



COLLEGE GUIDANCE PROGRAM



Interest Exploration Stage: Grades 9-10

The College Counselor begins building a foundation with ninth-grade students by exploring a wide variety of academic and extracurricular options. This allows them to adequately reflect on how their strengths and interests may be valuable in pursuing certain career paths. Ninth and tenth-grade students work on refining their initial findings to a smaller group of genuine passions that they can then explore further. Programming in this stage includes:

- Attending their first family college guidance meeting
- Exploring activities
- Taking a career test
- Visiting a college campus



Passion Pursuit Stage: Grade 11

Students begin “testing the waters” and acting on their college research. Eleventh-grade students become more involved with the college planning process as they take on additional roles and activities that align with their interests and showcase their academic expertise or leadership initiatives. Students also begin to familiarize themselves with the college application key elements, scheduling college visits to experience various campuses, and standardized testing. Reflection is imperative to further narrow their top career interests. Programming in this stage includes:

- Participating in regular college planning conversations through homeroom
- Starting the student’s college list
- Learning more about specific careers
- Exploring JST internships
- Deciding on and practicing for standardized testing



Application Development Stage : Grade 12

By the time students start applying to colleges in twelfth grade, the College Counselor helps students reflect on how to match their passions and personalities to different types of colleges and the services they have to offer. They personally guide them through each step of the college application process and how to present their achievements in a compelling and storytelling fashion. Programming in this stage includes:

- Meeting with the College Counselor weekly
- Finalizing the student’s college list
- Finalizing the student’s college application
- Applying for scholarships

