

# 9th Grade College Counseling

## FIND YOUR PASSION!

### Exploring Cheshire Academy

9th Grade students will meet College Counseling, in a class meeting, early in the year. Our goal is for students to know who we are and then forget about college for now. Instead, students are encouraged to focus on their academics, get involved in extracurriculars, and find their passions.



### SPRING

### "Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be."

Inspired by the book "Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be" by Frank Bruni. 9th grade students participate in a low-stress group activity with the goal of understanding that success comes from many pathways and a variety of college types.



# 10th Grade College Counseling

## EXPLORE!

### FALL

#### Pre ACT

In October, 10th graders take the Pre ACT. This true practice exam is low stakes and low stress. The goal is to allow students to see what standardized testing looks and feels like.



### SPRING

#### College Counseling Introduction

Students are assigned to a College Counselor in January. The Introductory Seminar connects students to the admissions process and debunks common myths.



#### Course Selection

In February, students meet with their College Counselor to select courses for the following year and discuss goals for the second half of high school.



#### College Fair

Averaging 200 colleges in attendance, the annual College Fair at CA is an opportunity to explore and engage with college representatives as students begin their college search.



#### Using Our Tools

In the Spring of 10th grade, students are introduced to Naviance and begin using tools within the database to build a profile of themselves while exploring their strengths and interests.

# 11th Grade College Counseling

## FIND YOUR FIT

### FALL

#### College Rep Visits

Every fall, college representatives visit CA to provide information about their school and meet students. 11th graders are invited to join these meetings as their schedule allows.

#### What is College & Terminology

The first two 11th grade seminars allow students to explore their interests, wants, and don't wants for their future college while learning common vocabulary and abbreviations.

#### PSAT & Testing

In October, 11th graders take the PSAT. Results from the PSAT and Pre ACT are used to build a plan for future testing. Students will set up accounts with major testing agencies and discuss testing options along with Test-Optional policies.

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#### Financial Aid

Students will learn about types of aid and required documentation. They will be connected to resources for scholarships.

#### Course Selection

In February, students will meet with their counselor to select courses for the following year and talk about goals for their final year of high school.

#### College Visits & Interviews

Prior to Spring Recess, students will be prepared to visit college campuses and interact with college representatives.

#### College Fair

Attending the annual College Fair allows 11th graders to connect with college representatives as they build their application lists.

#### Applications & Essays

In the last two 11th grade seminars, students will begin their Common Application and brainstorm their college essay.



#### Special Topics

Seminars and Meetings about College Athletics, Arts Auditions, Portfolio Development, and other timely topics will be included as applicable.



# 12th Grade College Counseling

## APPLY & DECIDE

### FALL

#### College Rep Visits

Every fall, college representatives visit CA to provide information about their school and meet students. This is an opportunity for students to put a face to their applications while getting questions answered.

#### 12th Grade Seminars

During two seminars early in 12th Grade, students will review their application completion and determine their application timeline.

#### College Workshop Day

The annual College Workshop Day is a "stop sign" in the application process. All students have their essays, applications, and supplemental materials reviewed and plan for completion of any outstudenting items.

### SPRING

#### Choosing a College

College Counselors continue to meet with students and families as applications are submitted and decisions are returned. Support in determining final decision factors are discussed on an on-going basis.

#### Celebrate the Yes!

The mission of College Counseling is to celebrate every "Yes!" in the application process and as students choose their college. On or close to May 1, there is a classwide celebration of all decisions.

