



College Counseling Services

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Kaplan College Preparatory School's robust college counseling services provide highly customized, one-on-one counseling sessions. This very personal approach, along with our experience and a history of success, distinguish us from all other counseling services. Our college counselors are committed to a level of excellence that is rare.

We specialize in helping students find the appropriate college or university based on their individual goals. We pride ourselves in providing personalized service throughout the college selection experience, offering support from grades 9 to 12.

Our college admissions services include:

Comprehensive evaluation of student's objective

- Evaluate student's transcript.
- Review student's coursework.
- Distribute "Success Profile" to both the student and parents.
- Discuss the student's and family's goals for college and beyond.
- Discuss student's strengths and weaknesses in their academic and extracurricular activities. Analyze all of the results communicated by the student and family.
- Develop and implement a "game plan" with objectives and goals, and an understanding of how the results, if achieved, impact the following year's goals and expectations.

A grade-by-grade listing of college counseling services, along with our Special Talent Program is outlined on the following pages.

Grade 9

- Guide in the selection of classes and teachers, where possible.
- Guide in the selection of extracurricular activities.
- Introduce and begin our Grammar and Writing Program, both in person and online.
- Provide ongoing support i.e., motivation, evaluation of progress in classes, activities and personal issues.
- Help arrange tutorial support, if needed.
- Introduce and prepare for the PSATs.
- Introduce through videos and view books, colleges and universities throughout the US that fit the information provided in the Success Profile.
- Assist in setting up college visits throughout the year.
- Guide in the selection of summer activities i.e., summer schools, camps, etc.
- Help with scholarship applications that fit into the student's profile in grade 9.
- Be available via phone throughout the year to discuss with parents and students any issues or concerns related to getting into the college of the student's choice.

Grade 10

- Guide in the selection of classes and teachers, where possible.
- Guide in the selection of extracurricular activities.
- Introduce and begin Phase #2 of our Grammar and Writing Program, both in person and on line.
- Provide ongoing support i.e., motivation, evaluation of progress in classes, activities and personal issues.
- Help arrange tutorial support, if needed.
- Review 9th grade PSAT results, if taken, and devise a working plan to improve scores.
- Introduce and prepare for the PSATs to be taken for practice in the fall semester of grade 10.
- Begin preparing to write "on command" essays in 20- and 30-minute increments. Introduce the SAT II Subject tests in curriculum areas unique to each student's academic qualifications and college aspirations.
- Begin to introduce and prepare each student for the ACT test taken in the spring of junior year.
- Begin to introduce and prepare each student for the SAT test taken in the spring of junior year.
- Introduce through videos and view books colleges and universities throughout the US that fit the information provided in the Success Profile.
- Assist in setting up college campus visits throughout the year.
- Guide in the selection of summer activities i.e. summer school, camps, workshops, etc.
- Help acquire scholarship applications that fit the student's profile as a grade 10 student. Preview successful college essays, short answer questions, résumés and applications.
- Be available via phone throughout the year to discuss with parents and students any issues or concerns related to getting into the college of the student's choice.

Grade 11

- Guide in the selection of classes and teachers, where possible.
- Guide in the selection of extracurricular activities.
- Introduce and begin Phase #3 of Grammar and Writing Program, both in person and online. Provide ongoing support i.e., motivation, evaluation of progress in classes, activities and personal issues
- Help arrange tutorial support, if needed.
- Review grade 10 PSAT results and prepare for “real” PSATs in the fall semester of grade 11.
- Review grade 11 PSAT scores delivered in early December and devise an action plan to work on the student’s strengths and weaknesses in order to improve performance on the SATs in the spring of the junior year.
- Continue work on preparing to write “on command” essays in 20- and 30- minute increments.
- Help sign-up for the appropriate fall SAT, ACT and SAT II tests.
- Prepare for the spring of the junior year SAT tests.
- Prepare for the spring of the junior year ACT tests.
- Review SAT II Subject tests results, if taken, and develop an action plan to improve scores during the spring of the junior year.
- Prepare for new SAT II Subject tests, if needed, to be taken in the late spring of the junior year.
- Introduce and start to narrow through videos and view books, colleges and universities throughout the US that fit each student’s wants, desires and academic metrics.
- Assist in setting up college campus visits throughout the year.
- Guide in the selection of summer activities i.e., summer school, camps, workshops, etc.
- Help acquire scholarship applications that fit the student’s profile as a grade 11 student. Preview successful college essays, short answer questions, résumés and applications.
- Be available via phone throughout the year to discuss with parents and students any issues or concerns that relate to getting into the college of the students choice.

Grade 12

- Guide in selection of classes and teachers, where possible.
- Guide in selection of extracurricular activities.
- Introduce and begin Phase #4 of The Grammar and Writing Program, both in person and on line.
- Provide on-going support i.e., motivation, evaluation of progress in classes, activities and personal issues.
- Help arrange tutorial support, if needed.
- Preview of successful college essays, short answer questions, resumes and applications.
- Guide in creating the list of 8-12 colleges the student will apply to.
- Assist in requesting and acquiring the college applications for the 8-12 colleges selected.
- Guide and coach in writing the Personal Statement in draft form over the summer of senior year.
- Guide and coach in writing the college résumé in draft form for both the application and teacher recommendations.
- Review grade 11 SAT results and put together an action plan to work on student's strengths and weaknesses as they relate to performing better on the SAT's in the fall of senior year.
- Continue work on preparing to write "on command" essays in 20- and 30-minute increments.
- Review grade 11 ACT results and put together an action plan to work on one's strengths and weaknesses as they relate to performing better on the ACT's in the fall of senior year.
- Review SAT II Subject tests results, if taken, and develop an action plan to improve scores during the fall of senior year.
- Help sign-up for the appropriate fall senior year SAT, ACT and SAT II tests.
- Guide in selecting more colleges, if needed, through videos and view books that fit each student's desires, needs, and academic metrics.
- Assist in setting up the application process, including completing rough draft applications, getting teacher recommendations, revising the résumé and Personal Statement, writing additional essays and or short answer questions for Early Decision/Early Action, Rolling Admissions and Regular Admission.
- Assist throughout the application process to make sure the final product puts the student in the best light in order to achieve acceptance into his or her colleges of choice.
- Assist in setting up college campus visits in the fall, if needed.
- Guide in acquiring scholarship applications that fit the student's profile as a grade 12 student.
- Assist in filling out financial aid paperwork.
- Assist in discussions with admissions officers on the status of applications.
- Provide guidance and assistance once acceptance letters arrive to determine what college the student wants to attend.
- Help set up campus visits for the student, once accepted.
- Help prepare the student for college i.e., potential class schedule, what to bring from home and what to buy on campus, etc.

Grade 12 Continued

- Be available via phone throughout the year to discuss with parents and students any issues or concerns related to getting into the college of the student's choice.
- Provide additional help and guidance throughout college to address any questions the student and parents may have about the student's needs, desires or circumstances.

SPECIAL TALENT PROGRAM

This service prepares the "special talent" student seeking specialized programs or awards, such as athletes and fine and performing artists. This program also included complete college counseling:

- An evaluation of the student's skill level based on the competition in the sport or genre.
- Assistance in contacting and generating interest from the decision makers at colleges and universities that fit the student's needs i.e., coaches, department chairs, and talent scouts.
- In-depth analysis of how to use the special talent to gain access to the college of one's choice and any scholarships or grants available.
- Assist in assembling portfolios and athletic résumés.
- Send up to ten video presentations or portfolios provided by the student to the decision makers at the colleges and universities of the student's choice.