. Triplett - Freshmen year college planning largely consists of supporting the successful academic and social transition to upper school, in addition to exploring interests, abilities and values, and their relationship to college programs and larger career goals. Ms. Triplett is the ideal person to serve as freshman

college planner because of her specialized training in freshman transition, career counseling, and the college planning needs of freshmen.

Pine Lake's College Planning Team consists of four experienced, grade-level specific academic partners who are uniquely suited to meet students' college planning needs. Members of our team have attended Naviance trainings, College Board workshops and SACAC conferences and are members of NACAC and SACAC. Members have participated in professional development activities specific to meeting the needs of a wide range of students including the advisement of students who are qualified to attend most and highly selective universities, students with disabilities and students who are first in their family to go to college.