



Advising Services

College Connection, LLC, offers a variety of advising services. The services are designed to assist students throughout the college search and selection process. It is best to begin the formalized college search process during the junior year of high school. The available advising packages reflect this suggested timeline, though this can be adjusted based on the needs of the student. Freshman and sophomore students who are eager to prepare themselves for their college search may schedule individual consultations.

Initial Meeting

The initial meeting includes both the student and family. This is a no-obligation meeting to discuss the services offered by College Connection and to determine the appropriate plan.

Search (Junior Year)

Session Topic 1: Information Collection & Expectations (Junior Year)

This meeting consists of discussions about the student and parent's college preferences and expectations. The student and parent(s) will be provided with surveys, along with an activities and interests form. In addition, the student will be asked to provide copies of the high school transcript and any standardized testing results to date. The information gathered from this meeting will be used to create the student's individualized college profile. *Parent/Guardian Attendance Recommended*

Session Topic 2: College Profile Assessment (Junior Year)

This meeting will provide the student with an assessment of their college preferences and a college search plan. This assessment will also include an academic profile, including advice on future curriculum choices. A standardized testing plan will also be created for the student at this meeting.

Session Topic 3: College List & Campus Visits (Junior Year)

This meeting will create the student's college options list. This initial list of colleges creates a starting point for further research, and as the student gains greater focus the list will be revised and shortened. The list will include three tiers of colleges—aspiration, target and likely. Campus visit planning will be discussed and the student will be provided with information on how to be an "educated visitor" while touring college campuses.

Student Expectations (Junior Year)

During this time, the student should be beginning campus visits* when possible and researching the colleges on the options list. The visits and research will be important for a successful Session 4.

* College Connection does not set up visits or interviews at colleges on behalf of the student.

Session(s) Topic 4: College Short List & Application Prep (Junior Year)

These meetings will center on finalizing the student's college "short list." This list typically consists of 6-10 colleges to which the client will apply. These meetings will also include information on organizing the application process and a discussion of merit-based scholarships. *Parent/Guardian Attendance Recommended*

Selection (Senior Year)

Student Working Sessions: Essay Workshops & Résumé Creation (Summer)

These sessions will focus on brainstorming and revising the student's main application essay and creating an activities résumé.

Session(s) Topic 5: Application/Essay Advising (Senior Year)

These meetings will be used to discuss the intricacies of college applications. Additional essay topic consolidation will be discussed. The student's activities résumé will be discussed, along with teacher and guidance counselor recommendations. Potential supplementary materials (portfolio, auditions, etc) will also be discussed, as needed.

Session Topic 6: Financial Aid Planning (Senior Year)

This meeting will be used to discuss financial aid planning. Information on what is available, eligibility and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be provided. *Parent/Guardian Attendance Required*

Student Expectations (Senior Year)

During this time, the student should be completing all necessary application items by the required deadlines.

Session(s) Topic 7: Progress Update Meeting (Senior Year)

These meetings will be used to assess the progress of the application process to date and to discuss any potential changes. Planning of additional or follow up campus visits will also be discussed.

Session Topic 8: Analysis of Admission Offers (Senior Year)

This meeting will be used to assess admission offers once the client has received all responses. Advice on how to interpret the offers, as well as financial aid/scholarship offers, will be provided. *Parent/Guardian Attendance Recommended*

Communication with College Connection

Regular communication with students and parents is available throughout the consulting relationship via email and/or phone.

Hourly Consultations (Freshman and/or Sophomore Year)

Consultation meetings are available on an hourly basis during the freshman or sophomore year in high school. These meetings are designed to answer questions about how best to prepare for the college admission process.

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Option 1: Search & Selection

Option 2A: Search Only

Option 2B: Selection Only

Option 3: Hourly Consultations

Optional Services

Mock Interview

The mock interview service includes both the interview and analysis of the client's performance.

Enrollment Process Advising

This service is designed for clients who seek assistance and advice with the enrollment process once a college has been selected.