

College Connection offers a variety of advising services. The Making the Most of High School service is designed to help rising high school students learn about the path to a successful college search process. In many ways, the college admission process begins the first day of high school. College Connection is here to advise you on capitalizing on your strengths to make the most of your high school years.

This is not about college résumé building. Rather, it is about building a foundation for further learning after graduation and throughout a lifetime. High school is not simply a means to an end. By focusing on building knowledge, both inside and outside of the classroom, a student is preparing for college without needing to question every move in relation to what “looks good” for college admission.

### **Initial Meeting**

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

### **Meetings Series**

#### **Meeting 1: Information Collection (2 hours)**

This meeting begins with a comprehensive presentation on making the most of high school, including information on course selection, the importance of the grade point average, extracurricular involvement, and standardized testing planning. The meeting continues with discussions about the student and parent’s high school preferences and expectations. The student and parent(s) will be provided with a survey to be completed. In addition, the student will be asked to provide copies of the middle school transcript or report cards and any standardized testing results to date. The information gathered from this meeting will be used to create the student’s individualized high school profile.

#### **Meeting 2: Presentation and Discussion of High School Plan (2 hours)**

This meeting will consist of the presentation of student’s comprehensive high school plan\*. This assessment will include an academic profile with detailed advice on future curriculum choices. Suggestions for pursuing interests outside of the classroom will be discussed.

\* If the student is choosing among various high schools, an assessment of the options will be included.

#### **Meeting 3: Adjustments and Wrap Up (1 hour- in the fall of 9<sup>th</sup> grade)**

This final meeting will focus on assessing the student’s transition to high school and any resulting adjustments to the high school plan.

### **Sophomore and Junior Year Course Scheduling**

One-hour consultation sessions regarding sophomore and junior year course scheduling are included in this advising package. The student may request these sessions at the time of course scheduling in the spring of their freshman and sophomore years.

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Clients who purchase the Making the Most of High School Plan will receive a 10% discount on the future purchase of the Search & Selection package for high school juniors.