



Good Shepherd School - Pathway to The Pine School For 6th Grade Fall Admission 2024

The Pine School and Good Shepherd Episcopal School have enjoyed a longstanding, healthy relationship as independent schools serving Palm Beach and Martin Counties. Since 2000, the schools have appreciated a similar alignment, both pedagogical and philosophical, and witnessed many Good Shepherd graduates successfully transition to The Pine School. Following the addition of The Pine School's upper school in 2005 and move from Stuart to its current location in Hobe Sound in 2007, that bond has been made even stronger. **The leadership at both schools is excited to formalize their relationship with a 6th grade position specifically reserved for Good Shepherd elementary school graduates**, thus providing an educational path from preschool through high school graduation.

GSES students applying to PINE for 6th grade must be:

- Currently enrolled in 5th grade and in good standing academically and behaviorally
- Score a 50% or higher on the MAP test, for both math and reading, in spring of 4th grade and/or fall of 5th grade.

GSES students entering grade 5 will be able to fast track the application process to PINE by completing the following steps in the Fall:

- Complete The Pine School's online application process and submit recommendations. The \$75 application process will be waived (call PINE for waiver code)
- Attend a special GSES student visit day at PINE (date TBD) and parent meeting. GSES students will not need to take the MAP test at The Pine School as typical applicants do.
- Give parental consent to GSES to send MAP testing, ERB results, and report cards to PINE.

If a student is under 50% in MAP testing, or currently has a plan (academic or behavioral) through the GSES Care Committee, admission to PINE will require a separate meeting with the parents and the Admission Director to determine if the needs of the student can be met. The Pine School does offer Academic Center services however space and accommodations are limited and are not guaranteed.

GSES 5th grade students who complete the admission process to PINE's 6th grade by November 1 will receive special "early" consideration. Acceptance to PINE is determined by The Pine School's admission committee and is not guaranteed. An admission decision will be communicated in December. Parents must formally commit by February 1 or space is not guaranteed.

The financial aid application process is separate from the admission process and will be considered on an individual basis. Financial aid applications open November 1.